

The Ludlow Link

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Did you know?

- The Ludlow Community Association was the first community organization to be established in the City of Shaker Heights.
- The Ludlow Community Association was organized for the purpose of (a) maintaining a community atmosphere which encourages the continuation of a multiracial neighborhood, (b) engages in activities necessary to maintain a racially-integrated community, (c) maintaining high physical standards of property, (d) presenting public discussions, forums, panels, lectures, or published materials for the education of the general public.
- The Ludlow Community Association was established in 1957; its first President was Irwin Barnett (1957-58)

LCA Board Members 2010-2011

Co-Presidents:

Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells - Ludlow Road
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Gwen Chapman—Corby Road
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- Van Aken Boulevard

Treasurer: Susan Rotatori—Ludlow
Co-Treasurer: Maggie Carlson—
Onaway

2010—A Great Year in Ludlow!

With tremendous support from community residents, 2010 was a great year in Ludlow!

Building on the renewed engagement of residents in 2009, LCA continued to bring residents together to address a wide range of issues and, most importantly, to keep up the spirit of Ludlow!

We began the year with a New Year Party—instead of our “traditional” Holiday Party before Christmas—at Ludlow School. Almost 100 residents came together for great food and dancing to a dynamic DJ! There was a 50-50 raffle won by Mary Ann Kovach who donated her winnings back to LCA. There was spirited line dancing with almost everyone on the floor—moving their bodies with gusto!



Ludlow residents kicking up their heels at the annual summer picnic!

Among the successful events was the Summer Picnic at Ludlow School on August 23rd. There were almost 400 residents who came to enjoy hot dogs and sweet corn off the grill, a wide assortment of salads, dips, spreads, and other picnic foods. Activities included a DJ who kept everyone dancing with a wide variety of music, rides on the famous Euclid Beach *Rocket Car*, and games for

youth. This was the third year for the revival of the Summer Picnic and you can look forward to the 4th annual this year.

Many thanks to the many volunteers from the community who work to plan and implement these events. Remember: there is always an opportunity for new volunteers, for new ideas, and for helping to keep Ludlow strong!

Membership in the Ludlow Community Association

Everyone who lives the Ludlow School District is a member of the LCA and receives community information, however, to be a voting member you are required to pay annual dues of \$10 per person. **Your dues help to cover the costs special events for the community** as well as for mailing of information to residents of the community.

Please come to our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM in the former Ludlow School building (now PEP)** to pay your dues and elect new officers for the next 2 years. You may mail your dues payment to: **13702 Corby Road, Cleveland, OH 44120**. Check out the LCA website at: www.LudlowCommunity.org

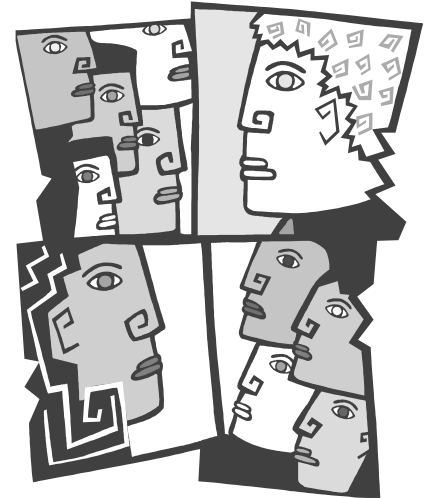


Justice Brown and Family

The Brown Family, 38-year residents of Sebor Road, continues to make favorable contributions to the community. On July 6, 2010, Mrs. Brown, widow of Justice Lloyd O. Brown and Retired Director of Fine Arts Department, with Cleveland Schools recognized Justice Brown. Along with her children, Lloyd Odum Brown, Leslie Brown-Vincent, and Raymond Scott Brown, grandchildren, neighbor, Mrs. Norma Fleming-the portrait artist, a host of family members, friends, community members and supporters filled the Columbus court room at this recognition ceremony. The portrait was presented by his two sons, and his daughter gave a brief history of Justice. Brown. Justice Brown is

recognized as the second African American Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio. In Addition he is recognized as the first African American Justice to have his portrait displayed in the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio. Justice and Mrs. Brown have always believed that community service is a key component of their fabric. They modeled community service, not just for their children, but for others as well, in hopes of motivating them to serve. Justice Brown is described by his daughter as a man who met no strangers. Whether at the grocer, in his yard or at work, he took a genuine interest in people. Ludlow residents can expect follow-up details, as to the impact of

this first year's introduction of these Black History facts, locally and nationally



The Goulds and Students at Carnegie Hall

Eric and Diana Gould, Becket Road residents, will perform on Friday, February 25, 2011 at Carnegie Hall. These two music teachers of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Lower campus of the Cleveland School of the Arts and their students are excited about the honor of having been selected to perform at a musically renowned site. This opportunity has led to

putting time into intensive rehearsals, but they have been diligent in their preparation for this event. In addition to the intensive rehearsal time, a very successful fund raiser was held on Saturday, February 6, 2011. The fund raiser was held at the Shoreby Club located at 40 Shoreby Drive, in Bratenahl. Our Ludlow Community Association wishes them well as they travel to

New York to partake of this awesome opportunity. Upon their return we will, anticipate getting the details of this event, including the experience gained by the students, the reception received, and the rewards gained by the Goulds for having ventured into this activity with such commitment, diligence, and tireless service to the school, students, and community overall.

Congrats to Ludlow Neighbors!

The *Neighborhood Leadership Institute* welcomes Ludlow neighbors Julie Donaldson, and Billie Williams into its 27th class. NLI trains grassroots leaders who will contribute to the rebuilding of community bonds. In addition to this Julie, a new participant with LCA, successfully chaired our Holiday Event on January 9, 2011, at Lud-

low School. 9 youth participants, in the Hampton Road Beautification Project earned certificates, they are as follows, Kenyatta Dennis, Rhonda Dennis, Shrona Dennis, Sean Don, Delonte Ford, GoVonte Johnson, Dontrel Person, Asha Polk, and Calvin Welch. Another youth, Kavanaugh Iron was the winner of the summer Limbo contest. We

acknowledge Mrs. Norma Fleming, as the artist of Justice Brown's portrait for the July 6, 2010 ceremony, in Columbus. She is the widow of Judge Charles Fleming, and a retired supervisor of Reading, English and Language Arts Department with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. She is the first African American to have her work displayed.

Happy New Year in Ludlow!

This year we made a change in the date and location for our annual Holiday Party. Instead of gathering *before* Christmas, we had a New Year's Party on Sunday, January 9th at Ludlow School. About 60 Ludlow residents came together for pot-luck appetizers and desserts plus beverages.

The annual Holiday Party—with outdoor and indoor caroling—was held for more than 40 years at the home of Bush and Lavona Olmsted on Keswick Road. When the Olmsteds moved away, the event has hosted for several years at the Chelimsky's home on Onaway; Dr. Thomas Chelimsky was a former President of LCA.



Good friends and good times!



IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR NEW “GATEWAYS” TO LUDLOW

Ludlow's strongest assets help form its unique character, and also contribute to a sustainable lifestyle. Within easy walking distance, residents have access to shopping, dining, schools and parks, and ample light rail and other public transportation services provide ready access to the city beyond. A mature tree canopy and pleasant sidewalks encourage walking.

These amenities are ideal for our diverse intergenerational population with residents of all ages. Services in adjacent neighborhoods that meet the needs of all residents from young children to seniors make the Ludlow neighborhood ideal to serve multiple needs.

These are the strengths our neighborhood wants to reinforce and capitalize on, making a neighborhood where people can live healthily, reducing environmental impacts and energy use, grow and learn and age in place for life long learning with the support of a strong local community.

A. Gateways that brand LUDLOW

1. Commission gateway sculpture for an Onaway / Van Aken location.
2. Provide gateway artwork to identify the community at key intersections.
3. Plant entry gardens for identification of “Ludlow Historic Village”

B. Enhance our Open Spaces

1. Implement selected plantings at Onaway/Ashwood (around old skating rink)
2. Replace diseased ash trees on median with large trees to form new canopy high above the gateway at street level.

To continue implementation of the Beautification Project we are considering a competition for the

design of appropriate artwork for branding our community and promoting its historic heritage. The creation of artful metalwork would provide another distinctive component of the community. Such a competition would be promoted throughout north-east Ohio.

We are seeking additional funding for this project to continue into phases two and three of our strategic plan for the Ludlow Community.

Ludlow residents *in the News*

IN MEMORIAM

On behalf of the Ludlow Community Association, sincere condolences are extended to the families, friends, and neighbors of the following long-time Ludlow residents: **William BANKS, Cynthia COLLIER, Kathryn KAY** (former *Connection* Editor), **Lee NOSS, Paul ROSE, and Ruth RUCKER**. And as we go to print with this issue we have been informed of the death of **Mercedes Helen (Karpinski) SPOTTS**—sister of LCA Board member The Honorable Diane Karpinski.

May you continue to reflect on wonderful memories as you move through each day. We would also like to thank you for your support of their community service contributions, as well as your past, present, and future contributions to the Ludlow neighborhood, and the Ludlow Community Association. We look forward to working with you!

ED NOTE: Please keep us informed about your Ludlow friends and neighbors. We would like to feature them or at least mention their name in *The Ludlow Link*. Let's celebrate the good things of life together and remember those who have helped to make the good things happen.

If you have news for the Shaker Square CONNECTION please contact Susan Rotatori—who writes a special column about the Ludlow Community.



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