



The mission of the Bratenahl Community Foundation is to strengthen the educational, cultural and environmental aspects of the community with a careful blending of its heritage and future by gathering and disseminating information, sponsoring activities/events and funding relevant projects.

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**PORT AUTHORITY PLANS MOVE
NEAR BRATENAHL**

Clare Taricska

A public meeting was held at the Community Center at 7:00 pm Tuesday March 18, 2008 regarding the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority's proposed relocation from downtown Cleveland to a site about a mile from Bratenahl's western border. This move would require moving the E. 55th Street Marina to another location and impact plans for further development at Quay 55.

At this site, the Port Authority sees the opportunity and potential for further development in the immediate neighborhood and community, bringing new jobs and ridding the area of blight, aging, vacant housing and industrial properties.

At the meeting, Villagers expressed concerns regarding how the move would impact the quality of life and property values in Bratenahl. At issue are what the new port would look like, additional noise and commercial traffic, the impact of ballast water and other environmental concerns, safety and homeland security.

Mayor John Licastro opened the meeting by stating that while the time to be myopic is gone and the time for regionalism has come, if something is good for the region and Cleveland, but bad for Bratenahl – then it's time to talk. He thanked three officials from the Port Authority for coming to the meeting to speak directly to the Villagers; Stephen Pfeiffer, VP Maritime Services, Rose Ann DeLeon, VP Strategic Development and Adam Wasserman, President and CEO.



Ethel Sherman, of One Bratenahl Place, is honored with a proclamation read by Mayor John Licastro at a ceremony on the occasion of her 102nd birthday, February 27, 2008

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**MEMORIAL DAY
COMMUNITY 5K RUN**

Monday, May 26th • 9:45 am Run, 9:50 am Power Walk and 9:55 am Fitness Walk

Join us for this great annual Bratenahl Village/Shoreby Club community event! This is the milestone 5th year! Participate in the 1 mile walk, 3.1 mile (5K) power walk or 3.1 mile (5K) run. Entry fee is \$20, every participant gets a commemorative medal & t-shirt; the proceeds benefit Bratenahl 100. Contact Jane Clarke at (216) 451-4319 for entry forms and more information on how to be a sponsor!



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Community Information

We need your contributions of community information and opinions on Village issues. Please send notices of births, deaths, marriages, meetings, social events, achievements and letters to the co-editors at the addresses above. Articles will be limited to 450 words and will be subject to editing according to stylistic conformity and space limitations. Writers are welcome.

The **Mission of the Bratenahl Lamplighter** is to publish an informative and reliable community newspaper to inform Villagers of community events, examine issues, encourage participation in community affairs and promote positive achievements.

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Upcoming Events

"Bratenahl After Hours" Italian Wake	Sun., April 27
Bratenahl Blooms Plant Sale	Sat. & Sun., May 17 & 18 • 4-6 pm
Memorial Day Community 5K Run	Mon., May 26
"Bratenahl After Hours" Sunday Afternoon Tea	Sun., June 22

LAMPLIGHTER IS THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

Clare Taricska

Earlier this year, Julie Fisher and I volunteered to take on the responsibility of co-editing The Lamplighter, and are loving it!

We appreciate the feedback we've heard, and are eager to hear more. What do you want to see covered in future issues? Are there places or people or events you think have been overlooked? Is there a "theme" issue you'd like to suggest? What do you skip past, and why? What do you tear out to keep?

We also wish to challenge all of you to make this your Lamplighter. We have a wide variety of people, ages, styles, opinions, passions and interests here in our Village. We want to hear from all of you.

Please become a regular contributor to your Lamplighter. We need your viewpoint, your voice. We welcome your letters, articles, notices, reviews, photos. Is there a "beat" in the Village you'd like to cover? There are space limitations, up to 450 words, or the postage gets crazy. We promise to check your spelling and grammar, and reserve the right to edit for space and clarity. Otherwise, we want your contribution to be in your voice. Our email addresses and phone numbers are on page two. Or you can drop a hard copy through the slot in my front door at 31 Garfield Lane.

All your voices together will make a powerful choir. It may be in harmony, or it might sound like free jazz, but it will be beautiful.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Beckenbach

Meetings held 5:30 pm January 31, 2008, February 7, 2008 and February 26, 2008 at Village Hall.

Present: Mary Beckenbach, Chairperson, Committee Members, Brenda Brownrigg and George Mateyo, guest Beth Biggins-Ramer, Principal Planner, Cuyahoga Solid Waste District and Joe Zalar, Bratenahl Village Service Director.

The Solid Waste District is a solid waste planning and management agency whose purpose is to promote conservation of our dwindling natural resources through efficient trash/recyclables collection and disposal services.

Over the past 18 months, the Village has taken advantage of the Solid Waste District's free consulting services for local governments. Councilperson Mary Beckenbach and Beth Biggins-Ramer, Solid Waste District Principal Planner spent four months talking with other communities and studying waste removal contracts to see if we could design an appropriate and improved contract for the Village of Bratenahl.

The following is a summary of the Community Affairs meetings dealing with the Proposal for Waste Collection and Recycling Services Invitation to Bid document for our Village. Service Director Joe Zalar was an advisor in all of our discussions and is comfortable with the proposed program developed for bid.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Brenda Brownrigg

The committee meets on the second Monday of the month, at 5:30 pm at Village Hall. Members: Brenda Brownrigg, Chair, Rick Semersky and George Mateyo met on January 14, February 11 and March 10, 2008. Mayor John Licastro and Village Clerk Jim Gallagher were also in attendance.

The Village had a \$529,482 budget carryover from 2007, which includes 2007 estate tax revenue of \$138,465. All has been set aside for use in planning 2008 capital projects and debt reduction.

A capital projects budget format has been developed to facilitate fund management of major projects and purchases for all Village departments. It allows inclusion of revenues from other sources such as federal, state and local grants, loans and levies to show total funding for each project.

The committee has agreed to the intent to use only prior year estate tax revenue when planning capital projects, as opposed to current year estate tax revenue. This allows planning with monies already in the bank, eliminating the uncertainty caused by estate tax revenue fluctuations.

The level of service provided was discussed first. The committee concluded that the contract should eliminate the blue bag recycling pick up currently in existence and replace it with a dual cart program. Each resident would be issued two wheeled carts, one a 96 gallon cart for trash and the other a 64 gallon cart for recyclables.

The committee recommended that we include all developments that pay for waste pickup including Bratenahl Place One and Two in the discussion and invite them to participate in the bidding process. We should ask the hauler for a smaller hauling vehicle to enter each development in order to avoid the damage to curbs and lawns that is currently taking place. Two public meetings were held for this purpose with 100% participation.

In order to make this an environmentally friendly and cost efficient program it will ultimately be necessary for the village to reduce solid waste and increase recyclables. Lawn clippings and leaves make up the highest cost in measuring tonnage, so a discussion with the hauler will be necessary, centered on changes that might be made to reduce this cost.

An extensive educational process will take place in the immediate future to notify all residents about changes that will occur in our waste disposal process and how they may help us increase our recyclables.

The committee has approved using municipal "lease to own" financing for major equipment purchases. This will allow amortization of costs and has had a positive impact on capital projects planning.

The Finance Committee, along with Jim Gallagher and Mayor Licastro, approved a 2008 final appropriations budget for recommendation to Council. The appropriations presented to Council offered a balanced budget without the use of any carryover dollars from 2007 to cover 2008 general operating expenses.

The committee discussed and approved recommending to Council the pay down of the Eddy Road construction note by \$200,000 with funds already available on the Eddy Road account (not part of the \$529,482 carryover). Council unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Future Finance Committee agenda topics include the levy set to expire in November 2008 and the development of the capital projects budget into a strategic plan for the Village.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Brenda Brownrigg

Members Brenda Brownrigg, Chair, Mary Beckenbach and Greg Binford meet the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at Village Hall. Meetings were held January 8, February 4 and March 3, 2008.

In January the Legislative Committee reviewed and revised the "Rules of Order Governing Council of the Village of Bratenahl", which is a document that defines, regulates and orders Council and Council committees. It is based on the Ohio Revised Code, but allows changes with Council approval. We examined procedures set by the rules of order to see if we were in compliance. Recommendations to Council included redefining or clarifying several committee functions, as well as requiring Council approval for all administrative, board, and commission appointments. All recommendations were approved at the January Council meeting.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Rick Semersky

The Public Improvements Committee met on February 18, 2008 at 5:30 pm. The full committee was in attendance along with Mayor Licastro, Council President Mary Beckenbach, Councilman George Mateyo, Service Director Joe Zalar, Village Engineer Don Bierut and several Village residents.

The committee was briefed on the progress that the Community Affairs Committee has made on the new Solid Waste Collection Contract. In summary, a 90 day time table has been implemented by the Community Affairs Committee to have the bid documents in place in order to solicit pricing on the new Solid Waste Collection Program for the Village. Several more meetings will be held during the next 90 days to finalize the specifics of the program.

Don Bierut updated the committee on the progress of the Village-wide sewer cleaning program which, in short, will allow the Village to camera and clean all Village Sewers within a proposed 5 year cycle. Mr. Bierut submitted budgetary pricing, which totals approximately \$30,000 per year. The entire program will be submitted to the Public Improvements Committee at the March meeting for approval. In the interim, the committee unanimously approved a motion to council to approve the expenditure of funds for year one in order for Mr. Bierut to compile the necessary bid package for that work.

The Eddy Road Streetscape project was discussed. The lighting and light fixtures on Eddy Road will drive the completion of the project, so it was decided by the committee that Mr. Bierut will put together a work scope for engineering services in order

In February and March the committee discussed the Village's current property inspection policies and compared them to other municipalities. We currently use "point of sale" inspections when residences are sold and complaint driven inspections for outside maintenance issues. To protect the quality and value of our housing stock we discussed implementing village-wide outside maintenance inspections every two to three years. Our building inspector, Tom Jamieson is developing a program to be reviewed by the committee and presented to Council.

The Legislation Committee is working with the Building Department in an effort to reduce the "misunderstandings" that remodelers and residents have when trying to proceed from the Planning Commission to the Architectural Review Boards for building and remodeling approvals. Recommendations will be made to Council by the May Council meeting.

for the Village to hire an electrical engineering and lighting design firm to assist in the necessary analysis of the required illumination for Eddy Road. This cost is budgeted at under \$15,000. It is the intent of the committee to have pricing from such firms by the March meeting in order to move forward with the selection process.

Other business. Villager Rich Robins asked the committee for the short and long term status of repairs to Lakeshore Boulevard. Mr. Bierut reported that a semiannual repair program, in the average amount of \$30,000, would be sufficient for the maintenance of Lakeshore Boulevard for the near future. The committee agreed that any major repairs and/or replacement would not need to be addressed until sometime around 2016.

Mr. Robbins also asked the committee about any plans or repairs for both the service garage and Community Center. It was agreed by the committee that Service Director Zalar will work with Mr. Bierut to formulate a list of necessary repairs to the service garage due to its age and present condition. This list will be presented to the committee in March and acted upon promptly.

Also, the committee chair informed all present that both the service garage and Community Center will be discussed at future committee meetings during 2008 as they relate to a "community wide" building plan, which will encompass all Village properties and the Village's needs into the future.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

GREAT LAKES COMPACT UPDATE

Mayor John M. Licastro

The General Assembly in Columbus is considering passage of House Bill 416, which would ratify and implement the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Compact.

The Compact was negotiated between eight states: Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, New York, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin as well as two Canadian provinces: Quebec and Ontario. This legislation would ban diversion of water from the Great Lakes except under limited circumstances. The House version has passed by a vote of 88 to 3. There is a version pending in the State Senate as well.

The difference in the legislation pertains to language regarding private property rights. This version is essentially the same proposal as House Bill 416 introduced in 2006 with two exceptions. Intent language clarifies that ratification of the Compact does not preclude private property rights established under Ohio Law. An additional change deals with how the Great Lakes basin is measured and determined.

Governor Strickland supports the legislation. Senator Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland) is sponsoring Senate Bill 291 that changes the language to clarify which property is held in trust for the public and which is private. There is also a proposed change in the approval process for intra-basin transfers of water.

There are four states that have approved the original Compact: Illinois, Indiana, New York and Minnesota. Changes in the Ohio version could result in all states having to approve identical legislation.

Fresh water is our most precious resource. It must be protected. At the same time, the rights of property owners cannot be ignored. It is vitally important that our lawmakers reach consensus that considers these facts and passes legislation that leads to enactment of this Compact.

We will keep you informed. Please share your opinion with your State Legislators and Senators.

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PORT MOVE *continued from page 1*

Mr. Pfeiffer opened the Port's presentation and slide show with an overview of the current port and its operation. The reason the Port Authority is studying a move at all is because in 2004 the regional community spoke through the Cleveland Lakefront Plan and the community wanted downtown Cleveland connected to the lakefront. The port is in the way of that plan. The City of Cleveland told the Port Authority they needed to explore their options.

The port is currently about 100 acres on a site on the east side of the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. At its present location, Cleveland's port primarily handles interlake cargo ships, but also some international vessels between April and December. All told, the port handles about 1000 ships per year – some at night, but mostly during the day. The cargo now handled is primarily manufacturing and construction materials that are used within a 70 mile radius of the port.

The size of the vessels the port handles is limited by what the St. Lawrence Seaway and the lock system that lifts boats more than 500' between the Atlantic and Cleveland can fit. At present, the port cannot handle container ships and their cargo, but if it is moved and expanded it will be able to service "feeder" ships that carry up to 750 containers. Large, ocean-going ships are able to carry thousands of containers, and off-load them at primary ports, such as Norfolk, Virginia. Those containers are then loaded onto feeder ships and the cargo continues by water to secondary ports as close to its final destination as possible. Cargo finishes its journey by truck or rail.

Rose Ann DeLeon took over the Port Authority's presentation from there. She gave an overview of the sites considered for the port move. Ms. DeLeon said that their first choice, and the one they really tried to get to work was a move to a 200 acre section of Burke Lakefront Airport. However, FAA regulations – especially since 9/11 – prohibit much of the traffic and building that would be necessary for the Port to coexist with the airport.

Improvements to the existing site were considered, but that site lacks room for growth. Upriver locations on the Cuyahoga were rejected due to lack of water depth and bridge height.

A proposed area inside the west breakwall lacked highway access; the road at the bottom of the west bank of the Cuyahoga is falling into the river and the millions of dollars necessary to stabilize it for increased truck traffic are not forthcoming from the City, State or Federal governments. Trucks are also prohibited on the West Shoreway, which would become a boulevard under the Cleveland Lakefront Plan.

Dike 14 was considered, but the community made it known that it should be kept in a natural state as a nature preserve.

That left a site inside the east breakwall, between Burke and Dike 14, with access to I90 at E. 55th and E 72nd, as well as an easy

place to connect to the CSX rails south of the highway.

Ms. DeLeon and Mr. Pfeiffer stated that logistically, none of this can happen tomorrow and it was estimated to be an 18-20 year project. First the Port and the Army Corps of Engineers would need 2-3 years to work together to plan how to dredge and develop the site for this purpose, then it would take 3-4 years to build the perimeter out into the lake to contain the dredged materials that will fill it. The 200 acres will be built in cells and filled in over time. Bit by bit, as sections of these sludge filled cells become buildable, the Port will move.

Some of the environmental commitments the Port promises are an Environmental Management System, an emissions study, and a diesel retrofit program for all their equipment. They also point to the Great Ships Initiative, which built the world's first freshwater testing facility in the Lake Superior area to find ways to claim and treat ballast waters to combat invasive, non-native marine species. The Port Authority's officials' stated ideal is to consider the environmental impact first, then to make plans and decisions.

The Port stressed that it is important to this region to control its own destiny and its own cargo. In the '90s, the City of Lorain decided not to handle Cleveland's cargo any longer. Recently Toronto closed its port, but Toronto is otherwise a vibrant city in its own right. Cleveland is not. An expanded port is also necessary to define Cleveland for its economic future, they stated; many cities have convention centers, not every city can have a port.

When the meeting was opened to public comments, many spirited questions and concerns were voiced by Villagers, and Mr. Wasserman joined the discussion.

The main concerns expressed were about how the new, expanded, busier port's proximity to Bratenahl would change the quiet nature of the Village and about what kind of neighbor the Port Authority would prove to be. Some anger was expressed that the City of Cleveland was doubling the size of something they didn't want to look at downtown and moving it closer to Bratenahl. When it was asked what Bratenahl's recourse would be if Bratenahl just doesn't want the port on that site, it was answered that it really isn't Bratenahl's call – it's Cleveland's decision. Most Villagers in attendance expressed that yes, the Port's needs for expansion and updates are necessary for the health of the region, but did not want it to be at the expense of the reasons people choose to live in Bratenahl.

At the close of their slide show, the Port invited Villagers involvement, questions and comments at their website yourfutureport.com. Mayor Licastro stated that he has formed an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Villagers to continue to meet with Port Authority officials so that Bratenahl's concerns will be addressed.

WHEN IT COMES TO CLEVELAND, DID YOU KNOW...?

Mary Beckenbach

- In 2006 *The Economist* magazine ranked Cleveland number six overall and number one in the lower 48 states as a desirable location for the business traveler.
- *Omeris2006* reports that The National Institute of Health ranked Cleveland tenth in investment in the Nation and second in investment in the Midwest in 2005.
- Cleveland State University, Urban Design Center and Cleveland Institute of Art's Industrial Design Center are ranked third in the US.
- *TripAdvisor.com* and *Frommer's Travel* guide has named Cleveland sixth most underrated place to visit around the world. First place went to Melbourne, Australia, second place San Jose, California, third place Brussels, Belgium, fourth place Albuquerque, New Mexico and fifth place Bologna, Italy.
- Cuyahoga County Library System ranks number one in the nation according to *Hennen's 2006-2007 American Public Library Ratings*.
- In an 11/15/06 *New York Times* article by Lisa Chamberlain, she reports "The University Circle area is the single hottest square mile in Ohio in terms of real development activity." University Circle, Cleveland's "Eds and Meds" district is on the verge of a major transformation after \$2 billion worth of infrastructure investment.
- "If an innovative developer in Israel or Mumbai or Beijing needs to test certain tech functionality, there is only one area with that capability – Cleveland." *Inside Business*, December 2006.
- Ohio ranks first in the US in manufacturing competitiveness, according to findings issued by *eMvoy, Chicago*, an industry research group. (2006)
- *Omeris/Bio Ohio 2006* reports that venture capitalists have invested \$420 million in Northeast Ohio in the past three years.
- Cleveland State University, combined with 33 member partnerships has been awarded a total of \$74.8million to establish and provide a Wright Center of Innovation for Ohio, called the Wright Center for Sensor Systems Engineering. (January 2007)
- On 2/11/07 Angelin Chang, internationally acclaimed concert pianist and an assistant professor of piano at Cleveland State University, won a Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance with Orchestra at the 49th annual Grammy Awards. She was the only North American candidate among the 5 musicians nominated for the category.



RESULTS FOR THE RECENT PRIMARY ELECTION

Fred J. Ball

There was a Primary Election on March 4, 2008 held in the Community Center on Brighton Road. Bratenahl Village has 1,333 registered voters who are eligible to vote. They are divided into three groups; 772 Independent voters, 365 Democratic voters and 196 Republican voters.

The Board of Elections has thirty days to finalize the count and certify it to the Ohio Secretary of State. As of press time we don't have the final counts, but we do know that

in the March 4th Primary Election 521 Democrats and 145 Republicans voted. We also know that, as of press time, there were 188 votes cast for Hillary Clinton and 319 votes cast for Barack Obama. These may not include all of the votes cast by absentee voters, which are still being counted.

Final results will be included in the next issue of the Lamplighter.

BRATENAHL 100, INC. NEWS

Thomas T.K. Zung

Bratenahl 100 Chateau Bauernschmidt:

An overflow crowd of more than 50 attended the Community Center Wine Tasting Festival with the wine and food donated by Chuck Bauernschmidt and Bourne Dempsey. Quite an event, with much of the “hooch” Bratenahl bred. This was a preview of the Bratenahl 100, Inc. 2009 Wine Tasting Event to be hosted by Bratenahl’s own Bauernschmidt and Dempsey next year. We’ll keep you informed of the date. All proceeds will benefit Bratenahl 100, Inc.

Injured Officer:

Last month one of our Officers stopped a routine speeder who, after being pulled over, was so disoriented that he a) tried to get away with a fast foot to the metal, b) inadvertently put the gear in reverse or c) was so “allegedly” DUI that he pushed the wrong pedal and jammed/ pushed the Officer’s head into serious whiplash. Bratenahl 100 helped out and the Officer should be back to work soon. We send him our best wishes. We also forwarded to the family of fallen Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens a small check and our sincerest condolences to his children and widow.

Scholarships:

As of this report and since our inception, Bratenahl 100, Inc. has granted more than 30 scholarships to family members of our Bratenahl Police Department. Thanks to you, your membership makes it all happen. In fact, this fund grows with contributions like those from the unused campaign funds from generous candidates like Ken Spano, John Licastro and Paul Stephan.

Membership:

If you know of any new Bratenahl residents, please give their name to our “Basket Lady” Lorie Howley, who does such a yeoman job. She includes our Bratenahl 100, Inc. application info in the welcome baskets. What better way to welcome a newcomer than a nice hello from those who keep our Village safe and beautiful, Bratenahl 100, Inc., “our men and women in blue and brown”. You can reach Lorie at (216) 268-0603.

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THE FAIRY DOGMOTHER

Julie Fisher

Doing some spring cleaning this year? Why not throw the dogs a bone and the cats a mouse by donating items from the following list to the Cleveland Animal Protective League?

Needed Items:

- Large brown paper bags (the grocery store kind)
- Canned dog and cat food
- Towels/blankets
- Clean Newspapers
- Old sheets or cloth tablecloths
- Heating pad
- Plastic or wire crates

This list only includes items that may be lying around the house—there is a more comprehensive list at their website: www.clevelandapl.org. The APL is located at 1729 Willey

Avenue, Cleveland which is a short drive away off of the Abbey Road exit on 90 in the Tremont neighborhood.

The Cleveland APL is a 501(c) (3) agency meaning that they are not controlled or funded by the government or animal welfare organizations. The animal shelter, services and programs are possible through fundraising, donations, foundation and corporate support and service fees. They are committed to 100% placement of adoptable animals. They provide shelter to homeless animals surrendered by their owners, animals rescued from abuse or neglect and stray or abandoned cats.

So instead of throwing away your old towels and paper bags, think of the animals! If you have items you would like to donate but are unable to deposit them at the APL, please e-mail me at jfisher@omniprideone.com and I will be happy to help.

CALLING ALL NEWCOMERS BRATENAHL BASKETS AVAILABLE

If you are new to Bratenahl, the Bratenahl Community Foundation would like to give you a basket of useful information about the Village.

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SPRING FORWARD INTO FITNESS

Greg Cunningham

With the advent of spring comes the realization that you may have packed on some winter weight. Not to fear! I will outline some ideas that might help you get that weight off and keep it off.

First, the number one reason we weigh more than we should is because we eat too much. I know it is a shocking revelation! But it is true. When we take in more calories than we burn off we gain weight. When you take in as much as you burn off, you stay the same. Thus, when you take in fewer calories than you burn off, you lose weight. This is not rocket science. So if it is so easy to figure out then why do so many people struggle with carrying around too much weight?

Like any endeavor in life, success only comes with discipline and hard work. Maintaining proper eating and exercise habits has not been tried and found wanting, it has been tried and found – hard! Let's face it, food tastes good and too often more food tastes better. Thomas Jefferson once said "We seldom repent for having eaten too little". Exercise and proper eating is the cornerstone to a healthy weight.

The key is to keep your metabolism in high gear. Your metabolism is the rate at which your body burns its fuel. A slow metabolism means that your body will store more energy as body-fat. A fast metabolism means that your body burns off the energy you provide it. So, the faster your metabolism the more calories you burn.

Exercise speeds up your metabolism by forcing muscle to use its stored energy. Then, in order to return this energy to your muscles your body breaks down body-fat for additional energy. Therefore, the more overload or exercise your muscles are exposed to the more efficient they become at burning calories and in return, the greater the amount of fat your body gets rid of. This is why weight training is such a powerful tool for losing weight. You are increasing and improving the very machine that burns the fat.

Eating properly is another piece to the weight-loss puzzle. Notice, I wrote, "eating properly" and not "diet." Dieting is nothing more than a temporary alteration in your eating habits. The key word here is "temporary". Once you are done "dieting" you return to the very habits that made you overweight to begin with. That is why diets do not work. The very nature of a diet is a short-term solution.

If you want a permanent solution to your weight problem you need to fix your poor eating habits! First, get the junk

out of your home. If you don't have it you can't eat it. Next, be careful what you drink. A lot of our calories these days come from beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic alike. Then, increase your protein intake. Eat more foods like fish and chicken. Protein helps your body rebuild and repair muscle tissue that you broke down while you exercised. Finally, watch your food portions! I was walking through a store the other day and noticed the size of dinnerware. I thought I was looking at a serving platter and it was a plate! Eating your dinner on a smaller size plate is not a bad idea.

Learning to change any habit takes time so don't beat yourself up if change doesn't happen overnight. Remember, anything that changes instantly can change back instantly. Only when change occurs after sacrifice and self-discipline does it come to stay.

Until next time: Be fit.

Greg Cunningham is a personal fitness trainer to many Bratenahl residents.

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THEATER DISTRICT'S NEW BRICCO RESTAURANT GUARANTEES APPLAUSE!

Jeannie Emser Schultz

Standing ovations in the Theater District aren't limited to Playhouse Square performances. Recent raves are for the eclectic menu of Bricco, the Theater District's newest lunch and dinner destination. Located at street level in the Hanna Building at 1438 Euclid Avenue, this is an expansion of the successful Bricco in Akron, serving since 2003.

While Bricco's décor is definitely upscale with the warm tones of Tuscany, the atmosphere is casual and affordable. Dinner prices range from \$4 - \$26. Over 100 beers and 200 wines are available at the expansive bar and Sundays and Mondays feature bottled wines priced at state minimum retail!

Of the dozen appetizers offered, we loved the tomato artichoke soup, spicy marinara-topped goat cheese with freshly fried pita bread and the tangy fried dill pickles with garlic aioli. The dinner menu lists creatively prepared steaks, chops, chicken and fish/seafood. Stand-outs include duck (prepared daily), crab cakes with basil-chive remoulade, jicama slaw plus garlic mashed potatoes and a grilled herb-cruste beef tender shoulder with roasted garlic-basil demi-glace and horseradish mashed potatoes.

Bricco's Italian flair shines with eleven gourmet pizzas that would make Wolfgang Puck envious. We sampled a pizza topped with beef tenderloin, caramelized onions, roasted tomatoes and boursin cheese, as well as a veggie pizza with artichoke hearts, wild mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, fresh oregano, marinara, mozzarella and boursin.

Pasta lovers won't be able decide between ten tempting choices. We ordered the pumpkin ravioli with pancetta and sage butter, the pink vodka-sauced penne with Italian sausage, caramelized onions and banana peppers and the rotelle with spinach, kalamata olives, feta, roasted tomatoes and generous pine nuts.

While Bricco's lunch is an abbreviated dinner menu, it also adds many creative salads (available in half-orders) and interesting sandwiches such as a grilled salmon BLT with basil aioli on a croissant.

Bricco serves Monday – Thursday 11:00am – 12:00 midnight, Friday – Saturday 11:00am – 1:00am, and Sunday 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Reservations are suggested at (216) 862-2889, especially theater nights. Valet parking is available evenings.



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GARDENING BUZZ

Winnie Makinen

The day is mild, the wind is gentle and suddenly we know that spring is here. Like the secret formula of an expensive perfume, the spring air contains the fragrance of plants, trees and shrubs that are coming out of dormancy.

The unique smell of spring in your garden can be analyzed by learning to recognize the fragrances of individual components. For example; Snowdrops, (*Galanthus nivalis*) are a welcome surprise as they bloom while the snow of winter is melting. By cutting a small cluster and bringing them inside, their honey sweet scent is revealed. In the same way, sprigs of Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis*) contribute a spicy accent, especially in a warm room.

The earliest blooming Honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*) is an under-utilized shrub. Like forsythia, it

flowers before the leaves emerge. Tiny white flowers along arching stems produce the sweet smell of summer to come. Plant it along a well-traveled path where it will be noticed.

Many of the frequently planted spring blooming Magnolias are fragrant, including *M. sargentiana*, *M. sieboldii* and *M. stellata* (Star Magnolia). The dormant buds swell as the temperatures rise. However, the promise of a beautiful display and wonderful fragrance can be dashed by a heavy late frost. If the buds are large and close to opening, bring some inside, just in case. The sweet perfume of magnolias is unforgettable, and well worth the effort.

The aromatherapy of spring can be expanded and refined as you discover new plants to add to your garden.

THINK SPRING

Dominic Cellitti

Even though the weather outside is frightful, soon spring will be delightful. With the coming of spring many of us think of our outdoor landscaping. Fortunately, there are a number of local nurseries that offer a large selection of annuals, shrubs, trees and perennials.

Pettiti Garden Centers has seven nurseries in Northeast Ohio, with the closest location to Bratenahl at Richmond Town Square Mall. For those of you over the age of 65, they offer a 10% senior citizen discount. Further, they have a Pettiti Reward Club that offers points with each purchase that can be applied to future purchase discounts.

The closest nursery to Bratenahl is Euclid Garden Center located at 685 East 185th Street. This family-owned nursery is not as large as others, but does offer convenience along with excellent customer service.

If you are willing to drive out toward Lake County, Gales Garden Center on SOM Center Road in Willoughby is large nursery offering a diverse selection. With four

locations in the Cleveland area and over 50 years of nursery business experience, you will not be disappointed. Gales also offers a wide range of outdoor products such as bird baths, chairs, fertilizer and dirt.

Sunnybrook Farms Nursery, located on Mayfield Road in Chesterland, is farthest from Bratenahl but does offer the best selection of Perennials and Annuals in Northeast Ohio.

Chagrin Valley Nursery on River Road in Gates Mills is also a bit of a hike but does offer the best selection of trees and shrubs.

This spring, as you go through Bratenahl, be sure you slow down on Coit Road and take a look at the east side of the street to see the beautiful display of flowers that Pat Meade has surrounding their house. Further, I would like to thank Pat, who gave me the topic idea for this article.

Regardless of the nursery you may pursue, THINK SPRING!

BRATENAHL RECREATION COMMISSION

Bratenahl Community Center

10300 Brighton Road

Stephanie Gallagher,
Recreation Program Director

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The mission of the Bratenahl Parks and Recreation Commission is to enhance our sense of community through Parks and Recreation programs that promote community involvement and maximize taxpayer value.

FACILITY RENTAL & FEES

The Center and its facilities are **free** to all residents and their families. If a resident wishes to use center facilities for their school, church or other organizational group, a usage fee will be charged. Please call the Center Director to discuss the specifics of your event.

KEY FOBS

Any resident who has a fob to the front door of the Community Center should call the Center Director to update your file so that you may continue to use it. If you would like to obtain a fob, please stop by the Center office and pick one up. There is a one-time \$15 fee for the fob. Fobs are issued to Bratenahl residents who are 21 years of age and older only.

Call Stephanie Gallagher at 451-5350 for registration or email
bratenahlcenter@sbcglobal.net

2008 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

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UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

2008 Calendar of Events

Bratenahl Parks and Recreation Department has recently published an annual calendar of events, available to all Bratenahl residents. This Event Calendar lists dates and times for all village wide events sponsored by Parks and Recreation. Many residents will find a copy of the calendar in their mailbox. If you don't receive a calendar, copies can be picked up at Village Hall, The Community Center and Bratenahl Place.

TWO BRATENAHL AFTER HOURS EVENTS

"Italian Wake" (to mourn the passing of Godfather Bratenahelli)

Sunday, April 27, 2008 7:00-10:00pm. Hosted by Chris Axelrod at the Axelrodino Funeral Parlor at 1 Bratenahl Place, Suite # 104. All mourners attending the service should bring a finger food or beverage appropriate for an Italian wake. RSVP a must (216) 451-5350. This event is limited to 60 guests. *Come show your respects...if ya gotny!*

"Sunday Afternoon Tea"

Sunday, June 22nd from 1:00-3:00pm (hosted by Kathleen Howard Glinka) at the Bratenahl Park Gazebo. Wear your favorite summer dress and hat. Delicious cakes and traditional tea fare will be served. RSVP to (216) 451-5350. \$3 donation.

SPRUCING UP THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We have purchased new carpet runners for the Community Center. Stop by and take a look. Next, we are looking for some great art for our walls and new furniture for the Pool Room. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. A very special thanks to Chris Spano for donating a beautiful framed painting to the Center. If you can donate, please call the Director at (216) 451-5350 or send your check to: Bratenahl Community Center, 10300 Brighton Road, Bratenahl, Ohio 44108. And thank you to those who have already donated. Every dollar will be put to good use.

A special thank you goes out to Michael and June Mancuso who recently presented us with a very generous check to help spruce up the Community Garden area located just west of the Community Center. Keep an eye open for lovely improvements to the garden area thanks to Mike and June.

A CALL FOR BRATENAHL BOOSTERS

The Bratenahl Recreation Commission could really use your help! We are looking for villagers interested in occasionally volunteering at various programs and events. Volunteers would be asked to assist in setting up and tearing down events, serving as greeters, kitchen assistance during holiday breakfasts or cookouts, distributing flyers around the village and other general tasks. If you can volunteer a few hours now and then, please join our "Rec. Boosters Committee". It's a great way to meet other villagers and it will really help us out. If you're interested, please call (216) 451-5350.

UPDATE ON THE SHAW MARCHING BAND TRIP TO BEIJING, CHINA

Jeanne Lyons

The last issue of the Lamplighter included a request for Villagers to help fund the Shaw High School Marching Band's proposed trip to China. The band had been invited to perform at one of the events surrounding the Olympics in Beijing. It is my pleasure to announce that not only did the band meet its goal, but that the people of the Village of Bratenahl were very generous in their support according to the office of Ms. Myrna Loy Corley, Superintendent of East Cleveland Schools. Thank you all for your spirit and generosity!


OLIVER BUCK AT THE BEACHLAND BALLROOM

Bratenahl resident Oliver Buck will be the focus of a CD release party and concert at The Beachland Ballroom at 8:00pm on May 24th. He returns to the area after 15 years away, living in places such as New York City, Missoula, Montana and Lawrence, Kansas, working in the music business and on a PhD dissertation in History. Since his return last Fall, he has written a new batch of songs (many of which are about the often conflicting feelings of returning home), put together a new band and recorded a new CD, *Prodigal Son*. He reports that his songs are very much inspired by life in the Cleveland area and reflect a wide range of influences, from acoustic blues and classic country to traditional jazz and rock and roll. Based on the strength of his debut album *Rust Belt Blues*, he was invited to play in last summer's Telluride Blues Festival Acoustic Blues Competition. He was named a finalist, despite his self-described non-typical blues music.

You can hear his music and find more information at his website, www.oliverbuck.com and on his electronic press kit, www.sonicbids.com/oliverbuck.

When: Saturday May 24, 2008 **Where:** Beachland Ballroom
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Second Tuesday, 5:00 pm

Planning Commission

Fourth Wednesday, 5:30 pm

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Second Monday, 7:00 pm

Legislative Committee Meeting

First Monday, 5:30 pm

Public Improvement

Committee Meeting

Second Wednesday, 5:30 pm

Community Affairs Committee

Meeting

Fourth Tuesday, 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER

Recreation Commission

First Wednesday, 5:30 pm

Bratenahl Community Foundation

Second Tuesday, 6:00 pm

POSTING BOX LOCATIONS

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VILLAGE READER Jim Hake

The Translator, A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur

by Daoud Hari

Random House Publishing, 200 pp

Release date March 18, 2008

The day after I began **The Translator**, violence in Darfur was on the front page of the New York Times again. Given the news from Darfur over the last several years, I was prepared for a book that was informative but not necessarily enjoyable to read. But in spite of the tragedy in Darfur and how it has personally affected him, author Daoud Hari remains optimistic that there can still be a solution in the region and I very much enjoyed his story. He doesn't sugar coat what is going on, however and should you decide to read this book, you need to prepare yourself for a number of grim descriptions.

Mr. Hari has an education and standing in his home village that began his connections to reporters around the world as a translator and guide. He saw his primary objective as keeping the reporters safe so they could take the story of the war out to those that might influence an intervention in the killing. Initially, he guided reporters from other parts of Africa, particularly South Africa. That work led to translating for the BBC, New York Times writer William Kristol, NBC's Ann Curry and others.

The first half of the book covers the time leading to how he became a translator/guide and successes during his first five trips. The second half of the book covers the sixth trip, a trip that went badly awry. Captured by a rebel band, the driver, National Geographic journalist Paul Salopek and Mr. Hari spent a harrowing time in jail and were brutally tortured as spies. The story of their captivity and eventual release will keep you riveted.

The book's Appendix is an excellent primer on what is happening in Darfur and the groups that are at war; the "elected" government, rebel villages, indigenous Africans and the Janjaweed (Arab/Islamic mercenary militias). Although it is not a significant consideration in the book, perhaps the major factor behind the fighting is how oil revenues are divided in that country.

Finally, Mr. Hari makes a plea regarding shelter for refugees; "What indeed, could be built quickly enough for so many? Even so, with all the bright people in the world and so much wealth, could there not be humane shelters for such times if we are a family? Let a peace prize be reserved for those who can someday do this moral favor for humanity."

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Do you have questions or need more info? Please call Mary Ann Moskal at (216) 469-5388.

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- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon oregano, whole, dried
- 2 teaspoons whole sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons black pepper

Place lamb in a shallow pan and pour marinade over it. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight or at least for 3 hours, turning lamb from time to time.

When ready to grill, remove lamb from marinade and discard the marinade. Cook the lamb over INDIRECT heat on your grill for about 45 minutes or until the thickest section of the lamb reaches an internal temp of 125 - 130 degrees for medium rare. Remove from the grill and let the lamb rest, covered loosely with foil for about 10 minutes.



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VILLAGE PEOPLE

Sue Eagan

Dr. Clarence W. Mixon moved to Bratenahl from Shaker Heights about four years ago. He is a highly regarded educator and professional with numerous accomplishments and awards. He has been in education since 1960, starting his career in Cleveland Public Schools teaching art. A product of the Cleveland Public Schools himself, he received his B.S. in Visual Art Education from Kent State University, his M.S. in Secondary Administration and Guidance from Case Western Reserve University and his PhD in Administration of Higher Education from Michigan State University.

After leaving Cleveland Public schools, Dr. Mixon spent the next two years at Cuyahoga Community College as the director of Project New Careers. For eighteen years he was the Executive Director of the Cleveland Scholarship Program, Inc. and an Assistant Principal at Cleveland Heights High School.

Presently, Dr. Mixon teaches at Cleveland State University and supervises student teachers. He recently established C.W. Mixon & Associates, an educational and fine arts consulting company. He also developed a power point presentation for college bound students (and their parents)

seeking help for college admissions, scholarships, grants and loans.

Dr. Mixon was born and raised in Cleveland. He has a brother and two sisters and the whole family worked at the grocery store that his parents owned. As a child, his talent manifested in art. "Because I was very introverted and quiet as a child, I think any of the arts would have appealed to me. You have to take the time to concentrate, to focus." He was first introduced to The Cleveland Institute of Art when he won first place in a safety poster contest, which enabled him to attend art classes. Realizing his talent, Dr. Mixon's parents enrolled him in classes at The Cleveland Museum of Art. He is in the Bratenahl Potters group, does beautiful sculpture along with working in acrylics and pastels.

The Bratenahl Recreation Commission is fortunate to have Dr. Mixon as a commissioner. He helped plan the fun for last Fall's Fiesta and has worked on the Spring Easter Egg Hunt.

Clarence has four children, Ronda and Clarence Donald live in Cleveland while Lindsay and Alison live in Los Angeles, California.

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

Reviewed by Jim Hake

If you are a die-hard Beatles fan, this is a movie musical that should not be missed. Critically acclaimed and nominated for several 2007 Academy Awards following its theatrical release last Fall, be sure to put the recently released DVD on your must-see list.

Based on an original script and directed by Julie Taymor, *Across the Universe* tells the story of a Liverpoolian ship builder by the name of Jude who travels to the United States in search of his American G.I. father. A father who Jude has never met and doesn't even know Jude exists. Combining the flower-powered, turbulent and often politically charged '60s as a backdrop with a musical score that incorporates no less than 34 Beatle compositions, this movie is a Beatlemania tour de force for the senses.

Across the Universe weaves social commentary, psychedelic musical interpretation and plenty of Beatles trivia in one eclectic movie musical. Along with Jim Sturgess as Jude, the film stars Evan Rachel Wood as his love interest, Lucy. As Jude's coming-of-age adventure unfolds, you'll encounter cameos by Bono as a counter-culture Shaman, Joe Cocker as three different street

people, Salma Hayek (through special digital effects) as five different nurses at the same time and Eddie Izzard as a circus ringmaster by the name of Mr. Kite. You'll also meet an aspiring singer and landlord named Sadie (Dana Fuchs) and Miss Prudence, a lesbian who is encouraged to "come out" of her closet (T.V. Carpio). If these names remind you of lyrics from some of your favorite Beatles' tunes, well, that's the whole idea.

Across the Universe is rated PG-13 for some drug content, a little nudity and sex, a smattering of violence and some four-letter words.

An interesting sidebar, Julie Taymor has a local connection. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Oberlin College in 1974 with a major in mythology and folklore. She went on to win a Tony Award for directing the musical *The Lion King* on Broadway. It was announced last April that she has been selected to direct the musical adaptation of *SpiderMan*, with music to be composed by Bono and The Edge from U2.

Running Time: 133 minutes



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TIMOTHY "TIM" GILLEN GEIER

The Geier Family were longtime residents of Bratenahl and Tim Geier was the last of the Mohicans. His parents, Phil and Jane Geier raised six boys and they were among the first residents of One Bratenahl Place. Tim's widowed mother, Jane, continued to live there until her death several years ago.

Tim never married but lived alone in his small house where he was an active part of the Foster Avenue community and helped to organize the neighborhood clambake each Fall. He loved children and worked with the Bratenahl Village Recreation Department in youth activities and as onetime Chairman of the Recreation Committee. He also was elected to the Bratenahl Village Council and wrestled with Village finances to maintain the Village's solvency. He kept a boat on Lake Erie and he loved working on it while enjoying the camaraderie of the Yacht Club.

He became ill last Fall and was diagnosed at the Cleveland Clinic as having pneumonia. When they could not control it they found that he had lung cancer, from which he died on March 4, 2008. He is preceded in death by his brother Peter, and survived by four of his brothers, Phil, Jr. (Faith), James, Richard (Marie) and Michael, nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mayfield Heights, with the assistance of Brown Forward Service. Entombment was private. Contributions in his name can be made to the Bratenahl Historical Society, 411 Bratenahl Road, Bratenahl OH 44108.

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