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SHAD Member Meeting Announcement

Thursday, April 23
7 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Church
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Agenda will include election of new
trustees and updates on SHAD
community projects.

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You may join before the meeting is
called to order.

Our Lady of Peace's 15th Annual Run/Walk for Peace

Sunday, April 26, 2020

The walk/run is a 3-mile course
that begins on East 126th Street
near Larchmere Boulevard and
returns to Our Lady of Peace.
There also will be a Tot Trot - a
run/walk designed for children
grades K-3. Registration begins at
8 a.m. at 12601 Shaker Blvd., with
the race beginning at 9:15 a.m.
Entrance fees are \$20 for race
participants and \$5 for the Tot
Trot. All participants will receive
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Over the past 15 years, the
Run/Walk for Peace has raised
over \$150,000 to support the
parish's mission, which includes
outreach to incarcerated youth
and helping formerly incarcerated
neighbors re-enter society
through the Edwin's Leadership
& Restaurant Institute. Our Lady
of Peace's food pantry serves
about 40 families each week.

Shaker Square Sale on Hold as Businesses Voice Concerns

By Joel Beck

If Shaker Square is ever going to get
a facelift, it appears it will have to
wait a bit longer. Plans for a much-
discussed renovation to the historic
Cleveland shopping district are on
hold after residents and merchants
voiced their concerns over the plans
to redevelop and improve the area.

Shaker Square, which is owned by
the Coral Company, was effectively
taken off the market late last year
after being up for sale as recently as
November.

Cleveland city officials had been
working with a national landscape firm
on an ambitious plan that would have
dramatically restructured the traffic
pattern in Shaker Square, including re-
routing Shaker Boulevard traffic, while
adding new green space, recreation
facilities and picnic areas.

In the end, however, the plan just
didn't sit well with many Shaker
Square business owners.

"Many of us were against
it," said Elina Kreymerman,
owner of Shaker Square Dry
Cleaning and Tailoring. "I
think that closing Shaker
Boulevard is really going to
hurt the merchants and it
also would have eliminated
parking spots. It didn't bring
much to the Square except
for green space but we don't
even know who would be
responsible for maintenance."

"Peter Rubin has been a
stabilizing force for the Square and
I'm happy to see his impact continue.
As for plans to reshape Shaker
Square, we've always acknowledged
the need for it to evolve into
something that reflects the current
times," said Brandon Chrostowski,
owner of EDWINS. "Any developer
who hopes to transform our home
would be wise to remember this and
treat this gem with the respect and
care it deserves."



With the redesign project now
on hold indefinitely, the question
becomes what will the future hold
for Shaker Square? Coral Company
president Peter Rubin said a future
sale is still not out of the question,
but the concerns raised by the
community were enough to make
them rethink the plan.

"Now we're stepping back and
trying to address those concerns

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Developer Seals Deal to Bring 88 Apartments to Larchmere

by Thomas Jewell

Developers plan to break ground in
early spring on a catalytic 88-unit
apartment mid-rise with ground-floor
offices in the Larchmere district.

And they have credited residents
with stopping a proposed dollar store
that almost beat them to the property
in question, the former Life Skills
GED academy, Pick-n-Pay and Drug
World, a building whose days are
numbered.

The intersecting street lends itself
to the moniker for the new \$20 million
development, introduced last year as
"121 Larchmere," a four-story complex
with 79 parking spaces onsite and an
additional 25 spots lined up across the
street with the Inter-denominational
Church Ushers' Association.

It will consist of market-rate
apartments measuring roughly 700
or 1,000 square feet apiece, built
over 6,500 square feet of office space
for an existing Cleveland business

that will be moving in with 20 to 25
employees and a \$1.5 million payroll.

Mitchell Schneider, president
of First Interstate Properties,
told the Shaker Square Alliance
earlier this year that he was
"thrilled" with the prospect of
moving up the hill from his most
recent development coup, the One
University Circle luxury high-rise.

"These are the kinds of projects
we love to do," First Interstate
Executive Vice President Chris
Goodrich said of plans to "activate
Larchmere" with another affordable
housing option for workers in the
hospitals or museums on the Circle.

Goodrich added that it was his
understanding that the dollar store
already had a "lease in hand" and
could have been in business but for
a groundswell of opposition from
residents, among those Cleveland
City Councilman Blaine Griffin.

Griffin has also been credited with
assistance putting the brakes on an

earlier proposal for a suboxone clinic
for treatment of substance abuse at
North Moreland and Larchmere.
First Interstate and the city are still
developing a "Community Benefits
Agreement" with the city, with a
similar collaboration worked out on
another feather in the developer's
cap, Steelyard Commons, which
came between the Legacy Village
and Oakwood Commons suburban
ventures.

Although Life Skills will be
coming down, First Interstate plans
to remove and replace the preserve
the Larchmere mural on the front
of the building, at a location to be
determined.

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projects see:**

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Shaker Square Sale on Hold

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that are still out there, both with merchants and the community,” Rubin told NPR’s Ideastream in December. “For us, even though it’s a civic asset, it’s an investment and at some point, my investors and I, it’s appropriate for us to sell and move on.”

For her part, Kreymerman says she believes Shaker Square could use a facelift. But it’s important for all parties to agree on a plan that works for everyone.

“The plan they had just wasn’t right for the Square,” said Kreymerman. “We will see what happens and hopefully we can come up with a better plan.”

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New Development Brings Commercial and Living Space

by Pamela Zoslov

Real estate developer Russell Berusch has been instrumental in numerous urban redevelopment projects, among them University Circle Uptown, the Lee-Harvard and Arbor Park Place shopping centers, and the Fries & Schuele Block apartments and condominiums. But his latest endeavor, a mixed-use building to rise at 12607 Larchmere Boulevard, had its origin in a personal quest.

“I was looking for a place to live,” he recalls, “and was captivated by the Larchmere area. It has an interesting, friendly cachet. The street scene is appealing vis-à-vis [its proximity to] Shaker Square, University Circle and the Heights.” Berusch, president of Berusch Development Partners LLC, currently lives in Shaker Heights.

Berusch wasn’t finding the right place in Larchmere until he realized he could build one himself.

“I stumbled upon this site and thought, if it’s available, I can make a project including an apartment for myself.” Currently a two-story wood warehouse stands on the lot, which is across the street from Big Al’s Diner.

He negotiated an agreement to buy the property.

“And then there was some noodling with different development concepts,” he says. “I ultimately concluded that a mixed-use building with an office tenant would be great... if I could land a tenant.”

At the time of this interview, Berusch was in negotiations with an office tenant he says would bring “a fair number of good-quality jobs to the city of Cleveland and would be a big boost for the street: more eyes, more feet, more buying power patronizing Larchmere.”

The plan is for a four-story, 20,000-square-foot building with commercial space on the first three floors, apartments on the fourth and parking in the back. Berusch expects there will be one primary office tenant



Pamela Zoslov

with a small space for a future retailer. Berusch describes the future building as a “brick, simple, handsome structure, good quality, with steel and concrete, versus wood framing.” He adds, “there hasn’t been a Class

A office building in a Cleveland neighborhood in the longest time.”

The target date to begin construction is May 2020, and the building is projected to be completed in about 12 months.

A Message from the SHAD President

In Fall 2019, Cleveland City Councilman Blaine Griffin convened the community to announce changes to the community development corporation structure on the east side. Shaker Square, Larchmere, the Apartment Corridor, Ludlow and CHALK will no longer be represented by Shaker Square Area Development Corporation but rather Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc. (BBC).

The shift in representation is due to SHAD’s declining ability to generate income, and financial uncertainty due to loss of foundation and grant funding. Blaine, along with the City of Cleveland and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, hope that this CDC restructure will bring back more financial stability that is needed for the Shaker Square community.

So, what does this mean for SHAD? For now, SHAD will no longer be recognized as a CDC but rather an advocacy group. In fact, this is what SHAD was when it was first established. In the early years, residents looked to SHAD to fix buildings in disrepair and seek funds to do projects around the neighborhood.

It will go back to its roots to continue this work, promoting the city’s paint and curb appeal program, and bringing awareness to local groups that are trying to have an impact on the community. SHAD would also like to create issue-focused community events such as a health and wellness fair and home repair show in the coming years.

For now, the main source of income will be advertising revenue

from *The SHAD Connection*. The paper now, more than ever, will be the main source of information for the community and serve as the connection between BBC and the community.

SHAD looks a bit different than what many people remember, but its mission is still the same: to protect, maintain and revitalize the neighborhood. – William Beard

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Heard Around the Square

by Margaret Simon

Spring is in the air and *Dewey have good news for you!* **Biggy Coffee** and **Milkster Nitrogen Creamery** will take over the space on the Square vacated by Dewey’s. Opening date is sometime in mid-March. The coffee shop specializes in made-from-scratch coffees and lattes that can be made hot or cold and smoothies. Its menu features Bragels, a combination of a bagel and sandwich, muffins, cookies and more.

D.M. Pulley has finished her fifth book, entitled “If They Find You,” and is forging ahead on her sixth book.

Are you game? In January, Shaker Heights resident **Steven Oppenheim** had a two-day run on “Jeopardy.” Everyone who gets on the show knows a lot. You don’t get through the online test and the in-person audition without knowledge and speedy recall. Ask Shaker Teen Librarian, **Allison Holley**, who appeared on the show a few years back. In February, Strandhill Road’s **Ryan Ciriaco** battled for a chance to win big bucks on the popular NBC game show with host Ellen DeGeneres. He wasn’t long for the show as he was tethered off in the *See You Later Alligator* competition. As he said when he flew off, “I didn’t do anything.” I hope he got some money for his high flying venture.

If music be the food of love play on! In February, **The Cleveland Institute of Music Student Government** orchestrated a Music for Food Benefit Concert at First Baptist Church. **Armina Robinson**’s vocation may be

nursing but her avocation is looking after Winslow Road’s Little Free Pantry by reminding the community on Facebook when it needs to be stocked. The power of one, people, is powerful!

Clark Pope of Pope’s Kitchens has a new book, “Pope’s Cocktails at Home.” The first printing of the book that features 42 cocktail and 10 food recipes sold out fast and is now in its second printing.

Dimes change. **John Potts** is the new Director of Finance for the City of Shaker Heights. He is a certified public accountant and holds a certificate in risk management assurance. In other areas of development, he is Board President for the Hanna Perkins Center for the Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development in Shaker Heights. Congratulations to Community Engagement Librarian **Maggie Killman** who will leave Shaker Library in March to become the Lifelong Learning Manager at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. **Ware Petznick**, who served as Executive Director of the Shaker Historical Society (SHS) for the past seven years, stepped down to teach at Cleveland State University. Welcome Brianna Treleven as the new Executive Director at SHS.

Call for Artists! Shaker Library invites artists to enter its 21st Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition. Twenty-one years ago, with seed money from Friends of the Shaker Library and to honor former Library Director, the late Barbara Luton, on her retirement, the

Library established a fund for a juried art competition. Now in its 21st year, the contest is a way for artists to enter their work, have it reviewed by art jurors, and receive affirmation, and sometimes monetary prizes. Download an application atshakerlibrary.org or pick one up at the Library Reference desks. Art will be accepted from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 6 and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at Shaker Library.

Get the red out to keep the schools in the black! The Shaker Schools Foundation’s A Night for the Red & White is set for Saturday, March 7 at the Hilton Cleveland downtown. This year’s party planners are **Sarah Brandon Bowen, Mity Fowler, Lauren Martin** and **Marla Walker**, who guarantee a night of dining, dancing, student performances and a silent auction to support the Foundation’s Innovation Fund.

The Shaker Heights chapter of the League of Women Voters will present **Mayor David Weiss**, who will provide an update on the City of Shaker Heights at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at Main Library. On March 5 the League and the Library will sponsor a forum on the Health and Human Services Levy.

It’s a beautiful place in the neighborhood. Consider nominating a home-improvement project for a City of Shaker Heights 2020 Preservation Award. Nominations may be submitted for any building in Shaker, including homes and apartment buildings, commercial buildings and other structures. Awards are given for retention of original material, exterior restoration, excellence in stewardship, distinguished landscape and architecturally-appropriate additions. Deadline for online submissions (bit.ly/2BJsAPq) is March 31.

We’re counting on you! **April 1 is Census** and your community is counting on you to complete the Census. Do it online or from your phone. Need wifi or a computer? Come to Shaker Library where librarians will be on hand to provide all the help you’ll need. Join in a Census Day Celebration at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 at Main Library

when Shaker resident and International Blues musician **Sam Hooper** will perform. The Friends of the Library will serve cake and punch. *Speaking truth to power.* Meet **Stephanie Gorton**, author of “Citizen Reporters: S.S. McClure, Ida Tarbell, and the Magazine That Rewrote America,” who will speak and sign books at Loganberry Books at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2.

Where can you really devour a good book? At Loganberry Books’ Annual Edible Books Festival on Saturday, April 4. Have fun cooking up a creation based on a classic or a best seller. It’ll be suitable for all reading and eating tastes! *It’s baaaak!* **The North Union Farmers Market** opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4 with a sheep shearing and blessing of the market. Meet your friends and farmers and purchase fresh, local produce.

Friends of the Shaker Library’s Spring Book Sale will be held April 15 to 19 on the second floor of Shaker Library. The Book Sale and acceptance of books will go on hiatus at the end of the sale while the Main Library undergoes renovations.

The Shaker Historical Society presents **Debbie Weinkamer**, historian and lead volunteer at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor, Sunday, April 19 at the Shaker Historical Museum. Weinkamer will portray First Lady Lucretia Garfield talking about The Courtship and Marriage of the Garfields. Her 40-minute first-person portrayal as the wife of our 20th President will be followed by questions and answers.

Need some bloomin’ help with your spring plantings? Get free seeds from the Shaker Library’s Seed Library. Support the Shaker Lakes Nature Center at its 37th Annual Plant Sale on May 11 or head over to Shaker Heights High School PTO Flower Sale on May 15 and May 16 or order from them online at https://tinyurl.com/SHHSfs2020

As you plot and plan your gardens, grab a cuppa joe at Biggyb’s, stroll the Square—and keep your ears open for me. *beardaroundthesquare@gmail.com*

Larchmere Gets Physical

by Ronald E. Kisner

Jessica Dillard wants your body. She wants to mold it, shape it and ultimately align it into perfect mind-body order. Dillard is a certified Rolfer who nearly six months ago opened her Vertical Body Roling practice on Larchmere Boulevard, nestled inside of the Somatic Center, a space for dance and movement education.

For the most part, Roling, particularly in Northeast Ohio, has remained under the healing radar. That’s surprising given founder Ida Rolf, a biochemist and Rockefeller Institute Researcher, had been experimenting with “structural integration” in the 50’s and 60’s and established the Rolf Institute in 1971.

“Most of my clients are not fully aware of what Roling is, so there is a great opportunity for me to provide some education,” explains Dillard.

Essentially, Roling is a hands-on practice of manipulating the fascia, a fibrous connective tissue

whose imbalances in structure places demands on our network of soft tissue, muscles and ligaments.

Dillard, 30, who took a circuitous route to Larchmere, adds: “Roling can help relieve musculoskeletal pain.”

Born in Tyler, Texas Dillard – as a child – travelled extensively with her web designer father and her mother, an ordained minister, as the pair completed independent missionary work. Settling in Denver, Colorado she discovered “my life’s work” in Roling, eventually enrolling in the Rolf Institute in Boulder. She opened a private practice in Denver but was drawn to Cleveland to join her elder sister, Julie, a dance movement therapist.

Dillard works in an open studio bereft of soft, Far East music or scented candles. “I want my clients to be able to actually listen to their bodies.” Massage, she says, centers on relaxation and relief of muscle discomfort, whereas Roling “is aimed at improving body alignment and function.”

Open all day Sunday, and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, a single Roling session is \$120 and the highly recommended “recipe” of 10 sessions is about \$1,000.

Squeezing rock climbing, cross training, Pilates, and her blog “Let’s Keep Moving” into her life, Dillard enthuses, “I believe strongly in what I do, and want my patients leaving me feeling more flexible and good.”

Dillard’s Vertical Body Roling studio is located at 13002 Larchmere Blvd. verticalbodyroling.com

Dillard practices Roling, the practice of manipulating the fascia, on a client.



Eric Wells

Chef Eric Wells teaches students how to cook intimate meals for couples through community cooking classes at CornUcopia Place.

Chef Eric Wells Cooks from the Heart

by Tej Singh

Chef Eric Wells’ business thrives on humanitarianism.

“My clients actually talk to me. We get to know each other as I cook for them,” said Chef Wells. The couples will even share their stories, some of which are featured in his new book “Cooking Chef Wells: Intimate Dinner for Two.”

Born and raised in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood, Wells was inspired by his mother, Nina Wells, whose combination of vegetables, herbs and spices turned out delicious healthy meals. She became very ill and Eric’s family used his mother’s insurance to send him to Loretta Paganini’s International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute in Chesterland. It so happened that Loretta’s husband, the Chief Physician at Cleveland Clinic, did Nina’s transplant.

“I see Loretta Paganini as my surrogate mother and she has been very instrumental in my career. Before my mother passed away in 2003, the last thing she told me was to take this gift that I was blessed with to the next level,” said Wells.

His passion to give back to his community led to introducing moderately priced cooking classes in the Kinsman area in 2016. The students learn culinary skills,

nutritional information and the preparation of four-course meals. The dinners are served to their participating classmates.

“If I’m running a class this way, if it is not efficient, they pull me aside, ‘Chef, maybe we should switch and go this way,’” states Chef Wells acknowledging their feedback.

Now the classes have become more notable, entertaining and are held at CornUcopia Place located at Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc..

Most of all, Chef Wells inspires his staff. He does not dictate, but rather engages their curiosity and creativity to produce spectacular results. His sous chef, Uleisa Young, enjoys the diversity among the staff. “I love seeing people of different ages and races because you get new ideas from people with different backgrounds” said Young.

Wells has also been a guest chef at farmers markets and has been heard on radio, seen on television and helped in charitable events.

“We have fun as a company because we do many events around the city such as the Cleveland Clinic Observation Deck at Terminal Tower and Harcourt Manor in Cleveland Heights,” commented Chef Wells.

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Owner Eyes Up Larchmere

By Pamela Zoslov

“They don’t make them like this anymore,” Avon Verduyn remarks as he caresses a sturdy wood post in the building he bought last April at 12100 Larchmere. After purchasing the building, the Larchmere entrepreneur had the interior entirely gutted. “We filled six dumpsters and ripped out all the electrical and gas.”

He explains the renovation strategy. “The best thing is to get it back to the bones Gutting it is more expensive in the beginning, and you have to find somebody who will build it back out, but in the long run, it’s better; people don’t have to wonder what’s underneath it.” The renovation revealed the building’s fine “bones.” Verduyn is invested, professionally and personally, in the neighborhood. He previously bought and renovated the adjacent building that is the site of Baba Yaga Greenhouse Café and Three Aprons Bakery. He lives in that building, which also houses his technology company and bed-and-breakfast for international medical professionals. Verduyn is seeking the right tenant for the approximately 2,100-square-foot building at 12100.

One side of the building, which was occupied by carryout eateries, has a kitchen, and Verduyn believes the space would be ideal



Pamela Zoslov

for a restaurant. With that in mind, he has created a restaurant floor plan, which sits on an easel in the front window.

“I could also split [the building] back up in one, two, or three spaces,” he suggests, “and maybe [have] a small catering business out of the one side with the kitchen, maybe offices on the other side or some type of retail.”

He expects there will be synergy with his properties and new developments like the 121 Larchmere 88-unit apartment building going up across the street.

After living downtown and in Shaker Heights, Verduyn was drawn to Larchmere because of its blend of urbanity – the “destination restaurants with foreign flair” – and neighborliness.

“It’s one of the few areas in Cleveland that is still family-oriented, where you can live with little kids. On the street, everyone knows each other. That kind of cohesiveness,” he reflects, “it’s very nice.”



Photos courtesy of Doug Katz

Doug Katz Brings Israel to Cedar-Fairmount

by Jason Novak

Cedar-Fairmount has a new flavor, one of Mediterranean spices and the rich culinary culture of Israel. Zhug – pronounced “Zoog,” for the uninitiated – is the brainchild of Shaker Square’s chef-extraordinaire Doug Katz, who also owns the Fire restaurant.

“The whole idea is to introduce people to a new way of eating,” explains Katz. “Even the name gives you the expectation that it’s something new, something different.”

That name, Zhug, is a type of Serrano chili paste that is popular in Israeli and Middle Eastern cuisine. The condiment is served to every table at the restaurant along with bread.

Katz says, “we chose the name because we didn’t want people to have any preconceived notions.” With Zhug, Katz hopes to set his restaurant apart from the various other Mediterranean restaurants in the area.

In order to achieve this authentically ethnic taste, Katz has done his research. He has travelled to the Middle East, sampling the various spices both for his Fire restaurant and his Fire Spice Company. His experience with these spices inspired him to go further with them, and this led him to Tel Aviv. “They had such amazing food,” Katz says. “We [Katz and his Director of Operations] went to 20



restaurants in Tel Aviv. Then, last year, we went to Morocco.”

His journeys didn’t only take him across the ocean. He recently went to New Orleans, a city known for its spice and boasting a surprising number of Israeli and Middle Eastern restaurants.

The menu at Zhug is slowly expanding, but Katz definitely has a favorite item. “We have curried lamb, with apricot hummus and lemon sauce. It’s served with clay bread with herbs and cilantro, and, of course, zhug. You can spread it on a plate and eat it with the bread... it adds an extra boost of flavor.”

Zhug opens daily at 4 p.m., though Katz hopes to open the restaurant Sunday mornings for brunch soon.

Zhug is at 12413 Cedar Rd. in Cleveland Heights. More information at zhugcle.com.

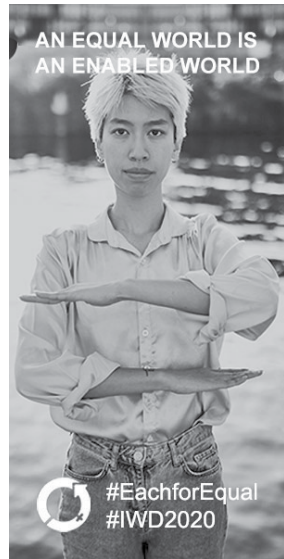
Up and Down the Boulevard

Spring promises to be a wonderfully active and exciting season for the merchants and residents of Larchmere.

by Barbara Mooney

International Women’s Day 2020

March 8 is International Women’s Day and Fiddlehead Gallery is also paying homage. Along with Willow Cove Art & Wellness Boutique Fiddlehead is hosting a “Sister Circle” March 17,



April 21 and May 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Wellness, healing activities and art expression are the topics of discussion. Fiddlehead will hold live model drawing programs on March 29, April 26 and May 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. (\$10). Also, makers can use their own recycled materials at the First Friday Craft Night from 5 to 9 p.m. March 6, April 3 and May 1 (\$5).

The Dancing Sheep is continuing its “Celebrating Women in 2020” series on the heels of a successful author presentation by former Cleveland Helen Tomlinson in January. On March 6-8, the gift and clothing shop will present “Loud Ladies” by artist Elisa Drumm, an exhibition of wood painted portraits inspired by the 2017 Women’s March on Washington. Owner Lynne Alfred says she’s working on an April program to coincide with the Ensemble Theatre’s premiere of “Invisible” by local playwright Cindy Dettelbach, that’s about how society tends to make older women “invisible in plain sight.” And on May 9, the store will present “Living on the Moon,” a play by Molly McFadden that examines a daughter’s relationship with her mother who is suffering from Alzheimer’s Disease.

Larchmere Business Openings

The January opening of UnBAR Cafe and Nola Movement near East 127th Street has brought a renewed vitality to the northwest portion of the boulevard’s retail district. Meanwhile, merchants,

restaurants and event organizers are bringing back beloved annual events as they prepare for a hectic summer schedule.

UnBAR Cafe, a coffee shop and non-alcoholic bar, opened January 20 on a surprisingly springlike winter morning with “great foot traffic. We felt very supported by the community,” owner Melissa Hirsch says. A segment on WKYC-TV’s “First Look” program and an article on cleveland.com helped to get the word out that very day.

UnBAR shares its space with Nola Movement, which had a successful first Zumba class a few days later. The shop’s “good vibes only” and “Make Today a Great Day” are working!



Annual Larchmere Events

Spring will bring visitors for other Larchmere annual events, including the 21st Larchmere Community Plant Sale, happening Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the corner of East 130th and Larchmere, by Shaker Quality Auto Body. They will have annuals, perennials, pots, flats and hanging baskets to welcome spring. The sale will also include veggies, herbs, houseplants and Mother’s Day gifts. The Mother’s Day weekend purchase “does double duty, as all proceeds benefit LCA (Larchmere Community Association) activities. As always, you are asked to pre-

order by Friday, May 1 to receive a 10 percent discount. However, to celebrate the new 2020 decade, first-time pre-orderers will receive an additional \$2.20 off orders that are over \$20.20. You may get pre-order forms at Loganberry Books, Harvey Rice Library and other spots in the community beginning March 25.

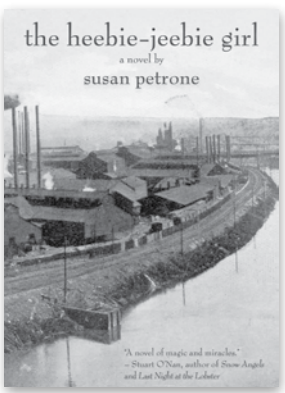
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Another big Saturday event this spring is the Larchmere Merchant Association Sidewalk Sale on May 30, Memorial Day weekend. Along with arts and crafts vendors and food booths, Larchmere merchants will get a chance to interact with their neighbors and highlight special promotions. Eclectic Eccentric will kick-off a 50 percent-off sale of its fall and winter vintage clothing, giving more space for spring and summer fashions, says owner Tracey Hilbert. Her neighbors, Marc Goodman Antiques and Monarch Boutique will celebrate the first anniversary of a relocation project that made them next-door neighbors. “It’s been a very good cross-pollination,” says Mr. Goodman.

Lisa McGuthry of Our Favorite Things Boutique is also celebrating the renovation of her space to accommodate a multitude of events, parties, and a Girls Night Out every third Friday of the month. She’s also offering a six-week course for entrepreneurs “Vision to Provision” starting April 1. In addition to all this, she recently launched a ride-sharing service (Wholehearted Services) while she’s also busy mentoring early-stage entrepreneurs. Under her tutelage, local resident Mary P. Wells is launching her “One Word Encourage Journal: God’s Word A-Z for Victory,” a journal that was inspired by her battle with cancer.

Book Signings

Two book signings at Loganberry Books this spring will also be the Cleveland book launches for two local authors. Susan Petrone, who worked at Loganberry and still runs its monthly Bucket List Book Club, launches her much-anticipated “The Heebie-Jeebie Girl” with a signing on April 23 at 7 p.m. The story is told by the narrative voices of four



characters; one being a desperate young man who’s thrown out of work by the shuttering of a steel mill; a girl with magical mental powers and her Uncle Joe, and the city of Youngstown itself adds interjections. “Youngstown is my second home in a lot of ways. Both of my parents are from there,” says Ms. Petrone, who grew up in Cleveland Heights, lives in South Euclid and is in charge of marketing for the Cleveland International Piano Competition as her day job.” The story is loosely based on a cousin who was able to pick the winning lottery number ... a lot.”

A steel mill in Cleveland is the setting of another much-anticipated book that Loganberry is presenting. On April 25 at 4 p.m., local author Eliese Goldbach will sign books and discuss “RUST: A Memoir of Steel and Grit”. Mr. Giffels, who wrote the cover blurb for “The Heebie-Jeebie Girl,” will be on hand to lead that discussion.

Come early for other Loganberry activities on April 25, which is “Independent Bookstore Day.”

Ludlow Community Association Monthly Meetings

The Ludlow Community Association (LCA) community meetings are currently held the third Tuesday of alternate months at 7 p.m. (ending promptly at 8:30 p.m.) at the Ludlow/PEP School (corner of Ludlow and Southington). The bi-monthly community meetings feature sharing of community news and resident issues, safety reports from both Cleveland and Shaker Heights police officers, and occasional special speakers. Look for the posting of LCA yard signs in the neighborhood as reminders of the meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 31.

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New Business Openings Around Town

Picnic Hill

Picnic Hill opened on January 28 on Fairmount Circle in the former Rini Rego grocery store location. The specialty food market offers prepared foods and a full-service bar.

In February, the market rolled out its monthly themed “Monday Night Dinner,” with the first being a prelude to mardi gras, which includes a five course creole dinner with wine pairings (\$80 per person). The menu will be French Quarter Garden Salad (roasted beets, rainbow baby carrots, charred fennel, and arugula), lobster thermidor (butter-poached lobster in a creole beurre blanc served in the shell), gumbo z’herbes (blackened

pork tenderloin over braised greens), creole boeuf (creole spiced braised beef short rib over truffled cauliflower puree) and praline beignets.

On March 7th, they will start offering brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 10am – 3pm.



Barbara Mooney

Biggby Coffee

Biggby Coffee is finally open on Fairmount Circle. The new coffee shop offers cups of joe in a variety of flavors, lattes, teas, smoothies, a kids drink menu and a selection of breakfast items that includes sandwiches and pastries. Owner Michael Ren says that the Shaker Square location is set to open sometime in mid-March.



Pictured (left to right) Biggby Coffee Regional Representative Moe Charara and Michael Ren, franchise owner of the Shaker Heights and Shaker Square locations

CMHA in Early Stages to Redevelop Woodhill Homes

by Thomas Jewell

Local officials could know by early spring if they will receive \$35 million in initial funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an overhaul of the aging Woodhill Homes subsidized apartment complex.

In November, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) applied for one of a half-dozen grants awarded through HUD’s “Choice Neighborhoods” program.

That’s still only a drop in the bucket for a \$400 million transformation envisioned by planners and residents alike over the next decade for the barracks-style public housing complex of nearly 500 units built in 1939.

Plans call for replacing those with fewer apartments and lower density at the existing site off Woodland Avenue, as well as adding new market-rate townhomes to the mix, using some city-owned lots that include the former Buckeye-Woodland school property.

“It’s all funding-dependent,” said CMHA Choice Neighborhoods Administrator Indigo Bishop. “The earliest we’d turn dirt would be the end of 2021 or the start of 2022.”

Either way, the City of Cleveland has already committed \$15.5 million for infrastructure improvements including changes to the existing streetscape and “grid changes, so that it’s not one giant ‘super-block’ with a lot of dead-ends,” Bishop said.

The surrounding neighborhood, located about 1.5 miles from Shaker

Square, will be spread out more, with some city parkland added. One of the fixtures that will be kept is the community center that has been obscured for 80 years by the original building configuration.

At least one of the large multi-family apartment buildings would be geared toward seniors, a feature they don’t currently have, with older residents currently being interspersed throughout the Woodhill complex.

The Cleveland Foundation also kicked in \$150,000 last year to help CMHA create a comprehensive master plan for the former Woodhill Estates, including some funding for resident-led projects and input sessions on what they’d like to see in the new neighborhood.

“Our residents have been very involved,” noted CMHA Director of Marketing and Communications Cortney Crockett. “There has been a lot of public engagement and a lot of meetings. And the rest of the time, we’re working on getting the financing together.”

Bishop has also been attending the monthly meetings at Morning Star Baptist Church convened by Cleveland City Councilman Blaine Griffin, a big supporter of the proposed redevelopment, as well as community nights at the new Sunbeam School in Larchmere on Thursday evenings.



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EDWINS Bakery offers freshly baked goods, coffees and a diner style menu sourced from high quality European ingredients, and house-made and cured meats from the EDWINS Butcher Shop next door. Cookies, brownies, pain au chocolate, macaroons, lemon bars and Zoss’s famous palmiers highlight the bakery menu. Artisanal fresh bread is baked on-site in a state-of-the-art Polin Italian oven including a selection of baguettes and sourdough to seven grain, honey whole wheat and country breads, such as Krustenkrona.

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In addition to helping students gain vital culinary skills and employment, the EDWINS Bakery



Peter Cardello



is part of the solution to the food desert issues that plague parts of Cleveland, including the Buckeye neighborhood where the shop is located.

The bakery is open six days a week, Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Mondays. The bakery hours are 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The diner is open 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tuesday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Customers may also find EDWINS Bakery on Uber Eats.

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