Holiday Potluck

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Fairhill Partners, 12200 Fairhill Road
(Corner of Fairhill Road & E. 124th St.)
Lakeview Room 4th floor C457

All Larchmere Residents and Merchants are Invited!
Hosted by: Larchmere Community Association and Larchmere Merchants Association

Here is your invitation to kick off the holiday season – visit with neighbors you know and meet new ones! It’s a potluck. We love to eat, so bring an appetizer, casserole, side dish, salad, dessert or beverage to share. Bring the whole family - children are welcome. No guest speaker, but we invited the Fourth District Community Engagement Officers to join us as our guests. This is an opportunity to meet them and get acquainted in an informal setting.

For this year’s Holiday Party, we’d like to have a gift exchange, but not just any gift exchange, a white elephant gift exchange. Requirement: NO SHOPPING. Think of those items you’ve been wanting to sell at a flea market - the candle someone gave you two years ago but you never lit, a puzzle, a vase you like too much to throw away but never use, a kitchen utensil you thought was sooo cute in the store—the list of possibilities is endless.

Look around your house for your gift, wrap it up as if it were gold and bring it to the party! Everyone who brings a gift will draw a gift from the table. Only those who bring a gift will be able to join in finding an unexpected treasure that someone else no longer wants.

And remember the 50/50 raffle. If you are 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!

LCA’s Holiday Donation

Providence House provides free emergency shelter to children (newborn through age 12) who are living in a crisis situation that places them at risk of abuse or neglect. In order to expand their services to children on the East side, they purchased the Weizer Building at 11801 Buckeye Road.

When asked how the Larchmere Community Association can help, they suggested that our donation would go toward tablets and chargers for the children and for toy storage and shelving in the visiting area of the new facility. Here is how you can help:

1. Bring your donation to the December 4 Holiday Potluck (cash or check) made payable to LCA with notation holiday donation.
2. Send check to Larchmere Community Association, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120.
3. Use LarchmereCommunity.org to pay by credit card. Click on Donate.
4. If you prefer to shop, go to Provhouse.org and click on Donate to see their wish list. Bring unwrapped gifts to Holiday Potluck and we will get them to Providence House.

Raccoons in the Attic

A neighbor reported uninvited guests in her attic which ended up being a costly problem. Cute to look at, but not good house guests! Raccoons can climb up the corner of a house or up a downspout, and once they make their way onto a roof, they may find a small gap in a soffit or under an eave and then scratch and chew their way into the attic. They also will crawl down an uncovered chimney. Check your house for possible points-of-entry.

Raccoons are nocturnal. You may hear scratching, scurrying, growling, or babies crying and whining. They usually give birth to two to five babies (kits) in April or May.

Garden beds, bird feeders, fish ponds, fruit trees, sheds and garages attract raccoons to your yard. They enjoy the dark so lights can help. They have a good sense of smell, and hate the smell of ammonia, so set out saucers with ammonia-dipped rags. Secure trash cans and bring in pet food.
At the Last Meeting...

**Topic: Tri-C Issue 3**

**Katie Montgomery**, Tri-C Director of Government Relations, talked about the importance of the Issue 3 levy on the November 5 ballot in support of Cuyahoga Community College programs.

**Topic: Potential future Community Development Corporation (CDC)**

**Tom O’Brien**, Program Director, Neighborhood Connections, led the conversation for input from attendees about all the things Community Development Corporations do.

**Blaine Griffin**, Ward 6 Councilman, addressed the need for a strong CDC to serve the Larchmere, Shaker Square, Buckeye, CHALK, Ludlow, and Woodland Hills neighborhoods.

**Tania Menesse**, City of Cleveland Director of Community Development, addressed the changing environment of diminishing federal, state, city, and foundation dollars and the resulting impact and challenges facing smaller CDC’s in order to function effectively.

**Tim Tramble**, Executive Director, Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc. (BBC), explained their structure and gave examples of how they serve their Kinsman and Central area neighborhoods.

Sarah Wasserman won the 50/50 raffle and went home $29.00 richer

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**Larchmere’s “CHERRY” Red Brick Street!**

By Cathy Niswonger

It has been an exciting time for a little corner of Larchmere on E. 127th Street Brick-Side! What a great experience as we hosted the good people from SBS Productions and the Cleveland Film Commission. As neighbors, I am sure we would all like to thank the location managers and scouts, all of the film crew, the actors and actresses, and especially Cleveland natives, Joe and Anthony Russo, for selecting our beloved brick street as a special location for this important film.

Many thanks to the neighbors who opened their homes to filming, especially to Joshua McHamm, for allowing his home to be made over into a 1980s vibe - wonder if he gets to keep any of that swag, or if he even wants to?! I, for one, am pretty sure I saw a red & white polka-dotted mushroom lamp, a red wall phone, and a black light color ball lamp to die for!

I would like to personally thank all our Brick-Side and beyond neighbors for being gracious, patient, and neighborly to all our special guests. And, a big thank you goes to our Larchmere Community neighbors and merchants for any and all accommodations they may have made during the last few weeks. An extra special thanks to Our Lady of Peace Church, for providing the lion’s share of space for all the trucks, trailers, equipment, and yes, even a cherry-picker in their nearby parking lot.

Everyone involved in the filming has been wonderful, and we have been fortunate to play our small part as a location site. Maybe we can plan a Larchmere Community outing to see the movie, Cherry, when it comes to Cleveland? Wouldn't that be great fun?!

**Post note:**

Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo and starring Tom Holland (Spider-Man), the film “Cherry” is based on the novel by Nicholas “Nico” Walker, written from behind bars. The story follows his journey and downward slide from army medic in Iraq to PTSD, opioid addiction, robbing banks to fund his addiction, and incarceration in a federal prison - where he is currently serving an 11 year sentence. Not only are the Russo brothers from Cleveland, author Nico Walker attended high school in suburban Cleveland and robbed Cleveland banks! Actor Tom Holland is from England so we can’t take credit for him.

**New Trees for E. 130th**

On a perfect October day, twelve hardy young trees were planted on E. 130th St. thanks to Larchmere resident Mary Hutchinson and neighbors. Mary & friends worked with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Laura Marks of the Heights Tree People to identify families who wanted to have free trees planted in their yards by volunteers. If you and/or your neighbors are interested in having trees planted on your street next year, contact Laura Marks at heightstreepeople@gmail.com
Neighborhood Spotlight:
Daniel Brown ...From Garbage to Garden
By Ann Hunter

Daniel Brown is a creative green entrepreneur who loves living in the Larchmere community. Since food is a primary focus in his life and his business, maybe the great local restaurants were part of what lured him to the neighborhood. He originally moved onto East 126th Street about four years ago and then last year he and his partner, Colleen Sweeney, moved into their new home on East 128th Street. Favorite things about the neighborhood include the diversity of people, places, and activities that make up Larchmere, especially the annual PorchFest as well as proximity to both of their families in the Heights area. At home, they enjoy playing pinball and board games and have a basketball hoop for pickup games with neighbors and friends.

Dan didn’t start out thinking about recycling food waste, but it became a topic that interested him, and he realized that somebody needed to do it. Dan discovered that much of the inner city was a food desert and a few years ago he wanted to help start a community garden. However, he soon discovered that food (or anything else) is hard to grow in city dirt. Somebody needed to “grow” good soil in which a garden could thrive. Working in restaurants, he saw how much food waste went into landfills. He thought with the “Farm to Table” movement growing in popularity, maybe there should be a reverse approach - something like a “Table to Farm” movement to use the food waste to build rich, healthy soil in which to grow locally sourced food.

In 2014, Dan and his business partner, Michael Robinson, started Rust Belt Riders. They bought a dirt bike and a small trailer to attach to it and they began visiting local restaurants and other businesses to explain their idea. They would provide a collection bin for all food waste and a scheduled pickup service to partnering businesses. It was a small start, but the idea spread, and many businesses have joined the movement and support it. They now employ seven full time workers, work with over 160 businesses and collect 50,000 pounds of food waste per week. They also process hundreds of cubic yards of soil each year.

That’s impressive growth for a small start-up business, but here’s the good news for our Larchmere neighborhood. All of their partners had been businesses – until this year. They’ve begun expanding to offer residential pickup in selected communities. They began with Shaker Heights and are just beginning to offer the service in the Buckeye-Shaker community, which includes Larchmere. Interested residents can learn more on their website, www.rustbeltriders.com, and can enroll on the site. New Larchmere community subscribers can enter the promo code “LARCHMERE EARLYBIRD” to get your first month’s pickup free (a $40 value).

PorchFest Volunteer Event

Larchmere PorchFest, our unique & entirely community run event, draws local musicians and music lovers from across the city of Cleveland and beyond. On Thursday, November 19, more than twenty-five new and returning volunteers showed up at Loganberry Books for the annual PorchFest Volunteer Event. (Shout-out to Harriett Logan for generously lending her space.) Volunteers, along with PorchFest Board and Committee members, shared pizza and wings from Fredo’s Pizza (thanks to Larchmere Tavern), then got to the business of planning for the 12th Annual Larchmere PorchFest to be held June 20, 2020.

After a few words from Dawn Arrington, PorchFest President, each committee chair spoke about the various tasks required to make PorchFest happen, ranging from booking musicians to securing permits. The four committees: Logistics, Music, Marketing, and Fundraising/Finance will initiate meetings with volunteers starting in January 2020.

Interested in volunteering for PorchFest or hosting a band on your porch, contact Kristen Cole at cole.crispy@gmail.com. Many hands are needed on the day of the event to pass out maps, act as neighborhood ambassadors, set up porch-signs and more! To listen to clips of last year’s musicians, visit larchmeporchfest.org.

PubReads at the Academy Tavern

No PubReads in December

Location: The Academy Tavern
12800 Larchmere Boulevard
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Book: Barracoon
By Zora Neale Hurston

Oluale Kossula, also known as Cudjo Lewis, was an 86-year-old formerly enslaved man living in Plateau, Alabama when Hurston came to interview him about his life. Barracoon is an intimate narrative told through much of his own words.

Copies of PubReads books are available for loan at the Shaker Hts. Main Library Reference desk one month before discussion and for sale at Loganberry Books (13015 Larchmere Boulevard). Newcomers are welcome.

Sunbeam School Market

Sunbeam will host the Cleveland Food Bank School Market on the third Thursday of every month through May from 2-4pm. Community members are welcome to stop by and pick up free fruits, vegetables and pantry items. Bring your own bags and stop by to take home free produce!
Coming Events at Our Lady of Peace Church

A Holiday Rummage Sale: Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will feature crafts, a variety of household goods, and homemade, fresh baked treats. Come and check it out and find some bargain Christmas gifts, too!

Advent Fest: A Soup Lunch and Gathering for Blanket-making for Dialysis Patients. Community members are invited to join us at 12 Noon on Sunday, December 8, for this simple hot soup-and-bread lunch and to help make super-easy blankets – no sewing and no charge! It’s all FREE – and fun!

Beaumont High School Choir Concert will be held in OLP Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11. Join us for this free concert and hear the joyful and lovely music of this amazing high school choir!

Quire Cleveland Concert: This will be truly beautiful, performed in our church on Saturday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering is requested. ($25 suggested donation).

Breakfast with Neighbors: Members of the community are invited to enjoy a special full, hot breakfast, with eggs, meats, juice, and all the tasty sides on Saturday, December 28, 2019 and again on Saturday, January 25, 2020, both served from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. These free breakfasts will be held in Cummins Hall, directly across from the church’s front entrance. Parishioners are eager to meet our neighbors from all around our area and especially those who might not always have a good hot breakfast.

Our Lady of Peace Church is located at 12601 Shaker Blvd on the corner of Shaker Blvd and East 126th Street, a few blocks west of Shaker Square. Cummins Hall is directly across 126th from the church’s front entrance.

Our Lady of Peace Church announces a new tenant for their school building (Cummings Hall). The Meeting Place Learning Center is an after-school program to provide meaningful out-of-school activities and interventions to support academic, emotional and social growth in children. The Meeting Place Learning Center invites the community to an open house and Holiday Sing Along, in Cummings Hall Thursday, December 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Happy Holidays to All!

You can help. Shaker Quality Auto Body & Repair will donate a complete family ham dinner to the Our Lady of Peace Food Pantry when you purchase any mechanical service or body repair by Wednesday, December 20th. Just say “OLP Dinner”.

12916 Larchmere Blvd. 216.229.7846.

Meeting Announcements

December 4    LCA Potluck 6:30 p.m.  (Wed.)    Fairhill Partners Room C-457
December 10  Councilman Blaine Griffin  (Tues.)    Ward 6 Community Mtg 5:30 p.m.  
Atlas Cinemas, Shaker Square
Initiative to combat infant mortality
Movie, refreshments, panel discussions

December 18  Neighbor Up Network Night 6 p.m.  (Wed.)    Fairhill Partners, 12200 Fairhill Rd.
January 14  Councilman Blaine Griffin  (Tues.)    Ward 6 Community Mtg  Time and Place to be announced
January 22  Commander Brandon Kutz  (Wed.)    4th District Community Mtg. 7 p.m.
Covenant Community Church
3342 E. 119th & Kinsman

The official ribbon cutting of the new Sunbeam School on September 24th was very well attended.

Second Saturday Cleanup – For the last cleanup of the year a neighbor in need had her yard raked and mowed. See you next Spring.
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
- Ward 6 Council Office at Fairhill  791.8683

SHAD News

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Winter 2019 issue The SHAD Connection for community news and Larchmere’s holiday activities in the “Up and Down the Boulevard” column.

As a membership-based organization, **SHAD depends on your support.** Your $35 membership includes special discounts from participating Larchmere and Shaker Square merchants 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.

Grab Your Coat…

….and come on over to the new Sunbeam School at 11800 Mt. Overlook and enjoy the free evening recreational programs for ages preschool to senior citizen. Activities include Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Arthritis Foundation Exercise, Basketball, Cooking Class, Homework Help, Line Dancing and **new this year – adults only swimming!**

Recreational Program leaders

Days:   Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 5-7:30 p.m.
        (on school days from November thru March)

Enter through the cafeteria door at the west end of the building. There are two parking lots:

- enter from Mt. Overlook and park in the circular lot by the flag pole (no steps).
- enter from MLK and walk up the steps.

Questions? Stop by during program hours or call Site Coordinator Jack Beidleman at 216.577.6231.
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
To pay with credit card go to Larchmerecommunity.org. Go to Donate/Member page

Additional contributions are also needed and will be greatly appreciated by LCA.
Contribution $_________ to Larchmere Community Association

Mail check to:
Larchmere Community Association
at Fairhill Partners
12200 Fairhill Road
Cleveland, OH 44120

(Used for notification of community issues, activities, and membership renewal-We do not sell our list)