Road program includes asphalt, concrete repairs

Berea’s 2019 road repair program includes asphalt and concrete repairs and crack sealing to 12 streets.

**Asphalt work will be done on:**
- The Mall (Grayton to Wesley)
- Buckeye/Cross intersection
- Race Street (from the Longbrooke line to Crossbrook)
- Brockton Circle
- Wyleswood Drive (from Woodmere to the Longbrooke line)
- Austin/Andrew/Franklin/Fuller streets

**Concrete repairs are scheduled for:**
- French Street
- Hartman Street

The work will begin in late summer and will include some sidewalk repairs where needed. The City has budgeted $600,000 for this annual project and the scope of the work depends on the current prices of asphalt and concrete.

Traffic will be maintained in at least one direction and in some cases access to driveways may be temporarily disrupted.

The City uses multiple contractors and allows flexibility in their schedule. Work is typically performed on several streets at the same time. As a result, there will be periods of time when no work is being done on a particular street. The contractor is responsible for leaving the work site safe, whether working there or not. The process improves production and allows the City’s road repair funds to reach more streets each year.

For questions or concerns, contact the Service Department at (440) 826-5816.

**Use city web site to report concerns**

Potholes, unsightly graffiti, overgrown grass are concerns for residents and city officials. Residents can report such issues using the City’s web site.

Go to www.cityofberea.org. Click on Report a Concern on the main page. There are four options – Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety and Service Department. Click on the option that applies to your concern. Fill out the information and attach a photo if you’d like. You will get an immediate response that the concern has been assigned to a specific department or individual. There will be follow-up. You also can check on how the resolution of your issue is progressing.

There are several categories from which to choose, including Noise Disturbance, Property Maintenance Concern, Graffiti or Damage to a City Park or Playground, Brush Collection Pickup, Downed Trees or Limbs, Pot Holes and Speeders. There also is a General Request Form if your issue doesn’t fit into these other categories.

The Report a Concern link is monitored daily to ensure that departments are responding quickly and that your issues are resolved.

Residents not comfortable with computers can call City Hall at (440) 826-5800.

**Check out the June Program Guide inside for more information on the upcoming youth and family summer events Berea has to offer!!**

Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram page name is: City of Berea, Ohio www.cityofberea.org

**IT’S SUMMERTIME**

**And Time For Our Annual “Feed The Kids” Summer Lunch Program**

We will provide lunches to Berea area children this summer beginning June 10th thru August 16th, 2018 from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Brown bag lunches will be distributed at two locations:
- Peoples Community Church, 631 N. Rocky River Dr.
- St. Mary’s School, 665 Baker Street

This summer program is sponsored by Berea Area Ministers Assn. and other Community Organizations

This summer program is open to those families in the Berea City School District who are on free or reduced meals, and may need a little extra assistance during the summer months.

For more information contact Mia, Marsha Davidson at 440-247-7219.

**Race Street will be repaired from the Longbrooke line to Crossbrook.**

**Wyleswood Drive will receive asphalt repairs from Woodmere to the Longbrooke subdivision line.**
Bulky trash collection

Friday, June 21

Bulk trash includes large items such as furniture, appliances, carpeting & any large objects that will not fit into the regular blue trash container.

Questions: Call Republic Services at (800) 433-1309

Trash collection delayed

Because of the Independence Day holiday on Thursday, July 4 curbside trash pickup will be delayed that week.

Trash will be picked up: Saturday, July 6

Recycling Tip of the Month

Cuyahoga Recycles offers supplies and support to or- ganizations and schools that want to get involved in environmental clean-up efforts. Clean Up Cuyahoga kits include recycling bags, garbage bags, cloth gloves, car litter bags, seed packets, educational materials and promotional items. Cuyahoga Recycles also loans shovels, garden tools, litter pickup tools, safety vests and gardening gloves.

To request a kit, go to https://cuyahogarecycles.org/
clean_up_cuyahoga. Take before and after photos of your project and post on social media with the hashtag #trashtag.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Tires, Computers

June 14-15

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Berea Service Garage

400 Barrett Road

These household materials will be accepted:

- Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers or coatings (aerosol or liquid), varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, caustic household cleaners, pool chemicals, automotive fluids, motor oil, adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealers, kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid.
- Four-foot-long T-8 and T-12 fluorescent light bulbs will be accepted.
- Tires from passenger cars also will be accepted. Tires must be 20 inches or less with no rims. There is a limit of two tires per household.
- Computers and accessories will be collected. No other electronics will be accepted.

These materials will NOT be accepted:

- Latex paint, all batteries, explosives, propane tanks, gun powder, ammunition, flares, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, radioactive waste (smoke detectors), mercury vapor light bulbs or appliances.
- Latex paint is comprised mainly of water. It can be solidified by placing cat litter in the can. Once the litter is absorbed, the can may be placed in the blue rubber container for disposal.

For more information, call the Service Garage, (440) 826-5833.

Shred Fest, Electronics Roundup

Saturday, June 29

Parking Lot

A.B. Bonds Administration Building

275 Eastland Road

Shred Fest 9 a.m. to Noon

(Documents shredded on site)

Electronics Roundup 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

or until the truck is full

These items will be accepted: laptops, computers, serv- ers, routers, tablets, iPads, Kindles, toner, ink cartrid- ges, back-up batteries, Li ion laptop, phone batteries, test equipment, cables/wires, adapters, cable boxes, network equipment, circuit boards, modems, telecom equipment, CD ROM/hobby drives, telephones, cell phones, power supplies, keyboards, mice.

No TVs, monitors, printers, copiers or household bat- teries will be accepted.

Outdated prescription medicines will be disposed of by the exterior and indoor Collection and F.B. Center.

Eyglasses and eye glass cases will be donated to Lions International to be distributed to needy communities worldwide.

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Berea & City of Berea

City will rehab former college rental house

The City received five rental homes near the Baldwin Wallace University campus as part of a deal to build the University Market complex on Front Street. The homes were given to the City free of charge in exchange for a small parking area the developer wanted to complete the combined retail/BW dorm project.

Now the City has hired R.A. Kafitas Home Improvement Inc. to rehab the first of those five houses. The house is at 115 Seminary St. An ordinance approved by Berea City Council provides for $109,000 to install a new kitchen, bathroom and new flooring and upgrade the electrical sys- tem, among other tasks.

“The house looks OK on the outside, but it needs consid- erable work inside,” Mayor Cyril Kleem said. The home was rented to BW students and “they used it as a party house,” the Mayor said.

Service Director Paul Anzalone said his crews cleaned up the exterior and renovated the first floor and F.B. Center. He said the siding and roof are in good condition.

The house comes with a deed restriction that prohibits it from being a rental property. “We are turning this into a single-family, owner-occupied home,” the Mayor said.

Kafitas has a 12-week time frame to complete the work. The City hopes to sell the home for $150,000-$170,000, which is comparable to other homes in that neighborhood. Profits from the sale will be used to rehab some of the other houses. One or two of the houses are in very bad shape and the Mayor said they may be razed and the lots sold.

“We already are getting calls about those five houses,” Mayor Kleem said. “People want to move into that neighbor- hood.”

Eight firms responded to the City’s request for qualifica- tions to renovate the Seminary Street house. The top three were asked to submit requests for proposals. Kafitas was selected as the most responsive and responsible.

Council is considering a resolution establishing a Home Ownership Zone in the college district that would encour- age homeowners to place deed restrictions on their proper- ties to prevent rentals. The resolution also calls for the City to continue to transform rental units into single- family, owner-occupied homes. The Mayor emphasized that this is a policy statement and is non-binding. Council has not yet voted on that resolution.

News Briefs

City bans sale of vaping devices to minors

A new ordinance bans the sale of electronic smoking devices and other alternative smoking products to anyone under the age of 18. Current laws prohibit the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors but there are no age restrictions on so-called tobacco-less products. Vaping devices do contain nicotine, how- ever. City Council passed the measure unanimously on May 20.

Berea toughens sex offender restrictions

Berea has plans to hold public hearings on the draft Ordinance that would increase the number of parks and child recreation facilities to the list of places convict- ed sex offenders must avoid. State law says sex of- fenders cannot live, visit or loiter within 1,000 feet of schools, preschools or child day cares. Mayor Cyril Kleem said the City wanted to add parks and playgrounds to that list because of concerns voiced by residents in Ward 1 and 2 where new and en- hanced facilities are attracting children and could attract unsavory people as well. “This measure doesn’t prevent such crimes but it does give us more tools,” Safety Director Barbara Jones said. The new ordinance was passed unanimously by City Council.

Paramedics will staff First Aid tent

University Hospitals will provide two paramedics to staff a First Aid tent at City events at no cost to the City. The service is part of the hospital’s community service project. Berea Fire Department squads will be used to transport patients to Southwest General if that is needed. The UH team will be on duty at Live at the Lake concerts and at City fairs, such as the Grindstone Festival, Harvest Festival and Jack Frost Festival.

Free fresh produce available at church

The Cleveland Foodbank’s Mobile Food Pantry is distributing free fresh produce on the first Thursday of every month. Those eligible for food assistance can pick up the produce from 2-4 p.m. rain or shine at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 50 E. Bagley Road. The next distribution day will be June 6.

Help stock Little Free Pantries

Berea has two Little Free Pantries, which provide non-perishable food items and toiletries to those in need. Residents can help keep them stocked by don- ating items. Please check the use-by dates. The pantries are unlocked and available 24/7. The kiosks are located by the Berea Branch Library and at Peo- ple’s Community Church, 631 N. Rocky River Drive.

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Please submit stories and information by the 10th of every month.
THURSDAY, JULY 4
ALL DAY: Food, Vendors, Rides, Games & Inflatables
4 - 9 p.m.: Paddle Boats on Coe Lake
10 p.m.: Fireworks!

FRIDAY, JULY 5
ALL DAY: Food, Vendors, Rides & Games
5:30 p.m.: Parade in Downtown Berea
8 p.m.: Live at the Lake Concert: McCartney Project

SATURDAY, JULY 6
ALL DAY: Food, Vendors, Rides, Games & Inflatables
4 - 7 p.m.: Sponsor Appreciation VIP Picnic at the Pavilion
5 - 7 p.m.: Touch-a-Truck
9:30 p.m.: Outdoor Movie: “The Sandlot”

Handicap Parking
Designated handicap parking is located in the City Hall parking lot behind the Berea Police Station off South Rocky River Dr.

Restrooms
A restroom trailer will be available for public use and restrooms with baby changing tables are available at the outdoor pool house.

Restricted Items
Pets (except service animals), propane & gas grills, generators, sparklers, tents, canopies, large umbrellas, skateboards, hoverboards, roller blades/skates, fireworks, smoking or vaping, alcohol.

Ride Prices
- Single ticket: $1 each (Each ride takes 3-4 tickets)
- Bonus ticket: $18 for 20 tickets (Saves $2)
- Wristband: $20 ($2 off on July 6 only)

*Inflatables and paddleboats are free (Donations excepted)
Eight inducted into Alumni Hall of Fame

Three Berea High graduates, two from Midpark and three staff members were inducted into the Berea School District’s Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

The BHS grad were Mayor Cyril Kleem, Class of 1992, Mark Calvey, 1982, and David Donald, 1970, who was inducted posthumously.

The ceremony was at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights on April 25.

Mayor Kleem said his teachers had the “greatest influence” on him. He especially cited the late Jeff King, who taught government and political science and went on to serve on Berea City Council. “He encouraged me to enter politics,” Mayor Kleem said, “when I had never thought of that before.”

The Mayor also praised his parents, the late John and Farrel Kleem, who “had a big influence” on the entire family.

The Mayor closed his remarks with the words from the Bob Seger song, “Understanding” from the film “Teachers”:

‘It seems like only yesterday
I didn’t have a clue.
I stood alone knowing where to turn.
Now suddenly I look around
And everything is new.
I don’t know why, but I think I’m startin’ to learn.
They call it understanding
A willingness to grow.’

Mark Calvey is senior reporter for the San Francisco Business Times. He said he was impressed by the caliber of students, the strong scholars and a staff passionate about teaching during his visit to his hometown. Calvey said those factors combined with good neighborhoods and strong parents were a factory for success.

Calvey said his teachers at BHS “were open to creativity.” He also praised the school librarian and the librarians at the Brook Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library System. “They hired me as a page,” Calvey said. “It was life-changing.”

“I thrived at Berea High. Those were some of the best years of my life.”

David Donald was an investigative journalist, one of the pioneers of computer-assisted reporting. He died in 2016. His award was accepted by his wife, Joyce.

She said one of his mantras was “always being fair.” Although Donald received many accolades and awards for his stories, “the work was the most significant thing. The awards just came after,” Joyce Don-
ald said.

He loved teaching, “He empowered his students,” Joyce Donald said. “That was important to him—to pass along the knowledge.”

One of the staff members inducted into the Hall of Fame was Jenny Adkins of Berea. Adkins worked in the office at Midpark High School and was co-founder of the Brian Adkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides a $5,000 scholarship each year to a Berea-Midpark senior.

Adkins said that during her years at MHS “I had the pleasure of meeting and working with so many wonderful students, parents, staff and faculty members. Even with the challenges the day might bring, I can honestly say I looked forward to going to work each day.”

Also inducted were staff members Len Muni, Camp Mi-Bro-Be director and planetarium director; Robert Grewe, who taught at Roehm Junior High and Midpark, where he chaired the math department. Grewe was inducted posthumously.

Midpark High alumni inducted were Nicole Cuglewski Marcellino, announcer for the Cleveland Cavaliers and local broadcaster; and Rev. Jonathan Schaeffer of Grace Church in Middleburg Heights.

Work begins on Kraft Street

The complete reconstruction of a portion of Kraft Street has begun.

The project extends from Fournier Street to Edgewood Drive.

The first phase is the replacement of gas lines by Columbia Gas. Next will come new water lines, sanitary sewer rehab, storm sewer rehab, new aprons and sidewalks and a new concrete road.

Sewer lining was done in 2018.

Traffic will be maintained using one lane westbound with a detour. Access to St. Mary Catholic Church and Berea Baptist Church will be available at all times. Detour signs are in place.

The project is funded by $3 million in grants and loans from the Ohio Public Works Commission. The work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

School construction update

The construction of the new Berea-Midpark High School is on schedule and under budget, officials told residents at a community meeting on May 1.

Mark Panzica of Panzica Construction said that Buildings B and C, which will house academic classrooms, will be up and ready to go by August 2020. Those wings of the school are located on the right side near Eastland Road.

Building A, the center section, is the administrative wing. Buildings D, E, F and G include a auditorium and gymnasiums. Those will be complete by November 2020. In the meantime, the current school will be used for sports, music and art.

Demolition of the current Berea-Midpark High will begin in the winter 2020 and be complete by the spring 2021.

The new 284,772-square-foot school will accommodate 1,800 students, although Superintendent Michael Sheppard said enrollment is expected to decline over the next several years. Right now, there about 450 students per grade level (grades 9-12) with an expected to decrease to 350-375 in the near future, he said.

“The metal frame is up for the academic portion,” Panzica said, “and the metal roof is being installed.”

He said the auditorium foundation and walls are in place.

Sheppard said several facets make the school unique. It has no central cafeteria, for example, but students can eat in small cafes located throughout the building.

“The spaces can be used for learning,” he said. Students will have designated lunch times or study halls. They will have open blocks of time that they can use for food or study.

Also unique are classroom configurations, Sheppard said. “The learning environment can be flexible. The spaces can be expanded if needed.” Technology is also state-of-the-art. All of the classroom walls can be used for learning, he said. Teachers and students can write on the walls, similar to the old blackboard concept but in this case, writing space is not limited to one area.

Parking will eventually include a small lot in the back of the school for staff plus two larger lots where the current school now stands.

“Parking during the transition will be a challenge,” Panzica said. “There will be disruptions.”

School district voters OK’d a 4.2-mill, $112.5 million bond issue in 2016 to pay for a new high school, a new elementary school in Brook Park, and upgrades to other buildings.
Southwest General swears in police department

Southwest General Health Center now has a full-fledged, accredited police department.

For years, the hospital has employed a Protective Services Department. The officers were armed but had no arrest powers. If police were needed, South- west called Middletburg Hulgh. “This change was needed,” said William Young, hospital president and CEO. “This will add a level of security.”

The 22 officers and four dispatchers were sworn in by Judge Mark Comstock of the Berea Municipal Court during a special ceremony on March 28. Family members pinned on the badges. SW General Offi- cer Joseph Kuchler lives in Berea as does Safety Committee member Adrian Maldonado.

All of the officers are graduates of police academies and some have experience on local city police de- partments.

Chief Tristan Harker said the process took about 20 years to complete and had to be OK’d by the State Attorney General. Harker, who has been with Southwest for 23 years, said his department deals most frequently with assaults and drug offenses.

Although signs are posted throughout the facility banning weapons of any sort, some visitors do bring in guns and knives, he said. Staff and patients have been assaulted. Visitors also bring in illegal sub- stances.

As police officers, the department can now make arrests, bring charges and run license plates. Prisoners are transported to the Strongsville jail.

Creating a police department will “be a deterrent to crime,” Harker said. “We can give people a greater sense of safety.”

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Substance Awareness Summit offers resources for families

Substance Abuse often starts in adolescence and es-
calates, Nicole Walmsley-Branter told the Commu- nity Substance Awareness Summit at Baldwin Wal- lace University on May 4.

Branter should know. She started with prescription medicines as a teen-ager and graduated to pot and meth. By 2007, she was a heroin addict. Six years later, she turned herself in.

She’s clean now and working to bring help to addicts throughout Ohio with the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative, which the Berea Police Depart- ment adopted as Safe Passages. Safe Passages en- courages addicts to come to police departments where they will be connected to rehab services.

“Long-term recovery” is necessary, Branter said.

Barbara Folds, who helped Branter bring Safe Pas-
sages to Ohio, conducts a family support group twice a month at the Elks Hall in Berea. The group is host-
ing NARCAN instructions for the community at 6:30 p.m. on June 20.

Folds also facilitates Rosie’s Playhouse for children who have family members struggling with addiction.

The group is for children 5-12 with “the older kids mentoring the younger ones.” It’s kind of neat,” Folds said. “There are all sorts of programs for teen-agers,” she said. “I thought we could use one for the younger kids.”

The 12-week program meets on Wednesdays at the Brook Park United Methodist Church, 6220 Smith Road. Contact Folds at barbarafolds@yahoo.com for more information.

Berea Police, BW, 4-H, Ohio State, Southwest Gen-
eral, Ohio Guidestone, Project Worth Saving, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cardinal Health, the Cuyahoga County Opiate Task Force and Kiwai-
n joined forces to bring the Drug Summit to Berea.

Resources for families and teens staffed information tables and explained their programs.

Berea Police Sgt. Patrick Greenhill said, “There are organiizations here that did not exist three years ago. The problem still exists; it hasn’t gone away.”

One of those newer resources is relink.org – an online resource for families and individuals dealing with addiction. Bethany Friedrichsen of relink said the web site is an online search tool that includes more than 6,000 organizations and 30,000 services to treat substance abuse disorder, behavioral health and reentry from incarceration.

Berea offers new support program for businesses

The City of Berea is partnering with Lorain County Community College to offer a monthly support pro-
gram for small businesses.

On the second Wednesday of each month, Beth Gantz of LCCC’s Small Business Development Cen-
ter will keep office hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Berea’s Business Outreach Office, 173 Front St. Her first visit will be on June 12.

She can assist with mentoring and coaching, market research, business planning, access to funding and access to resources. Interested businesses can contact Gantz for an appointment at bgantz@clloraincc.edu or call (440) 366-4370.

The Safe Passages support group for families of ad-
dicts is offering free NARCAN training on Thurs-
day, June 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The group meets at the Elks Lodge, 626 N. Rocky River Drive.

NARCAN is an injectable that can counteract drug overdoses. Fire and police forces carry NARCAN with them but families and friends of people dealing with addiction can keep it available too. The training session will teach how and when to use NARCAN.

The session is free and open to the public.

The Safe Passages support group was formed when the Berea Police Department began its Safe Passages program to connect addicts with recovery programs.

Barbara Folds, who lost a grandson to a drug over-
dose, organized the support group, which includes a certified social worker. The group meets twice a month at the Elks Hall. In June, those meetings are 6:30 p.m. on June 6 and June 20.

“Addiction is a family disease,” Folds said. “The addict needs to get well and the family needs to get well too. The purpose of the support group is to help the family get well.”

Part of the family healing process is learning to set boundaries, Folds said. Many families enable the addict without realizing it. “Support the recovery,” Keating said.

To register for NARCAN training or to learn more about the Safe Passages support group, email barbara-
folds@yahoo.com.

Support Group offers NARCAN training

The Summit included a demonstration by Dakota, a 5-
year-old yellow lab who is a K-9 officer with the Lodi Police Department. Dakota works with Sgt. David Branter, who ran the dog through her paces. Branter hid small bowls filled with marijuana, crack cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and cocaine. She found them all.

Dozens can overdose on the drugs they find, Branter said. NARCAN is used to counteract those overdoses in dogs as well as humans. Dakota has never been in that situation, however.

Illegal drugs aren’t the only concern. Sgt. Greenhill emphasized that getting rid of prescription meds so they don’t fall into the wrong hands is important. Deterra is a new drug deactivation system that will soon be available through the Berea Police Depart- ment. Greenhill said the free kits are provided by Deterra with a medical grade. Each pouch can dis- pose of 45 pills, 6 ounces of liquid or nine patches. You tear open the pouch, place unused medication inside with warm water, wait 30 seconds until the medication dissolves. Seal the pouch and throw in the trash.

Greenhill said Deterra is a convenient way to dispose of pills if you don’t want to wait for the next pre-
scription medicine drop-off. In Berea, prescription meds will be collected on Saturday, June 29 by the Rotary Club of Berea, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the BW Administration Building on Eastland Road. The medications are taken to South- west General for disposal.
At the Library

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Begins Saturday, June 1
Sign up at the library for an ALL-STAR SUMMER!

Reservations are requested for all programs except weekly children’s story times. Visit cuyahogalibrary.org or call (440) 234-3475. Other programs in June at the Berea Branch are:

FOR ADULTS:
Recorder Consort West: Musical performance under the direction of Andrea E. Ball. This group of music lovers originated at Baldwin Wallace University and always invites new recorder learners/players. 2 p.m., Sunday, June 2.

Bike Basics: Learn how to repair a flat and what to put in your own bike emergency repair kit. Bike specialist Paul Hamad will talk about simple bike maintenance and get your whole family ready for summer cycling. He will also talk about different types of bikes, including e-Bikes, to help you decide which is best for you. Sponsored by the Friends of Berea Branch Library. 7 p.m., Monday, June 17.

Art, Color & Design: Artist and designer Barbara Rich ardson, owner of Emerald & Violet Studio, will present a unique, inspiring, and visually stunning program. Discover ways to display art in your home and ideas for creating art of your own. 7 p.m., Monday, June 17.

Digital Learning Lab: iPads - Join us for our monthly training on e-resources available free with your library card! This month, learn iPad basics, including how to access the digital collection. Use our iPads or bring your own. You’ll need your library card number, PIN and an email address. 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, June 20.

Eat the Words! Cookbook Discussion Group - Join us for our cookbook discussion group. Copies of the book will be available at the check-out desk one month before the discussion. This month's selection is Eat a Little Better by Sam Kass. 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 25.

Drop-In Tech Lab: Our monthly tech lab is especially for beginners! Bring your own device or use one of ours. Librarians will be available to answer your technology questions. No registration required. 2-4 p.m., Thursday, June 27.

Instagram: Tips and Strategies for Selling - Learn to set up an Instagram account, create amazing pictures and add a Shopable Post. No experience necessary. Bring a product idea and the device you use to create Instagram pictures. 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 27.

FOR TWEENS and TEENS:
Book Buddies: Big Buddies (Grades 6-12) Big Buddies help Little Buddies improve their reading skills by reading aloud together and playing fun reading games and activities during 4 sessions. A required training session for Big Buddies will be 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 17 immediately preceding the first session. Registration required. 2 p.m., Mondays, June 17 & 24, Wednesdays, June 19 and 26.

Minecraft Creation Challenge (Grades 6-9) Participate in a creation challenge using the Minecraft pocket edition on our iPads. Share your creation and vote for your favorite. Spaces is limited. Registration required. 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 18.

Stop Motion Animation (Grades 6-12) Bring characters to life and sculpt your own story using Stop Motion for iPads. Registration required. 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 25.

FOR CHILDREN:
Weekly Children’s Storytimes run throughout the month of June. Call (440) 234-3475 or visit cuya hogalibrary.org for specific times and ages. Storytimes are available for children from birth through age 5. Registration is not required for weekly storytimes.

Music & Movement (Ages 19 months – 5 years with a caregiver) Enjoy a high-energy session of music and movement using shakers, bean bags, scarves and more. Registration required. 3:30-4 p.m., Monday, June 10.

Book Buddies: Little Buddies (Grades 1 – 3) Big Buddies help Little Buddies improve their reading skills by reading aloud together and playing fun reading games and activities during 4 sessions. Registration required. 2 p.m., Mondays, June 17 & June 24; Wednesdays, June 19 & June 26.

Stevens Puppets Presents: The Wizard of Oz (Families) Relive the magical story of The Wizard of Oz retold with Martin Stevens’ stunning wooden marionettes! Registration required for all attending children and caregivers. 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 18.

City thanks vets on Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day on May 18 was a time to thank active duty military and veterans for their service. The City of Berea did just that with a special lunch at the Kiwanis Pavilion at Cee Lake for about 25 military veterans.

The oldest vet there was Joseph Hadaway, 98, who served in the Army during the Korean War. Hadaway said he joined in 1949 after graduating from high school and unable to find a decent job. He served until 1954, spending time in Korea as well as several bases stateside.

One memorable assignment was at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico where his unit worked with scientist Werner Von Braun, one of the fathers of America’s rocket program. Hadaway was with an engineering unit tasked with building bridge and constructing buildings for Von Braun’s projects. “We have a space program because of him,” Hadaway said.

After the service, he worked in insurance for 25 years and then for Sears for another 17 years. He and his wife, Gloria, live in North Olmsted but enjoy hanging out with fellow vets in Berea.

The Veterans Outreach Office served the vets boxed lunches from Café Ab Roma, “Thank You For Your Service” Hershey bars plus their choice of veteran-themed pins, key chains and coasters.

Mayor Cyril Kleem stopped by to visit with the vets and Daniel Dasso, 88, one of the Veterans Center in Maple Heights was on hand with information on VA benefits.

Vets teach kids about U.S. Flag

Veteran volunteers from Berea’s Veterans Outreach Office led nearly 100 students from St. Mary School in the Pledge of Allegiance one school day in May. That was the easy part. Most children learn The Pledge at an early age.

Then the vets taught the kids some facts about the Pledge and the U.S. Flag they probably didn’t know, such as the history of the Flag and the Pledge and why the flag is red, white and blue.

The vets also conducted the traditional flag folding ceremony – a part of every funeral for a military veteran. Each of the 13 folds of the flag has a special meaning, the students learned.

The students and their teachers were given small U.S. Flags, program booklets explaining the significance of the Flag and small cards decorated with stars from worn and torn U.S. Flags.

During a question and answer session, the students in kindergarten through fifth grade were curious about women in the military, different jobs available in the military and what it’s like to fight a guerilla war.

Veterans taking part in the program were Dale Eckert, Army, Vietnam; Bill Douglass, Navy, Vietnam; Don Voigt, Army, Korea; and Linda Krause, Air Force, Vietnam. The Veterans Outreach Office is led by Chaplain Willie Springer, an Army veteran of Vietnam.

The Veterans Office also honored St. Mary staff members who are veterans, including Jim Winner, maintenance, Air Force; Ken Blum, 6th-grade teacher, Army Ranger; and Brian Jones, teacher, Air Force. Chaplain Springer presented them with special veterans’ pins.

The Veterans Outreach Office is available to present the Flag program to schools and organizations throughout the area. Contact Chaplain Willie Springer at (440) 973-4567 or veteran@cityofberea.org.

Korean War army vet Joe Hadaway and wife Gloria visited Berea’s Armed Forces Day lunch at Cee Lake.

St. Mary students wave their U.S. Flags, gifts from Berea’s Veterans Outreach Office.
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VETERANS’ CORNER

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Free stuff for veterans

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June 4: Berea-Midpark High School Graduation, 7:30 p.m., Wolstein Center, Cleveland State University.
June 6: 75th Anniversary of D-Day
June 6: Quarry Quilters, 6 p.m., Berea Branch Library.
June 6: Safe Passages Family Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Elks Hall, 626 N. Rocky River Drive.
June 7: Titans Golf Outing, 9 a.m. shotgun start, Valleymere Golf Club, 6900 Boston Road, Hinckley. Sponsored by Berea-Midpark Athletic Boosters. $75 per golfer, $300 per foursome. Go to www.berea.k12.oh.us for registration forms.
June 7: Berea Historical Society Vintage Sale. Preview 5-7 p.m., June 7, 5 p.m.; Sale, June 7, 9 p.m. to 2 p.m., June 8. Mahler Museum & History Center, 118 E. Bridge St.
June 9: Thirsty for Art, 2-5 p.m., JoJo Carlinoni’s, 627 W. Bagley Road. Benefit for Berea Arts Fest. Tickets, $50. Call (440) 391-0414.
June 11: Can We Talk?: 2-3 p.m., Berea Recreation Center, Active Senior Network Room, 451 Front St.
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June 13: Club 535 Summer Jam, 7-9 p.m., Kiwanis Pavilion at Cole Lake. $5 at the door. Sponsored by Berea Community Outreach. RSVP to (440) 826-4891 or nguzo@cityofberea.org.
June 14: FLAG DAY
June 14: Community Flag Day Gathering, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kiwanis Pavilion at Cole Lake. Free lunch. Reservations, (440) 973-4567 or veterans@cityofberea.org.

Community Events

Historical society’s police, fire exhibit is family affair

“I’ve been coming here since I was 9 years old,” Andy Papp said of the Berea Historical Society. The Papp family boasts a long line of police and firefighters and has collected a museum’s worth of memorabilia. So when Papp’s mother, Mary Jane, suggested the family put together an exhibit for the historical society, Andy and his wife, Stacey, volunteered.

Nancy Gillahan, museum director, and the historical society board jumped on board. The Papp family collection forms the nucleus of the exhibit supplemented with photos by Ken McCarthy, who used to be the official photographer of the Berea Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Tom Emling donated other items. The Berea Police donated gear and photos. Mary Jane Papp personally put together the 9/11 display.

The collection includes a hand-written Berea Police log from 1946. There is also a photo of Berea’s first pumper truck, which was bought for $285 in 1880.

Papp, who graduated from Berea High and Polaris Career Center, in 1999, went on to become a Cleveland Metroparks ranger and later an assistant fire chief in North Carolina. He is a Marine Corps veteran. His late father, Frank Papp, was Strongsville fire chief.

Andy Papp said one of the goals of the exhibit is to show people the history of police and fire in Berea and the many different tasks they are called upon to do. “There is so much that no one knows about,” he said. For example, he compared European firefighting tactics to American tactics, using a display of European and American helmets. The American helmets traditionally slope down in the back to protect firefighters as they enter a burning building. European helmets don’t have that feature because those firefighters enter burning buildings only under extreme circumstances, such as saving a life. “They don’t go in,” Papp said. “The U.S. will go in.”

Gillahan said all of the dons met regularly to assemble the display and coordinate the efforts. The exhibit, “Berea’s First Responders,” officially opened on May 5 and will continue through the end of the year.

Berea Historical Society is at 118 E. Bridge St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Tours are 2-4 p.m. on Sundays and Tuesdays by appointment. Call (440) 243-2541 or email bereahisto- ry@att.net. Visit www.bereahistoricalsociety.org.