Holiday Potluck
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Fairhill Partners, 12200 Fairhill Road
(Corner of Fairhill Road & E. 124th St.)
Second Floor Auditorium

All Larchmere Residents and Merchants are Invited!

Here’s your invitation to kick off the holiday season – visit
with neighbors you know and meet new ones! Come to the
Larchmere Community Association/Larchmere Mer-
chants Association Annual Holiday Potluck. It’s a pot-
luck so bring a casserole, salad, side dish, dessert or bever-
age to share along with your appetite. Bring the whole fam-
ily - children are welcome.

No guest speaker, but we invited the Fourth District Com-

munity Engagement Officers to join us as our guests. This
is an opportunity to meet them and get acquainted in an
informal setting.

If you have a special holiday sweater be sure to wear it. If it
is pretty, we will compliment you on your good taste. But
beware, it may win the Ugliest Sweater Contest. The good
news is that you will win a prize!

And remember the 50/50 raffle. If you’re feeling lucky,
tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. The winning ticket will be
drawn after dinner and the pot will be split 50/50 with
LCA. Maybe you will win some extra $ for the holidays!

Happy Holidays to all!

You can help give a ham for Christmas to those in need.
Shaker Quality Auto Body & Repair will donate a com-
plete family ham dinner to the Our Lady of Peace Food
Pantry when you purchase any mechanical service or body
repair by Wednesday, December 19th. Just say “OLP
Dinner”.

12916 Larchmere Blvd. 216.229.7846.
Letters to the Editor:

Thank you Blaine Griffin.

I wanted to publicly thank our Ward 6 Councilman, Blaine Griffin, for his help in a sewer back-up problem. After snaking my household sewer drain at 12614 Mt Overlook and finding my drain clear to the street, I had been unsuccessful in convincing the city sewer department that the problem lay in city property under the street. Blaine Griffin interceded and they used a camera under the street and found the city sewer pipe was full of gravel, an unfortunate consequence of the water line repair last month. The city agreed to take responsibility and fix the problem. Thank you Blaine Griffin!

Emily Trier.

Sharing Breakfast

Woke up at 6am to hand out breakfast with my E.128th neighbors! JR had this awesome idea because we have lots of people who walk/drive down our street to get to the RTA, and we want them to know that we consider them to be our neighbors too! I loved meeting/seeing my neighbors going to work and greeting early morning commuters!

Caitlin Hawkins

Spaghetti Dinner at Our Lady of Peace Church

We had a great fundraiser, and the best part was how much fun people seemed to have! Building community is so much what we are about at OLP.

Nancy MacInTosh

LCA’s Holiday Donation

For LCA’s annual holiday donation tradition, we learned that the L’Arche home on E. 127th needs help. The L’Arche home is “home” for adults with developmental disabilities who share life together with staff who assist them with their activities of daily living. You see them participating in community events as well as just enjoying a walk in the neighborhood.

One way that we can help is with the expense to make needed bathroom repairs. The home was built in 1913 so keeping up with maintenance is a challenge. Another way to brighten their holiday is to contribute to replace their old laminate dining room table and chairs.

Here’s how you can help.

1. Bring your donation (cash or check) to the LCA Holiday Potluck on December 5.
2. Make check payable to Larchmere Community Association with notation “L’Arche Donation”
   Mail or deliver to: Larchmere Community Association
   12200 Fairhill Road
   Cleveland, OH 44120
3. Donate by credit card or PayPal – go to LCA’s email at LarchmereCommunity@gmail.com.
   In the email indicate how much you wish to give and Susan Price will have PayPal send you an invoice to pay by credit card or PayPal.

To learn more about L’Arche go to www.larchecleveland.org.

Just in Time for the Holidays

If you were going through fresh baked pie and quiche withdrawal while The 3 Aprons was temporarily closed, you are in luck! They have opened under new owners Oliver & Kristy Ray who are offering all the same great selection of pies, quiche, pizza, cookies . . .

They are accepting holiday orders now.

12204 Larchmere Blvd. 216.810.6111
Tuesday – Saturday 7a.m. – 3 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday.

And more Great News

Poison Berry Bakery and Cafe which had announced that they would be closing at Christmastime will remain open under new owners. Erica Chaffin and partners, starting after Christmas, will offer sweets and chef-prepared soups, falafels and other lunch menu items. Bagels will come from Cleveland Bagel Co. Watch for a “tasting” event sometime around the first of the New Year. Christmas orders available.

12310 Larchmere Blvd. 440.447.2078
Tuesday-Saturday 7a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Available for pop-ups or parties when closed.

Send your letters to the editor and suggestions to Larchmerecommunity@gmail.com
Neighborhood Spotlight:
Julie Burrell and Ben Stein
By Jason Novak

It’s always a pleasure to see what kind of amazing people live in our little neighborhood. We really have such a unique, diverse community, filled with fascinating stories. Two of the latest chapters in the life of Larchmere are Julie Burrell and Ben Stein.

Julie Burrell and Ben Stein came to the Larchmere Neighborhood three years ago. Julie is an Assistant Professor at Cleveland State University, where she has taught African American Literature and Drama for five years. “CSU has some of the best students,” she says. “They’re some of the most amazing, smart, intellectually curious students I’ve ever met.” It was this position that brought her to Cleveland in the first place and now they’ve made it their home.

Ben works as a Staff Associate at Policy Matters Ohio, a sort of bipartisan progressive think-tank, focusing on issues of equity in governmental policy. “Basically, I do miscellaneous writing, like blog posts, communications, a few press releases and I have produced some research on food procurement and tax policy” Ben says. He started working as a volunteer for the group but after his voluntary tenure was over, he was hired on as a staff member.

Julie and Ben lived in Cleveland Heights for a time, but when they decided to look for a permanent home, they came to Larchmere. “The architecture is lovely here,” Julie says. “We fell in love with the house—especially the front porch. The front porch is the best part of the house.”

“We wanted to live in the city, in a diverse neighborhood,” Ben adds, “economically and racially. But what really decided that Larchmere was right for us is that we had the pierogis at the Academy!”

Besides the Academy Tavern, Julie and Ben love how close so many of the shops on Larchmere are to the neighborhood—especially Loganberry books. “Loganberry is the anchor of the neighborhood for us,” Julie says.

Anyone who has met Julie and Ben will no doubt know their dog Henry. “He’s a four year-old pit mix,” Ben says. “Brown, with big ears and a dopey grin!” Besides Henry, the couple has also rescued two cats: Superman, a 10-to-12-year-old rescue that Julie picked out when they were living in West Virginia, and Hamish, who was only 3-weeks-old, sickly and alone when he was found by a friend of the couple in Cleveland Heights.

If you see Julie, Ben, or Henry out on a walk, be sure to say hello! And for those with a taste for poetry, check out Ben’s new chapbook, “Springtime and Important Things to Remember,” available at redflagpoetry.com!

Free Classic Movie Night
You don’t need to go far to enjoy a great film.
Every 3rd Thursday 7 p.m. at Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere Blvd.

December 20, 2018 – Pete Kelly’s Blues (1955). Jack Webb (remember TV’s Dragnet?) stars as a bandleader/musician in a Kansas City speakeasy during Prohibition. You’ll recognize many of the cast. Characters include a local crime boss, a “party girl”, an alcoholic jazz singer, and a cameo appearance by Ella Fitzgerald.

January 17, 2019 – Monkey Business. Cary Grant, Marilyn Monroe, Ginger Rogers star in this 1952 screwball comedy about an absent-minded chemist who finds his life turned upside down when one of his chimpanzees finds the fountain of youth.

And think about this - the Larchmere Tavern is right next door to enjoy a before-movie dinner or after-movie liquid refreshment!

Come walk at Fairhill!
Whether you need relief from arthritis pain or just want to be active, The Arthritis Foundation’s Walk With Ease program can teach you how to make physical activity a part of your daily life. Studies by the Thurston Arthritis Research Center and the Institute on Aging of the University of North Carolina show that Walk With Ease is proven to reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis, increase balance, strength, and walking pace and to improve overall health. This structured, six-week program is aimed at all fitness levels and can be practiced alone or with a group of walkers coordinated by a Walk With Ease leader.

During the six-week program, it is recommended that you work up to walking at least three times a week. The goal is to set a reasonable amount of time, at a reasonable pace and build up to walking 30 minutes or more each day that you walk. The program also includes three other very important components: health information, exercises, and motivational tips and tools.

Our walking groups use the Fairhill path and the neighborhood— but if the weather’s bad, we walk indoors. Fairhill Partners has four floors of hallways plus elevators and stairs. You can do this program on your own, and we’ll provide a manual and guidance. And you’re welcome to walk at Fairhill, either indoors or outdoors.

Fairhill Partners supports Walk With Ease by coordinating walking groups, providing instruction to Walk With Ease leaders, and providing guidance for those who plan to walk alone. Contact us at 216-421-1350 or email us at programs@fairhillpartners.org to learn more or for a schedule.
Our Lady of Peace Church
Annual Advent Fest
The parishioners at Our Lady of Peace Parish happily invite neighbors and friends in our area to join us for our annual ADVENT FEST. The date is Sunday, December 9 at 12 Noon in Cummins Hall, directly across the street from the church’s main entrance. Plenty of free parking.

At this FREE event, participants come together, first to enjoy a simple Soup Lunch, with several soups made by our parishioners. Then we make blankets for patients in dialysis. No one else has or makes such blankets. They have holes in them that are pre-cut by parishioners who sew, and those holes allow room for the hook-up to machines, while the blankets still keep the patients from getting cold. No sewing and no special talents needed! Folks of all ages work together to complete as many blankets as possible with the materials we have on hand.

We hope you’ll want to help and to join us for this community-building and outreach gathering. Hope to see you on December 9!

With any questions, please call Nancy McIntosh at Our Lady of Peace, 216.421.4211.

Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat . . .
The weather doesn’t stop the dedicated volunteers who deliver Larchmere Life door-to-door to every household and business in the Larchmere neighborhood. A round of applause to Billie Brown, Allan Byrne and Margie Barry, Wyonette Cheairs, Mario Clifton-Zymler, Donna Cornett, Ali Day and Anders, Jane Donnell, Kathy Jo Gutgssell, Tina Haldiman and Cassidy Anderson, Mike and Annie Hanks, Yolanda Henderson, Ervin Howard and Johnathan, David Johansson, Maria Kalnoky, Desiree Kincaid, Kevin Lovas, Maria Muttillo, Nicky Petrone and Desta, Susan Rozman, Johanna Spates-Greene, Cortell Spates-Moore, Sherry Widdowson, and Edna Williams.

A special thanks goes to Katie Montgomery and Jason Novak who authored the Neighborhood Spotlight columns this year. And to Councilman Blaine Griffin and the newsletter advertisers – thank you for your support.

Want to help in 2019? There are several opportunities.
If you like to walk – volunteer to help deliver the April, June, August, October, and December newsletters or as a substitute when needed. (The February issue we mail. We don’t even ask the dogs to volunteer in the deepest of winter.)
Have ideas? Like to write? We welcome articles of interest, activities, and neighborhood news.
Volunteer to “stuff it”. Just sit around the table and help bag the newsletters for the volunteers to deliver. (We bag and gab!)

Call Susan Price 216.721.1229 or e-mail her at gpsrce1270@sbcglobal.net.

PubReads at the Academy Tavern
Location: The Academy Tavern
12800 Larchmere Boulevard
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
No PubReads in December.
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019
Book: Crazy Rich Asians
   By Kevin Kwan
Nicholas Young and Rachel Chu’s relationship is reaching that tipping point. He’s asked her to accompany him to his best friend’s wedding in Singapore. He’s neglected to prepare her for the trip, however, never mentioning that he’s a member of one of the richest families in the country. Will Rachel be able to successfully navigate the labyrinth of old money vs. new money, squabbling socialites, and meddling relatives insisting they have Nicholas’ best interest at heart?
For more information on the books and to register, check the Book Groups section of the library’s Events page at shakerlibrary.org. Copies of PubReads books are available for loan at the Shaker Heights Main Library Reference Desk one month before discussion and for sale at Loganberry Books (13015 Larchmere Boulevard). Newcomers are welcome.

Our thanks to Shaker Library and co-sponsor The Academy Tavern for bringing PubReads to Larchmere!

The Fun is Back at Sunbeam School
The evening recreational programs for all ages have begun! Don’t let the weather stop you. Grab a family member, friend, neighbor or go alone and meet new people.

Days: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
(On school days from November thru March)
Hours: 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sunbeam School
11731 Mt. Overview
Enter through the entrance at the rear parking lot on the east side of the building.

All activities are free and open to the public. Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Cooking Classes, Fine Arts, Tutoring, Arthritis Foundation Exercise, Line Dancing, Open Gym and Basketball.
At left—cooking instructors: (L) Sandra Logan (R) Sharon Watts, teaching cooking, label reading and budget shopping.
Free meeting space also is available. Stop by the school during program hours or call Site Coordinator Jack Beidleman at 216. 577.6231.
Neighborhood Watch
Numbers we all should have:
- Cleveland Police Dispatch 621.1234
- 4th District CPD Main Office 623.5400
- Securitas Security 965.7038
- Shaker Square Area Development Corp. (SHAD) 421.2100

At the last meeting....
We welcomed guest speaker Nicole Debose, Director of the Cuyahoga County Extension Service, newly located at Fairhill Partners E Building. Originally established to share agricultural knowledge with farmers, they have expanded their model to provide programs and services for urban areas. Programs include Summer Sprout to start a community garden, Master Gardener Program, nutrition education, access to food programs, healthy cooking, and 4-H Youth Development.

If you are interested in learning more about the Extension Service programs, go to cuyahoga.osu.edu or call 216.429.8200.

Our “Larchmere Boulevard reporter” Tina Haldiman announced upcoming moves, openings, closings, and new businesses on Larchmere to watch for.

John Deutsch reported that he, Ward 6 Councilman Blaine Griffin, Commissioner of Traffic Engineering Rob Mavec, SHAD’s Greg Staursky, and Susan Rozman walked Larchmere to address traffic concerns.

John won the 50/50 raffle and went home $21.00 richer.

Push the Button
Be sure to push the button to activate the flashing lights before crossing Larchmere. But even with lights flashing, the pedestrian crosswalks can still be hazardous due to the motorists who fail to stop. So please, for your own safety, push the button to activate the flashing lights, be watchful, AND proceed with caution. Don’t get “wiped out”.

Fourth District Police Safety Meetings
Date: Wednesday, January 23
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Covenant Community Church
3342 E. 119th Street

Ward 6 Community Meetings
Date: Tuesday, December 11
Date: Tuesday, January 8
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Morning Star Baptist Church
10250 Shaker Boulevard

SHAD NEWS
Watch for the Winter 2018 issue of The SHAD Connection coming out at the end of November. Read about the long awaited Shakerlan (aka Sedlak building) Apartments on Larchmere/E. 127th, the Larchmere/Kendall parking lot project, Edwins Leadership & Restaurant Institute’s next project, our own JR Mays, and more . . .

As a membership based organization, SHAD depends on your support. Your $35 membership includes special discounts from participating Larchmere and Shaker Square merchants, Shaker Square Cinemas and restaurants (think The Academy Tavern and Big Al’s Diner!) and The SHAD Connection will be mailed directly to your home.

To join: Go to shad.org or call the SHAD office at 216.421.2100.

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Eric Meister
LCA Memberships and Contributions
Dues help to pay for the Security Patrol and Newsletter!
Members outside the home delivery area receive the newsletter by mail.

- LCA Household - $15.00 per year payable to Larchmere Community Association

Additional contributions are also needed and will be greatly appreciated by LCA.
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