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Cónsul de México brinda apoyo al proyecto del Jardín Cultural Mexicano

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

CLEVELAND: El Comité Mexicano de Cleveland sostuvo con gran éxito una reunión informativa con Fernando González Saiffe, Cónsul de México en Detroit, sobre el Jardín Cultural Mexicano que se construirá en la Federación de Jardines Culturales de Cleveland. Se acordó trabajar de la mano para el éxito en el desarrollo de dicho jardín.

A parte de los integrantes del Comité, en la reunión estuvieron presentes Lori Ashlyk, Directora Ejecutiva Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation; Christopher Martínez, Enlace Hispano de la ciudad de Cleveland y Lizbeth Broache, Directora de arte y cultura.

Cabe destacar que la Federación de Jardines cuenta con aproximadamente 40 jardines de diferentes países del mundo. En enero del 2020 se dio la autorización para la creación del Jardín Cultural Mexicano; sin embargo por la pandemia todo se detuvo.

Eduardo Rodríguez, Director Ejecutivo del Comité Mexicano de Cleveland, comentó: "Apenas en el verano retomamos el proyecto, es por ello que solicitamos la reunión con el Cónsul para invitarlo a formar parte y se interesó mucho, ya tenemos planes para trabajar en conjunto y movernos a la siguiente etapa".

En este momento, un arquitecto se encuentra en la fase de mediciones y delineado del terreno, una vez que ya se tengan las medidas para el desarrollo

del jardín, se podrán llevar a cabo las reuniones que permitan brindar ideas para el diseño y construcción.

"El mes pasado tuvimos una reunión llamada Construyendo Puentes para el entendimiento por medio de las Artes en donde vimos como a través de las artes podemos expresar mejor lo que es nuestra cultura y romper los estereotipos que se tienen a veces de la cultura mexicana", agregó el entrevistado. "Eso nos dio muchas ideas de lo que queremos hacer y poco a poco se van sumando más".

El deseo del Comité Mexicano es que toda la comunidad mexicana pueda participar con sus ideas, ser completamente inclusivos en la creación del Jardín Cultural. Es por ello que el próximo domingo 29 en el evento *One World Day* que se realizará de 11:00am a 6:00pm en la Federación de Jardines, se contará con una encuesta para conocer la opinión de la comunidad.

Al respecto, Rey Esparza, Presidente del Comité Mexicano en Cleveland, dijo que *One World Day* es un desfile que realizan todos los jardines, se cierra el bulevar de Martin Luther King y cada uno participa con diferentes actividades. Debido a la pandemia, este año se reducirá la participación de los asistentes a 10mil personas, ya que en el 2019 se contó con una asistencia de 30mil personas.

Durante el desfile se puede apreciar la gran diversidad de los países, cada uno porta su bandera, trajes típicos, bailes, etc. El Jardín Cultural Mexicano no será la excepción ya que contará

con la participación del Grupo Azteca y el Ballet Folklórico. Una vez que concluya el desfile, se contará con danzas prehispánicas, venta de comida y diversas actividades, como una clase para hacer flores de papel. Habrá diversas actividades en cada uno de los jardines, durante todo el día.

A parte de pasar un excelente día en familia, se tendrá la oportunidad de aportar ideas para la construcción del jardín. "Estamos en la lluvia de ideas, algunos nos han dicho que les gustaría una plaza, un kiosco y otros han pensando en una pirámide porque el terreno tiene un pequeño montículo que podría ser usado para eso. Hemos recibido muchos comentarios y por supuesto, el Cónsul Fernando nos dio muchas ideas, además de que hará gestiones para apoyar con plantas nativas", destacó Rodríguez.

Los interesados en aportar ideas, pueden enviar un correo a la siguiente dirección: resparza@comitemexicano-decleveland.org o bien, pueden escribir directamente al facebook del Comité: @ComiteMexicano-de-Cleveland; asimismo se planea construir un apartado en el sitio web <https://comitemexicano-decleveland.org/> para incluir los avances, fotografías e información en general referente al tema, una vez que se tenga lista se dará a conocer para que la comunidad pueda estar al tanto.

Es importante mencionar que una vez se tengan las



opiniones de la comunidad, Rey liderará la sesión de selección para el diseño final. "Se van a tomar varios puntos a consideración como lo más popular, lo que la mayoría opinó y por supuesto, lo que sea viable en cuanto al espacio y al presupuesto. El arquitecto será quién nos ayude con las decisiones para saber qué se puede y qué no se puede hacer".

Patricia Esparza, Directora de servicios del Comité Mexicano de Cleveland, añadió: "Necesitamos mucho de la comunidad mexicana para el proyecto, ideas y recaudación de fondos. Actualmente el Comité lo conformamos alrededor de 25 personas, entre las que se encuentran abogados, empresarios, promotoras, amas de casa, etc, pero este proyecto es muy grande y necesitamos del apoyo de toda la comunidad".

Para concluir, los integrantes del Comité Mexicano invitaron a participar en la fiesta de la Independencia de México que se llevará a cabo de manera presencial el próximo 11 de septiembre de 5:30pm a 8:30pm en Centennial Peace Plaza, 1051 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. "Este evento servirá para recaudar fondos, ya que vamos a requerir mucho apoyo para el desarrollo exitoso del Jardín Cultural Mexicano, el cual será un extraordinario atractivo turístico", finalizó Paty Esparza.

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CPL and the Pro Football Hall of Fame create an educational partnership

CLEVELAND, Sept. 1, 2021: As a new NFL season approaches, Cleveland Public Library is teaming up with the Pro Football Hall of Fame to introduce students to new horizons through programming, gaming, and educational activities.

"Cleveland Public Library is proud to partner with the Pro Football Hall of Fame to support and educate our youth," said Felton Thomas, Jr., Executive Director and CEO of Cleveland Public Library. "This partnership will help us

achieve our goal of nurturing and inspiring young learners to broaden their knowledge and explore opportunities outside of the city."

"Members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame understand and appreciate the value of education and the importance of leveling the playing field for all students to enjoy the opportunities special programming can provide," said David Baker, President & CEO of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "That's why so many Hall of Famers willingly share the sto-

ries of their journeys with young students across the country. We're excited to bring those kinds of experiences to kids in partnership with the Cleveland Public Library system."

The first beneficiary of this partnership will be 200 Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) students from select middle and high schools. The students attended last weekend's Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic at the Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton and participated in edu-

cational activities such as the Classic College Fair.

"Cleveland Public Library is known for fostering discovery. Students will get a glimpse of life as HBCU students. We hope this experience inspires them to one day attend an HBCU or another institution of higher learning," remarks Dr. Sadie Winlock, Chief Equity, Education & Engagement Officer at Cleveland Public Library.

The Library and the Pro Football Hall of Fame will create programs that use a nontraditional approach to education and enhance

what students are learning in the classroom. Programs could include using yard markers to teach math, life lessons from former NFL greats, and Get Fit exercises. "Everyone can live a 'Hall of Fame life,'" Baker said. "A well-rounded education provides that first and most important step."

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Estrenos: "Kate", "Come From Away" y los Premios MTV

Por Jake Coyle, Jonathan Landrum Jr. y Lynn Elber

CINE
 El 20mo aniversario del 11 de septiembre llega con una ola de documentales y especiales sobre la tragedia. Algunas de las producciones que se presentarán también son conmemorativas. En Criterion Channel, una serie de 63 películas saluda a Nueva York y su rica historia cinematográfica, desde thrillers como "The Taking of Pelham One Two Three" ("Rescate del metro 123") hasta obras maestras post 11 de septiembre que no han sido muy valoradas como "Margaret". También se incluyen clásicos de la Gran Manzana como "The Naked City" ("La ciudad desnuda") de Jules Dassin y "The Apartment" ("Piso de soltero") de Billy Wilder. Entre los cineastas incluidos se destacan Martin Scorsese, Jim Jarmusch, Norman Jewison y Noah Baumbach. Una de las cintas que siempre llaman la atención es "Do the Right Thing" ("Haz lo correcto"), la profética y todavía potente obra de Spike Lee. Junto con el melodrama de Brooklyn (que recientemente fue relanzado en una versión 4K restaurada), hay varios largometrajes suplementarios, como entrevistas con el elenco y cineastas.

• "Come From Away", una versión filmada del musical de Broadway nominado al Tony de Irene Sankoff y David Hein, trata sobre las 7.000 personas que quedaron varadas en Gander, Newfoundland, cuando todos los vuelos estadounidenses fueron interrumpidos tras los ataques del 11 de septiembre de 2001. Una presentación en vivo de la producción se montó y filmó en mayo en el Teatro Gerald Schoenfeld para un público que incluyó a sobrevivientes de los atentados y socorristas. Se estrena el 10 de septiembre en Apple TV+.

• Mary Elizabeth Winstead protagoniza el brutal thriller de asesinos "Kate", que se estrena el 10 de septiembre en Netflix. Winstead ha coprotagonizado películas de acción como "Gemini Man" ("Proyecto Géminis") y "Birds of Prey" ("Aves de presa y la fantabulosa

emancipación de una Harley Quinn") en años recientes, pero en esta historia del director francés Cedric Nicolas-Troyan asume el papel protagonista. Su personaje asesino se dirige a una misión en Tokio, donde tiene 24 horas para vengarse. Woody Harrelson es su compañero de reparto.

MÚSICA
 • Los Premios MTV a los Videos Musicales encabeza la dosis de "fiebre Bieber" por primera vez en seis años. Justin Bieber regresa al escenario de los premios para un evento estelar el 12 de septiembre en el Barclays Center en Nueva York. El astro pop encabeza la lista de nominados este año con siete menciones, incluyendo a video del año y artista del año. Megan Thee Stallion, Billie Eilish, BTS y Drake son otros de los más postulados. La última vez que Bieber se subió al escenario de los VMAs, como también se les conoce a estos premios por sus siglas en inglés, interpretó "What Do You Mean" en 2015. Otros artistas que se presentarán incluyen a Lil Nas X, Camila Cabello, Chloe, Kacey Musgraves, Shawn Mendes, Olivia Rodrigo, Machine Gun Kelly y Doja Cat, quien también conducirá la ceremonia. Los Foo Fighters recibirán el primer Premio Ícono Global de MTV.

• La sensación del K-pop BTS aparecerá en un episodio especial de la serie "Released" de YouTube Originals. La banda estará acompañada por el vocalista de Coldplay Chris Martin y su capítulo de se estrenará el 10 de septiembre a la medianoche. Tendrán una conversación íntima sobre sus experiencias compartidas como músicos y sobre la inspiración de BTS para el reto (hash) Permission to Dance. En el reto de tres semanas que comenzó el 23 de julio, BTS impulsó a sus fans a hacer videos de YouTube de 15 segundos incorporando los signos del lenguaje de señas internacional para alegría, baile y paz. El capítulo incluirá un video musical de "Permission to Dance" al que hará un remix BTS.

• Una selección de cortos de PBS comienza su nueva temporada con un trío de proyectos que exploran las raíces familiares y lo fuerte que pueden ser. "Sing Me a Lullaby", dirigido por Tiffany Hsiung, "A Broken House" de Jimmy Goldblum, y "Joychild" de Aurora Brachman forman parte de "POV Shorts", que se transmitirá el lunes (en diversos horarios locales) y estará disponible en POV.org. La nostalgia por el hogar permea la premiada "A Broken House", en la que el arquitecto sirio Mohamad Hafez se da cuenta de que debe recrear en Estados Unidos lo que dejó atrás.

• El crimen y castigo es diferente en un pueblo que en una gran ciudad. Esa es la premisa de "It Couldn't Happen Here", una serie documental que examina cómo las comunidades rurales y sus sistemas legales son afectados por crímenes violentos y sobrecargados por la falta de recursos. La directora Hilarie Burton Morgan, quien ha estado al frente de proyectos como "One Tree Hill" y "The Walking Dead", se adentra en casos en esta serie de seis partes que se estrena a las 10 p.m. de Nueva York (0200 GMT) el 9 de septiembre en SundanceTV y AMC+. La primera parada es en Adel, Georgia, donde existen dudas sobre si un hombre fue injustamente sentenciado a más de dos décadas en prisión por un crimen que quizá no cometió.

• ¿Se acaba "Lucifer"? Netflix, que rescató la serie luego que Fox la canceló, ha advertido que esta vez es "real". El viaje de seis temporadas de Lucifer Morningstar (Tom Ellis), quien deja el infierno para ir a Los Ángeles, terminará con los 10 episodios que se estrenan el 10 de septiembre. Aún queda por aclarar por qué Lucifer no domina al ahora retirado Dios, y cómo responderá a un mundo sin Dios que se deshilacha. La exdetective del Departamento de Policía de Los Ángeles Chloe Decker (Lauren German) es ahora una asesora de Lucifer y está ahí para acompañarlo en esta última aventura.

TELEVISIÓN

Enrique Iglesias anuncia álbum "Final" para septiembre

Por BERENICE BAUTISTA, Associated Press

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO, 3 IX 21 (AP): Enrique Iglesias anuncia un álbum "Final" para este mes. El cantante español dijo el viernes que su 11mo disco de estudio sería su último... por lo menos en un buen rato. "Claramente el título 'Final' tiene muchos significados... Les estoy tratando de decir que podría ser mi último álbum", dijo Iglesias ante un incrédulo Ricky Martin y Sebastián Yatra durante un live stream en YouTube para anunciar los detalles de la gira por Estados Unidos que están por comenzar.

"Final" será lanzado el 17 de septiembre. Iglesias dijo que desde 2015 había estado pensando en dejar de grabar álbumes. Su más reciente es "Sex and Love" de 2014, que incluyó los éxitos "Loco", "El perdedor" y "Bailando". Iglesias ha vendido 180 millones de discos en su carrera y ha sido galardonado con un

Grammy y cinco Latin Grammy. "Nunca voy a dejar de hacer música, nunca voy a dejar de escribir canciones porque me encanta escribir canciones, pero lo voy a hacer de una forma diferente, lo que significa que no necesariamente tienen que ser en un paquete como álbum", señaló Iglesias mientras que agregó con humor: "No tengo la velocidad que tú tienes Sebastián para escribir una canción y ese mismo día grabar el video. Desearía ser tan rápido".

"Enrique Iglesias & Ricky Martin Tour" es la primera gira conjunta de Iglesias y Martin. Se aplazó en 2020 debido a la pandemia y finalmente la comenzarán, con Yatra como telonero, el 25 de septiembre en el MGM Grand Garden Arena de Las Vegas. El recorrido terminaría el 20



ENRIQUE IGLESIAS
Final

de noviembre en el Honda Center de Anaheim, California. Los boletos están a la venta. "Esta gira va a ser importante para mí compartirla con vosotros", dijo Iglesias. "Creo que vamos a divertirnos, la vamos a pasar súper y creo que los fans la van a disfrutar. Creo que es un evento que va a ser súper especial para nosotros y para los fans".

Yatra, Martin e Iglesias, quienes durante el stream respondieron preguntas de sus seguidores, dijeron que harán una apuesta para ver quién se pone una tanga al final de su gira.

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Kentucky: Gobernador convoca a legislatura contra COVID

Por BRUCE SCHREINER, Associated Press

FRÁNCFORT, Kentucky, 4 IX 21 (AP): El gobernador demócrata Andy Beshear anunció el sábado que ha convocado a la legislatura de Kentucky bajo control republicano a una sesión especial para formular políticas relacionadas con la pandemia, ante las dificultades del estado frente a los casos y hospitalizaciones por COVID-19.

El regreso de los legisladores al Capitolio estatal comienza el martes y constituye un dramático traspaso de poderes en la elaboración de políticas relacionadas con el coronavirus en el estado después de un histórico fallo judicial. Desde el

inicio de la pandemia en Kentucky, el gobernador había actuado principalmente de manera unilateral en establecer las políticas estatales contra el virus, pero la Corte Suprema local cambió esas decisiones al congreso local.

“Ahora, esa carga caerá en gran parte en la Asamblea General”, dijo Beshear el sábado. “Tendrá que cargar gran parte de ese peso para confrontar decisiones impopulares y tomar decisiones que equilibren muchos aspectos, entre ellos las vidas y posibles fallecimientos de nuestros ciudadanos”.

Beshear tenía la única autoridad de convocar una sesión especial y fijar la agenda. En una

conferencia de prensa el sábado, esbozó los asuntos de la pandemia que desea que los legisladores consideren, como las políticas sobre el uso de mascarillas y los horarios escolares en medio del creciente cierre de escuelas debido a brotes del virus. Sin embargo, las supermayorías republicanas en la Cámara de Representantes y el Senado decidirán qué medidas son aprobadas finalmente.

Beshear dijo el sábado a la prensa que había tenido buenas conversaciones con los principales legisladores republicanos y que se habían intercambiado proyectos legislativos.

Cuba mostrará semana próxima sus vacunas contra COVID a OMS

Por ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ, Associated Press

LA HABANA, 21 IX (AP) Las tres vacunas de producción cubana contra el nuevo coronavirus serán presentadas a la Organización Mundial de la Salud para su calificación en un proceso que comenzará con un encuentro de expertos la semana que viene.

“Hoy tuve una reunión con el presidente de BioCubafarma, el Instituto Finlay de vacunas y el CIGB (Centro de Ingeniería Genética y Biotecnología) y se va a iniciar el proceso a solicitud del país”, dijo a The Associated Press el representante en la isla de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OMS/OPS), José Moya.

El encuentro será virtual entre especialistas desde La Habana, Ginebra y Washington para compartir información inicial, coordinar documentación y establecer cronogramas. “Es una buena noticia”, manifestó al indicar que luego se establecerá un equipo de trabajo para revisar los resultados de los ensayos de las vacunas cubanas, los procesos de producción y la calidad.

Cuba es la única nación latinoamericana que desarrolló y produce vacunas propias contra COVID-19 y se encuentra en una campaña masiva para inmunizar con ellas a los adultos.

“A partir de que hemos recibido el autorizo de uso de emergencia de 3 vacunas contra la COVID19 por la autoridad regulatoria cubana... tenemos

previsto comenzar intercambios con la OMS para su reconocimiento”, escribió por su parte el jueves Eduardo Martínez, presidente de BioCubafarma, el conglomerado estatal que produce medicamentos en el país.

La empresa desmintió comentarios de prensa en Estados Unidos que afirmaban que la entidad internacional había negado el visto bueno a Soberana 02, Soberana Plus y Abdala, los tres inoculantes desarrollados por Cuba, pues el proceso para ello está por comenzar.

Mientras, una de las directivas de CIGB, Marta Ayala, indicó en su cuenta de Twitter que había una larga lista de “experiencias positivas de intercambio con la OMS para la certificación de las vacunas” como la de hepatitis y algunos tipos de influenza.

El jueves la Dirección Nacional de Epidemiología informó que se registran 665.672 casos acumulados y 6.000 fallecidos desde el inicio de la pandemia.

Las autoridades cubanas indicaron además que el 5 de septiembre comenzarán a vacunar masivamente — escalonados por edades— a los menores de 18 años para normalizar la presencialidad en las clases, que debían comenzar en las aulas el 1 de septiembre, pero arrancarán el lunes mediante televisión pública.

Cuba registró un leve descenso de los casos esta semana luego de un repunte en los últimos meses con miles de contagios diarios y el sistema de salud casi en

el colapso por la falta de infraestructura, oxígeno y medicamentos. El rebrote obedeció a una flexibilización de las normas de distanciamiento social a comienzos de año y la llegada de la variante Delta.

Las autoridades dijeron inicialmente que el 70% de su población estaría vacunada para agosto, una meta que no se cumplió, y esperan alcanzar entre septiembre y fin de año. También se inició el uso de las vacunas Sinopharm -donadas por China- en un esquema de combinación con Soberana Plus.

Cada país tiene la potestad de aprobar las vacunas que va a usar, pero las aprobadas por la OMS ofrecen un aval aún más confiable y les permiten ser distribuidas a través de los mecanismos de inmunización de esa organización. Para el caso de los antígenos contra COVID-19 sólo los aprobados por la OMS pueden ser distribuidos por el mecanismo COVAX, creado por las Naciones Unidas para facilitar el acceso a la inmunización, o por el Fondo Rotatorio de Vacunas de la OPS.

Eso le abre a esas vacunas un mercado aún mayor en todo el mundo. Sin la autorización de la OMS, para poder acceder al mercado internacional, deben hacerlo a través de acuerdos bilaterales.

El representante Moya, quien llegó a la isla hace más de dos años, indicó que desde el comienzo de la pandemia había seguido el trabajo con los entonces candidatos vacunales. “Le tengo confianza (a los antígenos cubanos) porque he podido conocer desde el principio la evolución” y “son elaborados por instituciones que tienen años haciendo vacunas” con las cuales la propia OMS/OPS cooperó en el pasado.

La corresponsal de AP en Miami, Gisela Salomon, contribuyó con este reporte.

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GRCC earns \$1.2 million grant from U.S. Education Department to help adult learners connect

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 3, 2021: A five-year, \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education will allow Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) to help adult learners enter or return to higher education.

GRCC will use the grant to create a *TRIO Educational Opportunities Center*, where unemployed or low-wage workers and other adult students can work with campus specialists to connect with counseling and receive information on admissions and support services.

Educational Opportunities Center programs offer academic and personal counseling, tutoring and mentoring, career workshops, student financial assistance and help with completing the college admission process.

The centers support a range of adult learners, including those

with limited proficiency in English, those with disabilities, those facing housing insecurity, people aging out of the foster care system, and other members of groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education. The TRIO program also supports students who are low-income or are potential first-generation college students.

“A community thrives when all of its members have access to higher education,” *GRCC President Bill Pink* said. “We appreciate this support from the U.S. Education Department to help GRCC connect residents with services that can help them be successful on their educational pathway.”

Educational Opportunities Centers, launched in 1972, are part of a set of federal programs known as TRIO, which is authorized by the



Higher Education Act to help low-income, first-generation students and those with disabilities succeed in higher education.

During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, 139 Educational Opportunity Centers served more than 192,000 adult learners.

“As systemic inequality and financial hardship discourage students from succeeding in college, TRIO programs like EOC take on new importance because they continue to help guide unemployed and underemployed workers and returning high school and college students toward earning a degree,” said *Maureen Hoyer*, president of the nonprofit Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C.



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Reported HHM events of NW Ohio

By La Prensa Staff

A sharp rise in COVID cases is beginning to affect some events normally held during Hispanic Heritage Month, which traditionally runs Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

• Events kick off a little early with the annual *Pig Roast*, hosted jointly by the *Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center (SQACC)* and *Club Taino Puertorriqueno*. Curbside takeout meals will be offered on Friday, Sept. 10, 5 to 7 p.m., at SQACC, 1225 Broadway. Adult meals are \$15, while seniors/children meals are \$12. Beer, pop and water available for purchase. Meals must be preordered online or by phone at www.sqacc.org or 419.241.1655.

• SAO and *La Prensa* will be hosting the annual Latino Scholarship Day with the Toledo Mud Hens on Thursday, September 16, 2021, which, coincidentally, is the Independence Day of México.

• *Adelante, Inc.* will host its second annual Hispanic Heritage Month



celebration on Saturday, Sept. 18, 3 to 11 p.m., at Promenade Park in downtown Toledo. This year's music lineup includes *Grupo Vicio*, *Garbiel Burciaga* and *The Bad Boyz* featuring *Nicolina*, *La Corporación* and *DJ Juanio*. The *El Corazón de México Ballet Folklorico* dance troupe also will give a special performance. *La Prensa* is one of its sponsors.

The day's events also will include presentation of this year's *César Chávez Humanitarian Award* at 7 p.m. to an as-yet named recipient from the Latino community. Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling 419.244.8440 and \$15 the day of the event. There are no refunds.

• *La Conexión* will host its fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Month event on Saturday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m. at the Junior Fair Building, Wood County Fairgrounds, 900 W. Poe St. The band, *Los Hermanos Villegas*, will

provide the evening's entertainment, which pays tribute to the generations of Latinos who have positively influenced and enriched the nation and Northwest Ohio. Essential workers will be honored this year, as the nonprofit hopes to shed light on the challenges the Hispanic community has faced during the pandemic. *COVID safety protocols will be followed at the event*, which is sponsored by the *City of Bowling Green Human Relations Commission*.

The Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs (OCHLA) will not host its annual Governor's Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards gala in Columbus this year due to the pandemic. Three Northwest Ohioans who will receive awards instead will be honored at the *Latino Health Summit* to be held online in November.



LCCS playground groundbreaking is Sept. 10

TOLEDO: A groundbreaking event for the new *Lucas County Children Services (LCCS)* playground will be held Friday, September 10, 2021 at 2 p.m. on the playground site.

LCCS is working with *Friends of Lucas County Children Services*, and other donors, to renovate the playground that is located behind the LCCS offices on 705 Adams St., Toledo. It's a project that has been in the works for the past two years.

The LCCS FamilyVisits team uses the playground to hold supervised visits with birth parents and their kids who are in foster care or

relative care. Those visits strengthen the bonds between the parent and child, while the parents work toward reunification with their family. The new playground will be inclusive for kids with all abilities.

Friends of LCCS began this project over two years ago, as they noticed the existing playground was desperately in need of an update. The nonprofit accepted grant awards to compile the necessary funding to complete the project. A donation from the Toledo Physicians of Indian Origins (TOPI) kicked off this campaign. This project is funded completely by donations and state and local grants.

Many community partners provided their exper-

tise to help the steering committee design the playground, including *Mom's House*, *Toledo Metroparks*, *The Ability Center*, *Wood County JFS*, and others. The steering committee consisted of LCCS staff, Friends of LCCS, and community partners, all of whom have been meeting and researching the past couple of years to stay updated on this project.

One of those community partnerships was with the *Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center* and a *Bowling Green State University* summer art class. They brought a new outdoor mural to the inner walls of the play space.

UToledo announces COVID-19 vaccine requirement

Sept. 1, 2021: *The University of Toledo* announced today a requirement for all students and employees to get vaccinated against *COVID-19*. The requirement applies to individuals on all of the University's campuses.

The University's decision follows the first *COVID-19* vaccine receiving full approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and is in response to the rapid spread of the delta variant. UToledo's *COVID-19* vaccine requirement is in agreement with recent announcements from peer institutions across the state.

"We know that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and the best way out of this pandemic," said *Dr. Gregory Postel*, UToledo president. "Our students, faculty and staff have kept campus safe during the past 18 months by following our Rocket Pre-

vention Principles like wearing a mask, social distancing and quarantining if exposed. Now we all need to take the next step and get vaccinated."

UToledo students and employees need to upload proof of vaccination to the University's secure online portal or have an approved exemption for medical reasons or sincerely held philosophical or religious beliefs before Nov. 15, 2021.

The University is engaging in conversations with union leadership about the vaccine requirement. Faculty Senate approved a resolution Tuesday night in support of mandatory *COVID-19* vaccination, and The University of Toledo Physicians group last week approved a *COVID-19* vaccine mandate for clinical faculty members.

The campus community is encouraged to comply with the requirement



as soon as possible so that the University can have an accurate vaccination rate report to make data-driven public health decisions to keep campus safe. Vaccines are available free and conveniently without appointment on campus at University Health Center, Main Campus Pharmacy or Outpatient Pharmacy in the UTMC Medical Pavilion.

UToledo will continue the Rocket Vaccine Incentive Program that enters vaccinated students and employees into weekly drawings for thousands of dollars in prizes through Oct. 7.

Anyone who is not vaccinated by Nov. 15 will be subject to frequent *COVID-19* testing at least once per week and will be required to wear a mask on campus.

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COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Toledo Health Department:

• **RITE AID:** Drive-thru testing available at the 7225 Airport Highway; Time: Starting 6/4 testing hours will be 10-8 M-F and 10-5 on the Weekend; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.riteaid.com For Questions: (419) 866-8943; Cost: Free

• **WALMART ON CENTRAL:** Drive-thru testing available at the Walmart Supercenter at 5821 Central Ave, Toledo; **Time:** Testing is available M-W-F from 7 am - 9 am; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com For Questions: (866) 697-8378; Cost: Free

• **LABCORP:** Anti-body testing available at 1565 S. Byrne Rd Suite 105, Toledo; **Time:** Testing available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am - 4 pm **Appointment: Order Required, No Appointment Needed.**

How Labcorp Works (419-381-1300); Individuals without an order may have one created at Labcorp COVID-19 Antibody Testing; **Cost: \$10 if order is purchased from Labcorp website.**

• **NHA: NEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Nexus Healthcare Center at 1415 Jefferson Ave;

Time: Beginning 4/27; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700;

Cost: Free
• **NHA: NAVARRE PARK FAMILY CARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Navarre Park Family Care Center at 1020 Varland Ave (Spanish Speakers Available); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.**

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700;

Cost: Free
• **CVS:** Drive-thru testing available at the CVS Pharmacy at 2104 S. Byrne Road, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 9 am - 6 pm, on Sat 9 am - 5 pm, and on Sun 10 am - 5 pm; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.**

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.CVS.com For Questions: 419-389-9112 **Cost:** Free
• **Health Partners of Western Ohio:** Drive-thru and walk-up Drive-thru testing available at the Old West End Site (former Girl Scout Building) at 2244 Collingwood Blvd Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 8:15 am - 4 pm (All Ages); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 567-318-3900;

Cost: Free
• **NEW LOCATION- Toledo Family Pharmacy:** Drive-thru testing available at 324 Main Street, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M/TR: 10am - 1 pm, W/F: 1 pm-6 pm, Sat : 11 am-3 pm; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Visit DoINeedaCOVID19test.com or call 800-635-8611 to schedule an appointment; **Cost:** Free

Testing locations for Cleveland:

• **Cleveland Clinic -** Main campus, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Drive-thru. • **Walgreens,** 4281 W. 130th St., Cleveland; drive-thru, 9am to 5pm. Cleveland

Ohio Dept of Health: If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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Testing sites in Detroit:

• **CVS Pharmacy at**

Wayne County Community College; Drive-thru, 1001 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226; (313) 412-2160; Appointment Required

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• **Health Centers Detroit Medical Group FQHC,** 7633 E. Jefferson Ave., Suite 340, Detroit, MI 48214; (313) 822-9801

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• Tests uninsured individuals

• Insurance accepted.

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Grand Rapids, MI

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• **CVS:** Drug store - Grand Rapids, MI - (616) 514-5602; COVID-19 testing center

• Appointment required

• Referral not required

• Tests limited to certain patients

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Cleveland COVID-19 Vaccine Locations

Homebound Options:

People who are homebound and need a vaccine can be referred to the **Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging** by calling (216) 621-0303. When making a referral, be prepared to provide the individual's name, demographic information, DOB, phone number, and address.

Standing Clinics:

Vaccine Locations below sorted by hub zip code:

• Monday-Sunday, **Cleveland Clinic Euclid Avenue Pharmacy,** 9211 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm

• Monday-Friday, **Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills Pharmacy,** 2550 Som Center Rd, Willoughby, OH 44094. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm

• Monday-Friday, **Cleveland Clinic Strongsville Pharmacy-** 16761 South Park Center, Strongsville, OH 44136. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm

• Every Tuesday, J. **Glenn Health Center,** 11100 St. Clair Ave. from 1p - 6:30p. Walk-in or pre-register at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov; phone 216-664-2222 for assistance. 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer and Moderna and one-dose J&J. Flyer in shared folder in English and Spanish.

• Tuesdays and Fridays @ **International Community Health Center - Akron,** 370 E. Market Street, Akron, OH 44304 from 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM. To register, call 234-300-3400.

• Every Thursday, **McCafferty Health Center,** 4242 Lorain Ave, from 1p - 6:30p. Walk-in or pre-register at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov; phone 216-664-2222 for assistance. 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer and Moderna and one-dose J&J. Flyer in shared folder in English and Spanish.

• **Case Western Reserve University, Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center** at 2138 Adelbert Road. Check eligibility, then register online or call 216-368-1964. For

more information, visit CWRU website.

• **The Centers & Circle Health Services,** Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Register online or by phone at: 216-325-WELL

• **Neighborhood Family Practice,** is offering walk-in or scheduled vaccine appointments at all seven community health center locations.

Register online or call 216-281-0872 for assistance.

Cleveland Clinic Standing Clinics:

You can schedule an appointment on this link: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/landing/covid-19-vaccine/ohio#> or call 216-448-4117. Our schedulers are available Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm.

• **Cleveland Clinic Business Operations Center—** 6801 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131 (Appointment only)

• **Cleveland Clinic Main Campus, G-10—** 9500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44195 (Walk-in vaccinations for Cleveland Clinic patients 18 and older available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-3pm)

• **Fairview Hospital—** 18101 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44111 (Appointment only)

• **Hillcrest North Campus—** 6777 Mayfield Rd, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124 (Appointment Only)

• **Langston Hughes Health and Education Center—** 2390 E 79th St, Suite 206, Cleveland, OH 44104 (Walk-in vaccinations available Mondays from 7:30am-3:30pm)

MetroHealth Standing Clinics:

• **Main Campus Pharmacy,** 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm

• **Parma MetroHealth Pharmacy,** 12301 Snow Road, Parma, OH 44130 Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm

• **Cleveland Heights Pharmacy,** 10 Severance Circle, Cleveland, Heights OH 44120 Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm

• **Broadway Pharmacy,** 6835 Broadway Ave, Cleveland, OH 44105 Monday - Friday from 9am-6pm.



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• **Ohio City Health Center Pharmacy,** 4757 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

• **Old Brooklyn Pharmacy,** 4229 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109. Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm

• **Middleburg Heights Pharmacy,** 7800 Pearl Rd. Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm

• **Brecksville Pharmacy,** 9200 Treeworth Blvd. Brecksville, OH 44141 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

• **Buckeye Pharmacy,** 2816 E. 116th St., Cleveland, OH 44120 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

• **Bedford Pharmacy,** 19999 Rockside Rd. Bedford OH 44146 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

Upcoming Pop-Ups:

• **Monday, August 30** at Shaarey Tikvah: 26811 Fairmount Blvd, Beach-wood, OH 44122 from 5-7pm.

Cleveland Public Library is offering a dose of protection against COVID-19. In partnership with Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (NEON), the Library will host COVID-19 vaccination clinics at select neighborhood branches.

• **Clevelanders** who get the shot can win bus passes, gift cards, and other prizes. Managed Plan Medicaid members aged 18 and over receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will get a \$100 gift card.

• **Cuyahoga County Public Library** is partnering with **United Healthcare** to offer mobile vaccine clinics at the branches below (Medicaid members will receive a \$100 gift card after the first shot):

SOURCE: **Mike Heuer & Maria Garcia-Ollala, HUB&Spoke Vaccine Task Force**

Rhiannon Giddens to give UToledo's Shapiro Lecture at Peristyle Theater

Singer, songwriter, fiddler and banjo picker *Rhiannon Giddens* is coming to Toledo next month to give a free, public lecture as part of *The University of Toledo's Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Series*.

The Grammy winner and MacArthur "Genius" grant recipient will speak about U.S. music traditions and the roots of social justice 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 at the Toledo Museum of Art's Peristyle Theater.

Free admission tickets are required and available at the event website. Following CDC guidance, face masks are required. Doors open at 6 p.m. with first-come, first-served seating.

At the request of Giddens, attendees need to provide, at the door, proof of vaccination or a negative PCR COVID-19 test administered within three days of the event.

UToledo is partnering with the *Toledo Symphony* to welcome Giddens to town.

Giddens' lecture follows her performance with the *Toledo Symphony Orchestra* 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Peristyle Theater featuring a program of jazz, blues, country, Gospel and Celtic music from her critically acclaimed albums. The performance will follow the same COVID-19 vaccination or negative test requirements.

"The Shapiro Lecture series is one of the premier intellectual events offered by the College of Arts and Letters at The University of Toledo," said *Charlene Gilbert*, dean of the UToledo College of Arts and Letters. "Each year we feature an individual who has achieved distinction in their profession, and this year we are honored to present musician, musicologist and historian *Rhiannon Giddens*."

"Ms. Giddens has made a name for herself both as a performer and an expert in music history, sharing the little-known but highly influential people and events that have shaped American music and society. Her work has earned her well-deserved awards, and we

are thrilled to have her as our featured guest this year."

The annual lecture is made possible by the Shapiro endowment left by Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics who retired in 1989, to

provide opportunities for the University to bring world-renowned speakers to Toledo.

Past Shapiro Distinguished Lecture speakers include: *Elie Wiesel, Toni Morrison, Audra McDonald and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.*

Tickets for Giddens' performance with the Toledo Symphony can be purchased by calling the box office at 419-246-8000 or visiting toledosymphony.com.

"Rhiannon Giddens is one of those artists who will go down in history for more than just their extraordinary talent," said *Zak Vassar*, president and CEO of the *Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts*. "She is an all-around inspiring person, and her music reflects that. She fuses her operatic training with powerful, musical storytelling, giving a voice to some of the most important but forgotten people and events in history. We are proud to kick off our '21-22 season by bringing Rhiannon Giddens to our community. Her appearance is not to be missed."

Giddens' lifelong mission is to lift up people whose contributions to American musical history have previously been erased, and to work toward a more accurate understanding of the country's musical origins.

Giddens has performed for the Obamas at the White House, served as a Carnegie Hall "Perspectives" curator and received an inaugural Legacy of Americana Award from Nashville's National Museum of African American Music in partnership with the Americana Music Association.

Giddens began her musical studies at *Oberlin Conservatory's Opera Theater*. In 2005,



Giddens attended the Black Banjo Gathering in Boone, North Carolina, where she met the future members of her band, the Carolina Chocolate Drops, the first African American string band to perform at the Grand Ole Opry. In 2011, the band won a Grammy for Best Traditional Folk Album for "Genuine Negro Jig."

In 2015, Giddens launched her solo career with the critically acclaimed album "Tomorrow Is My Turn," honoring the works of African American artists like Florence Quivar and Nina Simone.

Giddens made her acting debut with a recurring role on the hit television show "Nashville," playing the character of Hanna Lee "Hallie" Jordan, a young social worker with "the voice of an angel."

In 2018, Giddens became the host of the Metropolitan Opera's podcast series "Aria Code," which dives into some of the most legendary arias, exploring key moments in opera and how they affect the listener through emotions.

Giddens released a new album this year titled "They're Calling Me Home," which was recorded in Ireland during the COVID-19 lockdown and speaks of the longing for the comfort of home as well as the metaphorical "call home" of death, a tragic reality for so many during the pandemic.

UPDATE: The location of the event has moved to the Toledo Museum of Art's Peristyle Theater. Attendees need to provide proof of vaccination or a negative PCR COVID-19 test administered within three days of the event.



OBITUARIES



GEORGINA MARIE MOLINA

Georgina Marie Molina (née Hatzinikolis), 65, of Toledo, passed away peacefully while asleep on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Spring Meadows Nursing Home, in Holland, Ohio.

Georgina was born April 26, 1956 in Toledo, the daughter of Steve N. and Diane M. (née Walczak) Hatzinikolis.

Georgina was a 1974 Woodward High School graduate; a proud Polar Bear. She attended St. Michael's Catholic School in Toledo. She was proud to be a "Point Placer, Shorelander and North Ender".

Georgina received her Associate's Degree from Davis Business College in Administrative Business, and attended the RN program at Owens Community College. She worked at the Toledo Hospital Emergency Room as Clinical Support, and also worked for Lucas County Metro Housing.

She became an Administrative Assistant to most of the Deans at the University of Toledo, having worked at both the main campus and the Scott Park campus, however she most enjoyed working under the Dean in the Department of International Studies; The Confucius Institute.

Georgina was a very caring, loving and generous lady who would put others needs before her own. She was an avid sports fan, especially of the Cleveland Indians [now the Guardians], Cleveland Browns, and The Ohio State Buckeyes.

In earlier years, she was known for her love of muscle cars, owning and racing some of the greats, such as her Stingray & GTO. She loved her cats, (the late Mojo and Bongo), Tiger and Hunter who survive her. She loved to travel and take day trips with her husband, Fred.

She is survived by her husband Alfred "Fred" Molina; daughter, Maria Rodriguez (Jon Wiemer); numerous step-children; brothers, Mike Hatzinikolis and Steve Hatzinikolis II; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve Hatzinikolis and step-mother, Nancy Hatzinikolis, mother, Diane Perryman; siblings, Connie Perryman, Sheila Zagoric, Tina Lang, and Jim Lang.

Visitation is scheduled for 12-8 pm on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at David R. Jasin-Hoening Funeral Home, 5300 N. Summit St., Toledo Ohio 43611. Services will begin in the funeral home on Wednesday at 11:00 am. Pastor Andy Garber, officiating. Burial will follow in Clay Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be considered to Woodward High School Alumni Association. Online expressions of sympathy may be made by visiting www.hoeningfuneralhome.com.



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Detroit Shoreway Community Health Center
6412 Franklin Boulevard
Cleveland, OH 44102
(en la esquina de la West 65th y Franklin Blvd.)
Lunes, Martes, Miércoles y Viernes
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Jueves 12 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

North Coast Community Health Center
16110 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107
Lunes, Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes
8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Martes: 12 p.m.–7:30 p.m.*
**No tendremos horas en la tarde del cuarto martes del mes*

Puritas Community Health Center
14625 Puritas Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44135
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Martes y Viernes 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Miércoles 12 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Ridge Community Health Center
3569 Ridge Road
Cleveland, OH 44102
(esquina de la Ridge y Denison, al lado de Dave's Mercado)
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Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
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Tremont Community Health Center
2358 Professor Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113
Lunes 12 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Martes, Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

W. 117 Community Health Center
11709 Lorain Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44111
(esquina de W. 117th y Lorain Ave.)
Lunes, Martes, Miércoles y Viernes
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Jueves 12 p.m.–7:30 p.m.



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NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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Wednesday, Sept. 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
South Lorain Branch

Saturday, Sept. 18
2 to 3 p.m.
Domonkas Branch

Thursday, Oct. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
North Ridgeville Branch

CELEBRAMOS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: A BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Join us for a bilingual story time and enjoy stories, songs, activities and a craft. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
11:15 to 11:45 a.m.
Columbia Branch

VIVA LA CULTURA: HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

A celebration of cultural activities, music and food. Preregistration required.

Saturday, Sept. 25
2 to 4 p.m.
Main Library

Monday, Sept. 27
6 to 7:30 p.m.
South Lorain Branch



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Wear a cloth mask or face covering when out in public.



Avoid close contact with people by staying 6 feet apart from others.



Stay home if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms



Other symptoms could include difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

Symptoms typically develop within 2-14 days of being exposed. Most people with COVID-19 will experience mild illness that does not require hospitalization, but some people who are at higher risk for serious illness can develop further medical complications.

Some people are at higher risk for illness from COVID-19.

Those who are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 include people who:

- Are 65 and older.
- Live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
- Have serious heart conditions.
- Have weakened immune systems.
- Are any age and have an underlying health condition (particularly if not well controlled), such as diabetes, obesity, kidney disease or liver disease.

If you are in one of these categories, come up with a plan with your health care provider to identify your health risks for COVID-19 and how to manage symptoms. Contact your doctor right away if you do have symptoms.



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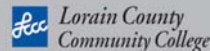
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Metroparks and SMART Launch Metropark Express – A Transit Pilot Aimed at Improving Equitable Access to Parks and Recreation

First ever public transit connection to a Metropark kicks off September 3, 2021
 The Huron-Clinton Metroparks and SMART announced the launch of a joint collaboration aimed at promoting health and improving equitable access to parks and recreation. Metropark Express is a pilot transit program in partnership with SMART. Visitors can take a SMART Flex on-demand service from the Gratiot & 15 Mile bus stop to popular destinations within Lake St. Clair Metropark, including the:

- Plaza (Beach, pool, splash pad, adventure golf, food bar, park office, playground)
- Boat Launch
- Nature Center (Nature Trails)
- Daysail

The new SMART Flex service is a transit option that uses a mobile app for individuals and groups to schedule a ride on the Metropark Express – powered by SMART – and travel the last few miles from Gratiot and 15 Mile to several destinations within Lake St. Clair Metropark. The bus stop location is convenient for parkgoers to use the SMART network of fixed routes, including 563 FAST Gratiot, to connect from downtown Detroit and surrounding areas into the park. Rides to Lake St. Clair Metropark on the on the Metropark Express will be offered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between September 3rd, 2021 and September 5th, 2022.

SMART Flex vans can carry up to five passengers at a time, and wheelchair accessible vans can be requested. If a reservation is made for a party larger than five, SMART will deploy multiple vehicles to take visitors to the park.

Learn more at www.smartbus.org or www.metroparks.com.

MIRC to Serve More Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors in Michigan

Since its inception, MIRC has served unaccompanied children released to parents, guardians, relatives, or other qualified sponsors in Michigan. In past years, we were only able to serve those children using very limited local immigration legal services funding in some parts of the state, and the number of cases MIRC could take was low. We are pleased to announce that our funding has expanded and we are now able to represent more children released to sponsors in Michigan. This increase in resources will allow us to serve the vast majority of unaccompanied children in Michigan.



MIRC staff and the legal services network we are a part of are working to inform children and families of this option for free representation. We would also appreciate the community’s support in sharing this information with those you believe might benefit from our services. MIRC can take the cases of most unaccompanied children who are in removal proceedings. They must be under 18 for MIRC to take the case. To be screened for eligibility, sponsors may call our intake line at (734) 239-6863.

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More Than Music: Jazz Talk Schedule Announced for Tri-C JazzFest

Each year, *Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland* hosts enlightening conversations and interviews with artists on topics relevant to the jazz world. The dialogue will continue at the 42nd annual festival, presented by KeyBank Sept. 11-12, 2021 at Cain Park in Cleveland Heights.

Conversations will take place throughout the festival in the Jazz Talk Tent, featuring artists, radio hosts, a producer, a writer and a historian.

"Because we take our educational mission seriously, these offerings are important to us," said Terri Pontremoli, director of Tri-C JazzFest. "They're always interesting, but they're fun, too."

Below is a schedule of talks, listed by date and time:

Saturday, Sept. 11
 • **Jazz Heights!** | 4:15 p.m.

Jazz historian Joe Mosbrook and producer Jim Wadsworth discuss *Nighttown* and the rich legacy of Cleveland Heights jazz clubs and musicians.

• **The Roots of Latin Jazz** | 7:15 p.m.

Radio host *Tony Vásquez* and musician *Mich Frohman* (Spanish Harlem Orchestra) talk about the Cuba/Puerto Rico/New York Latin jazz lineage.

• **The Ballad of Tommy LiPuma** | 8:45 p.m.

Mark Ribbins interviews author/musician *Ben Sidran* about his recent biography of beloved record producer *Tommy LiPuma*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Sunday, Sept. 12
 • **The Ballad of Tommy LiPuma** | 3 p.m.

Radio host *Jack Marchbanks* interviews *Sidran* about his *LiPuma* biography. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

• **Back to Max: Jazz and Social Awareness** | 4:30 p.m.

Marchbanks talks with drummer *Jerome Jennings* about his recordings centered on social issues and reflects on *We Insist! Max Roach's Freedom Now Suite*.

• **Pandemonia: What I Did During Lockdown** | 7:30 p.m.

Dan Polletta hosts a discussion with *Emmet Cohen* and *Dominick Farinacci* about playing music in 2020, sans live audiences.

The festival will also feature performances by Tri-C JazzFest Academy students in the *Strassman Insurance Services Colonnade* between main stage sets. Student bands will perform beginning at 4:15 p.m. Sept. 11 and 3 p.m. Sept. 12.

Food trucks, vendors and street performers add to the daily fun. A Kids Club, sponsored by U.S. Bank and free to the public, will feature live music, dancing, balloons and

music-related crafts from noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Cain Park playground area.

The 2021 lineup is a music lover's delight. The young and diverse lineup includes: *Lakecia Benjamin, Emmet Cohen, Bria Skonberg, Catherine Russell, Spanish Harlem Orchestra* and many others. Visit triczjazzfest.com for the full lineup and schedules. All schedules are subject to change.

Passes, sold by the day, are available through ticketmaster.com or by calling 216-371-3000. Reserved passes are tiered, available for \$50, \$65, \$75 and \$100. Lawn seating is \$35.

Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland is made possible by Cuyahoga Community College, KeyBank, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ohio Arts Council, The George Gund Foundation, Strassman Insurance Services Inc. and a growing list of donors and vendors. Cain Park is owned and operated by the City of Cleveland Heights.



COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador Program (C-VAP)

C-VAP equips neighborhood advocates, community outreach workers, and local activists, with resources and tools to:

- Explain the benefits and potential side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines;
- Dispel myths and misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccines; and
- Answer questions and provide resources related to COVID-19 vaccine readiness.

Developed by Case Western Reserve University, in partnership with the Cleveland Department of Public Health, C-VAP is a 3-hour training divided into two, 1.5 hours virtual sessions. Led by clinicians and public health professionals, participants engage in role-playing, fact sharing, and receive the latest vaccine information. Trained ambassadors will be better equipped to engage peers, family, and community members around the COVID-19 vaccines.

Next offering:

Tuesday, September 14th & 21st 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Registration is required. Register for part 1 and 2 at: <https://cvapsept2021.eventbrite.com>

Contacts:

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Vaccination Card Lamination

Each of our branches is offering free lamination service of the COVID-19 vaccination cards. Please note this service is for vaccination cards only.

City Fresh Produce PickUps

Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; 4 p.m.

City Fresh is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program working to create access to fresh, local vegetables for all. With a weekly payment, participants receive a grab bag of fresh seasonal produce for pick up at either the Main Library or the South Branch. For more information, please visit cityfresh.org.

How to Make Your Freezer Part of Your Pantry

Monday, Sept. 13; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at *Domonkas Branch*

Tuesday, Sept. 14 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at *North Ridgeville Branch*
Learn how to make the most of your freezer space to assist in creating fast, frugal and delicious meals. Preregistration required.

Domonkas Friends General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 14; 6 p.m. *Domonkas Branch*
Join a fun group of other library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs.

Cookbook Discussion: "The Little Library Cookbook: 100 Recipes from Your Favorite Books" by Kate Young

Tuesday, Sept. 14; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Main Library*
If you love to read, cook learn and share recipes, this group is for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbooks and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Preregistration required.

Chess Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; 4 p.m. *South Lorain Branch*
Open play sessions are for all levels, from beginner to expert. This chess club is registered with the United States Chess Foundation.

Hispanic Heritage HowTo: Cooking Arroz Con Gandules (Puerto Rican Rice with Pigeon Peas)

Wednesday, Sept. 15; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the *South Lorain Branch*
Saturday, Sept. 18; 2 to 3 p.m. at the *Domonkas Branch*

Learn how to cook this Puerto Rican signature dish to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Arroz Con Gandules is a combination of rice, pigeon peas, pork and sofrito. Preregistration required.

Knife Skills

Wednesday, Sept. 15; 6:30 p.m. at the *Columbia Branch*
Learn how to safely use different kinds of knives and which knives are used for different types of food. Cutting technique tips will be included. Preregistration required.

The Butler Did It Mystery Book Discussion: "Bluebird, Bluebird" by Attica Locke

Wednesday, Sept. 15; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *North Ridgeville Branch*
Spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making friends. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Urban Farm to Table - for Kids and Family

Wednesday, Sept. 15; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Main Library*

Learn about our urban garden and how growing, harvesting and eating vegetables can be fun and delicious. This program is cosponsored by Hope for Futures. Preregistration required.

Connect to a Cause Day

Thursday, Sept. 16 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc. is taking part in the Community Foundation of Lorain County's second annual Connect to a Cause event. This 12-hour crowdfunding campaign allows people to support any one or more of over 60 non-profit organizations in Lorain County.

Book Sale

Thursday, Sept. 16, 23; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Fridays, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 20 and Tuesday, Sept. 21 and Wednesday, Sept. 22; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Main Library
Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Sept. 21 is Nickel Day and Sept. 22 is Penny Day.

Columbia Fiber Arts Group

Thursdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30; Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Noon to 4 p.m. *Columbia Branch*
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El Centro de Servicios Sociales Próximos Eventos September 2021



El Centro reabrirá la puerta principal el martes 7 de septiembre de 2021. Le damos las gracias a todos por el apoyo y comprensión durante todo este tiempo en que nos vimos obligados a ofrecer los servicios de una manera poco tradicional.

Durante el mes de agosto, continuaremos brindando servicios como lo hemos hecho durante los últimos 18 meses, de manera virtual, por teléfono y solo con cita previa.

Si necesitas servicios o venir a la oficina, le recomendamos que llame primero a la oficina (440-277-8235) para recibir instrucciones del nuevo procedimiento para visitas.

El equipo de atención de COVID de El Centro ahora puede programar citas de vacunación de COVID-19 de primera y segunda dosis en asociación con el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Lorain. Para registrarse, llame al 440-240-7064 para hablar con un Consejero del equipo de atención de COVID. Este servicio está disponible tanto en inglés como en español.

Tutoría gratuita - 231Go! El programa colaborativo de escuelas intermedia de El Centro está ofreciendo tutoría y sesiones de ayuda con la tarea con cita previa. Contamos con tutores bilingües disponibles durante todo el año escolar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Verónica González al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014.

Grupo de apoyo en español GRATUITO de cuidandose de COVID de El Centro. El grupo se reúne todos los miércoles de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm a través de por la plataforma electrónica llamada Zoom durante siete semanas (la fecha de inicio se anunciará). Para obtener más información o registrarse, llame a Anabel Barron al 440-277-8235).

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Street designated after late Latino City Council president, Louis Escobar

By La Prensa Staff

A former Latino Toledo City Council president received a posthumous honor Aug. 18, 2021 when Toledo's mayor and various city council members officially designated a portion of Adams Street in Uptown Toledo as: "Louis Escobar Way." The ceremony came just shy of a year after the



70-year-old Escobar's death.

Escobar served two, four-year terms on Toledo City Council, including three years as its president. He held the distinctions of becoming the first gay man and first Latino to be elected to city council. The ceremony took place at the intersection of Adams and 13th Streets. A rainbow pattern was painted onto the crosswalks at that same intersection.



"Louis Escobar was an outstanding public servant, but more importantly, he was an even better person, and when we served together on Toledo City Council, he was someone who I looked up to and respected," said Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz said. "Toledo was fortunate to have such a dedicated public servant."

"Louis was a trailblazer and leaves behind an incredible legacy in Toledo," said Councilman Nick Komives. "We are honored to rename a portion of Adams Street

— very close to what is now 'Pride Way' — after Louis Escobar."

Kelly Altenberger, Escobar's long-time partner and later husband, attended the ceremony, which was fittingly held just before Toledo Pride weekend with events held downtown and a Sunday brunch crawl on Adams St.

"I want them to remember that his heart was with the community," Altenberger told La Prensa shortly after Escobar's death. "He was a tireless advocate for what he thought was right for the community. He was surrounded by people who had their own agendas, but he never let those other agendas get in his way. Louis was different. Louis built bridges. I think that was part of his success."

Escobar developed a reputation as a 'consensus-builder' as city council president, sometimes angering his own Democratic party with some of his decisions. Escobar was known to reach across the aisle to council Republicans and regarded council committee appointments in a nonpartisan manner.

Escobar actively worked toward social jus-

stice within the Latino community, devoting a lot of his time to causes and concerns such as education, healthcare, diversity, and cultural competence. He, along

with his close friend—political activist Connie Eason—received a Diamante Award in 2002.

Most of Escobar's career was devoted to public service—five years as a Catholic priest, as a jail counselor, as a probation officer, as a facilitator/director of a self-help group for people living with HIV/AIDS, and as a substance abuse counselor and then as a director of Adelante, Inc. He also ran a homeless shelter and served as interim coordinator at the University of Toledo's Multicultural Student Center.

As the executive director of Adelante, Inc., Escobar doubled the social service nonprofit's budget, introduced innovative, culturally-sensitive programs, and was instrumental in coordinating Adelante's fifth year anniversary celebration and in creating César E. Chávez Humanitarian Awards banquet.

Escobar himself was awarded the César E. Chávez Humanitarian Award at the 2010 ceremony.

NOTE: In La Prensa photo is Louis Escobar with Councilwoman Theresa Morris.

Mercy Health, Metroparks dedicate 'FitPark: Climb'

Mercy Health Foundation and Metroparks Toledo will unveil the latest in a series of outdoor recreation activities, FitPark: Climb, a portable rock-climbing simulator.

The 32-foot-tall wall made by Spectrum Sports International can accommodate five climbers at a time, with a pulley and safety harnesses for each climber. It is mounted to a trailer so it can travel to various locations.

"When Mercy Health and Metroparks Toledo started on the journey to offer unique and healthy ways to enjoy the parks, we envisioned areas where visitors of all abilities would be challenged to get fit while enjoying the outdoors," said Bob Baxter, president, Mercy Health - Toledo. "We can now add

community members as they seek enrichment of mind, body and spirit." The Mercy Health Foundation is donating \$100,000 a year for five years to fund the purchase and installation of FitParks. Each unique FitPark provides healthy, free or low-cost outdoor recreation opportunities.

The first FitPark, with outdoor exercise equipment, opened in 2018 at Wildwood Preserve. FitPark: Paddle, a kayak landing at Side Cut park and the region's first "kayak share" at Howard Marsh, opened in 2019. FitPark: Ride, a mountain bike skills course with 21 obstacles, also opened in 2019 at Oak Openings Preserve. FitPark: Climb will be used at various events including Metroparks annual Outdoor Expo, Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Blue Creek Metropark in Whitehouse. It will also be part of an event sponsored by the NAACP and Metroparks Sunday, Sep-

tember 12 at Glass City Metropark, which will bring climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and other outdoor activities to the banks of the Maumee River in East Toledo.

The wall was first used during Jeep Fest weekend, when an estimated 700 kids tested their climbing skills at Hensville Park downtown.

"FitParks are a concept developed between our two organizations to add new facilities and activities in the Metropark," said aa, executive director of Metroparks Toledo. "It is a wonderful example of a creative partnership that serves both of our goals - Mercy Health's advocacy of healthy lifestyles and Metroparks efforts to create memorable outdoor experiences. Working together, we are getting people more active and, we believe, sparking a lifelong love of the outdoors."

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SAO Scholarship Awards announced

By La Prensa Staff

The Spanish American Organization (SAO) will award three \$1,000 scholarships to Latino students at a pregame baseball ceremony on Sept. 16, 2021. *Latino Heritage Night with the Toledo Mud Hens* will be held at Fifth Third Field on Thursday, Sept. 16, during pregame ceremonies of a game between Toledo and the Columbus Clippers, which is scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m. SAO and *LaPrensa* will award several scholarships, while special guests with throw out the ceremonial first pitch and sing the national anthem.

Lourdes University nursing students *Brittany Seloom* and *Marissa Smith* each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to continue their studies, while 2021 Start High School graduate *Kylie Copeland* is this year's recipient of the *Frances Martínez* scholarship, which is also \$1,000.

Ms. Seloom is nearly finished with her bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) and carries a 3.25 GPA. She currently works as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) while pursuing her education.

"Although money is not everything, I want to become financially stable through education and obtain a good job because growing up I watched my single mom struggle. She worked as a waitress for all her life, and it did not provide her with the income that was suitable for a family," Ms. Seloom wrote in her scholarship essay.

Ms. Seloom's goal is to eventually earn her master's degree and become a nurse practitioner, crediting her parents for giving her the motivation

and drive to pursue all her goals, whether it was sports at a young age or higher education now.

"I want to show my love for nursing through positive attitude, empathy, and hard work to get patients what they deserve in the health care. Community teaching about health and wellness is very important because nurses can educate others about different risk factors and signs and symptoms of different diseases. Education for me is important, but ultimately, I think for myself to be able to pass on and educate others is so powerful!" her essay concluded.

Marissa Smith is pursuing a nursing degree, inspired by her mom who works as an STNA and was never able to finish her higher education because she raised three kids as a single parent for a time. She also wants to use her experiences with ADHD and anxiety to help others.

"One of my goals is to open my own practice under a doctor for mental health. I have learned a lot about mental health the past few years. I think it is very important for someone to understand their mental health and get help if they need it," she wrote in her scholarship essay. "Having people there to support me and understand my mental health has helped me a lot."

Some of her other goals include earning an internship in pediatric nursing, so she can learn more about what it takes to succeed in that profession. Ms. Smith also hopes to one day travel the world to help others in struggling countries on relief missions.

"The less fortunate need health care too. That is the most important thing as me becoming a nurse is being that person to help anyone in need and if someone needs something they can come to me," she concluded in her essay.

Ms. Smith also uses her spare time to volunteer for *Habitat for Humanity* and the TRIO program at *Lourdes University*.

Kylie Copeland is attending *Owens Community College*, where she is studying physical therapy. She maintained a 3.5 GPA and took several honors courses, while also playing volleyball and softball at Start High School. She is a first-generation college student.

"Sports themselves have taught me what hard work and dedication can create," Ms. Copeland wrote in her scholarship essay. "I see myself coaching many different levels of teams, also even going back to the schools and help train and assist youth athletic programs. I want to make Toledo great and really get our young student athletes the chances and opportunities they should get to go far."

A couple of the scholarship recipients also noted the struggles and difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and having to resort to online learning instead of the normal classroom setting in their scholarship essays.

Tickets are still available for Latino Heritage Night at \$16 each and can be purchased from SAO officers *Carmen Barbosa* (419.290.3082), *Phil Barbosa* (419.215.7941), *Mary Morales* (419.270.1076) and *Adrienne Chasteen* of *LaPrensa* (419.870.2797).



Marie Flannery

KeyBank, NeighborWorks and The Fair Housing Center collaborate to expand access to home loans for single-family properties

TOLEDO, September 2, 2021: *KeyBank*, *NeighborWorks Toledo Region*, and *The Fair Housing Center* are partnering to make financing single-family homes easier and more affordable for low- to moderate-income individuals and families throughout the city of Toledo.

The program, which is funded by a \$3 million investment from *KeyBank* and administered by *NeighborWorks*, will provide an estimated 60 first mortgage and refinance loans at below market rates to borrowers in primarily LMI neighborhoods throughout the city of Toledo. To be eligible, borrowers must have an annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the area median income.

"*KeyBank* is pleased to partner with *NeighborWorks* and *The Fair Housing Center* to invest in and help revitalize the communities that enrich our region by making the dream of homeownership and

home improvement a reality," said *Jim Hoffman*, president, Northwest Ohio Market, *KeyBank*. "By turning distressed properties into valued residential assets, as well as creating an affordable pathway to purchase and improve homes, we hope to help neighborhoods and people thrive."

Loan applicants will be required to attend a *NeighborWorks* home buyer orientation session, as well as individual counseling sessions that will include an affordability analysis. Additional credit counseling, credit repair instructions and on-site home buyer education will be offered by *NeighborWorks Financial Opportunity Center*.

"*NeighborWorks* views *KeyBank's* investment as a tremendous opportunity to add home purchase resources that will benefit low- and moderate-income consumers. *NeighborWorks Toledo Region* is honored to play this vital role in promoting home ownership in our community," said *William Farnsel*, executive director, *NeighborWorks*.

NeighborWorks's underwriting standards will be used to qualify loan applicants and applications will be submitted for consideration to an internal loan committee made up of senior *NeighborWorks* management. The *Fair Housing Center* will ensure the program is inclusive and delivers on its goal of building communities that create and offer opportunity for all.

"Homeownership is the foundation of personal security and strong, stable neighborhoods," said *Marie Flannery*, President and CEO of *The Fair Housing Center*. "Unfortunately, this opportunity is too often out of reach for many in our community. Partnering with *KeyBank* and *NeighborWorks* is a crucial step to expand access to homeownership so that all of our neighborhoods are inclusive, vibrant places to live."

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By special arrangement, pre-sale tickets for TSO returning with the unforgettable show that started it all, "Christmas Eve and Other Stories" will be on sale to Toledo Zoo members beginning Thur., Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m.

PASSWORD FOR ZOO MEMBER PRESALE: TSOZOO

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COVID-19 UPDATE: In the event the office is not staffed to receive early, hand-delivered bids, bidders may drop off sealed bids to the aforementioned office address through the front door slot. Staff will be present at the Fallen Timbers Field Office for one hour prior to bid opening. If social distancing becomes problematic due to bid-opening turnout, the opening will be held outside or in an adjacent larger facility. Advise mask use per current CDC guidelines.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of construction of a ~6,175 sq. ft. pre-engineered metal building to replacing a fully removed, fire damaged maintenance structure. General construction involves the general building trades plus plumbing, mechanical and electrical. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$20 is required for each set of full-size documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

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Walk-through Location: Plant Operations Building

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