

# NEWSLETTER

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## OUR HOLIDAY PARTY IN PHOTOGRAPHS



# Moreland Courts Resident Lin Emmons Receives The Newton D. Baker Distinguished Service Award

Edited by Eric Schreiber



Congratulations Lin! And - who is Newton D. Baker?

Newton Diehl Baker Jr. served as the 37th mayor of Cleveland from 1912 to 1915. He then served as the Secretary of War from 1916 to 1921, presiding over the United States Army during World War I. Baker was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his service during the World War. Coverage by *The New York Times* can be found [here](#).

What follows is the article in *Think: The Magazine of Case Western Reserve University* Fall/Winter 2024.

**Lillian Miller Emmons, PhD (GRS '81, health science education; GRS '89, anthropology)**

As a nutritional anthropologist, educator and volunteer, Lillian "Lin" Emmons has fostered healthy eating for individuals and communities and is committed to Case Western Reserve's success.

Emmons spent 15 years as the nutritionist at Comprehensive Psychiatric Services in Beachwood, Ohio, counseling people with eating disorders. She also taught community nutrition as an adjunct professor at Cleveland State University.

As a philanthropist and CWRU volunteer, Emmons received the 2019 Notable Woman of the Year Award from the university's Flora Stone Mather Center for Women and funded its *Journal for Women and Gender Centers in Higher Education*.

She also supports the campus National Youth Sports Program, a camp that draws hundreds of children in Greater Cleveland to CWRU for sports, educational enrichment, nutrition and health services. "It's a good example of a university reaching out to its immediate community," Emmons said.



# Smoking at Moreland Courts

The Board of Directors and the Rules Committee request your thoughtful consideration of the ongoing challenges around smoking at Moreland Courts. How do we preserve the right of individual Unit Owners to smoke in their own units while safeguarding the health and comfort of their neighbors?

Not many of us smoke at Moreland Courts\*. Yet, complaints about tobacco smoke escaping from smokers' units into neighboring units, lobbies, hallways, and common areas persist.

For several years now, the General Manager, working with the members of the Rules Committee, has been looking to find effective solutions to the problem of smoke infiltration and its negative effect on the health and quality of life of nonsmokers living at Moreland Courts. Paul Stroud has researched filtration equipment and has worked with smokers to install filtration devices in their units, experimenting to determine where they are most effective. One unit has three devices. Neighboring owners with health/lung problems have installed their own filtration device and monitors to measure amounts of smoke. A lobby where there is an ongoing presence of smoke now has filtration equipment. The cooperation of the parties involved has been helpful, but none of these approaches has been completely effective.

The Board recently clarified the rule about smoking in our *Association Rules Book* to make clear that not only is smoking prohibited in interior common elements, but also that smoke fumes cannot escape from an owner's unit and infiltrate common areas or neighboring units.

One way we could deal with the challenge of secondhand smoke is for Moreland Courts to become a smoke-free community. Consider that our Declarations were written over 50 years ago when ideas and knowledge about smoking were very different than they are today.

*Query: Is a smoke-free community something residents should consider?*

For Moreland Courts to become a smoke free community would require a change in our Declarations (our foundational document) with a grandfather clause to protect current smokers. Changing our Declarations is a legal process and 75 per cent of unit ownership would have to vote in favor of this change.

The Board has asked the Rules Committee to conduct a survey of Moreland Courts unit owners to learn whether members of our Association would consider going smoke free. The plan is to do the survey in early 2025. We encourage all unit owners at Moreland Courts to participate in this survey and to voice your views on this proposed change.

Please contact Rules Committee chair Jan Devereaux with your questions or thoughts at [jmdevereaux@aol.com](mailto:jmdevereaux@aol.com)

\*Moreland Courts employees are not allowed to smoke indoors.

**Note:** Board of Directors meeting minutes through November 2024 are available on the Moreland Courts web site in the Document Library file. If you need assistance, please contact personnel in the front office.

# Great Lakes Cruises

By Fran Golden

For a small but growing number of been-there, done-that travelers a new and growing area of interest is freshwater cruises on the Great Lakes.

According to the Great Lakes Cruises marketing association, some 22,000 passengers will experience the region on small ships in 2025. The cruises visit cities such as Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and Toronto, pass natural landscapes including boreal forests, and stop by such quaint lakeside towns such as Michigan's Mackinac Island. On the Canadian side, highlights include Ontario's Georgian Bay Biosphere, a UNESCO-recognized freshwater archipelago.

The Great Lakes cruising season kicks off in the spring and runs into October. Here are top choices for ships and routes.

## State-of-the-art expedition ships

For comfort and overall experience, you cannot do better than [Viking](#), with two 378-passenger expedition ships, Viking Polaris and Viking Octantis. These are the largest ships on the lakes and décor is sleek Scandinavian, facilities including an indoor/outdoor infinity pool, Nordic spa, "hidden" speakeasy and specialty Italian restaurant, among dining choices. At the onboard



*Viking Octantis*

science lab, NOAA scientists do water quality, plankton composition and other experiments. The ships are also equipped with six-passenger submarines for underwater exploration (only in Canadian waters). Seven-night cruises explore between Toronto and Milwaukee, but to see all five lakes splurge on a 14-night cruise between Duluth and Toronto, from \$13,885 per person.

## Education and French wine

Luxury French line Ponant sails the Great Lakes with the 184-passenger Le Champlain, featuring an outdoor swimming pool, spa and fitness areas, casual and formal dining options and a nifty underwater lounge, affording submarine-like views of walleye and other under-lake life.

## Classic floating B&Bs

Returning to the Great Lakes is Victory Cruise Lines, recently resurrected after two 190-passenger classic coastal ships, renamed Victory 1 and 2, were purchased at auction by a former owner. The ships are done up in traditional décor, have an open bar, casual buffet and dining room and "Lakelorian" onboard to share history and stories.

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## Great Lakes Cruises continued

Nine-night cruises between Chicago's Navy Pier and Toronto stop in Cleveland, Detroit, Mackinac Island and Niagara Falls (from Port Colborne), and at least touch on all five Great Lakes. Fares from \$5,799 per person. (Note that starter cabins are quite small.)

Other classic Great Lakes cruises are the 210-passenger Pearl Mist operated by Pearl Sea Cruises; and Canadian company St. Lawrence Cruise Lines, with its 64-passenger river boat M/V Canadian Empress.

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photo by Marty Katz

This turkey was sighted and photographed by Marty just before Thanksgiving.

The gobbler has not been seen since.

Fowl play is suspected.

# Shaker Square Happenings

by Eric Schreiber



Two years after taking over Shaker Square and \$5 million later, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc, is wrapping up renovations after 20 years of delayed routine maintenance. Many of the renovations including new HVAC systems and roofs, outdoor lighting, awnings and other items have not been obvious, but were necessary for the preservation and development of Shaker Square.

At long last, we will soon see the opening of Café Indigo at the northeast corner of Shaker Square. This new coffee shop is owned and will be operated by Melissa Hirsch of Larchmere's Unbar.

We can expect the grand opening of Coyoacán Taqueria & Brew in early 2025. The space on the northwest corner of Shaker Square is currently being renovated to house both a Mexican restaurant, and a bar and microbrewery.

The dynamic process of funding at Shaker Square took an important step forward with the recent \$800,000 federal grant to advance community development and infrastructure improvement efforts at Cleveland's historic Shaker Square. You can keep up with the progress at Shaker Square by visiting <https://shakersquare.com>



Briana Perry (CNP), Joy Johnson (BBC), Congresswoman Shontel Brown (OH-11), Jacklyn Chisholm (Step Forward)

# Things To Do

Here is an abbreviated list of community events taken from [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com).

## Cleveland Play House presents “A Christmas Story”

Ebenezer Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas after being visited by a series of ghosts in this Cleveland holiday tradition entering its 36th year at Playhouse Square’s Mimi Ohio Theatre. Tickets \$40-\$89. [DETAILS](#)

## “A Christmas Carol: The Musical”

Boom! Theater presents the Broadway adaptation of this Charles Dickens’s classic. Tickets \$25. Akron Civic Theatre, 182 S. Main St., Akron 7 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays & 2 p.m., Sundays through Dec. 22 [DETAILS](#)

## “Annie”

Broadway classic returns to Northeast Ohio. Tickets \$22 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors. The Cassidy Theatre, 6200 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights. Now through Dec. 22. [DETAILS](#)

## “Matilda: The Musical”

The Fine Arts Association presents this musical based on the book by Roald Dahl. December 15 show is a sensory-friendly performance. Tickets

\$29 adults, \$27 for students and seniors and \$19 for children 10 & under. Corning Auditorium, 38660 Mentor Ave., Willoughby Now through Dec. 22. [DETAILS](#)

## Metroparks Winter Lights

See more than 1.5 million little bulbs light up Cleveland Metroparks Zoo during Wild Winter Lights. Holiday-themed areas include Enchanted Forest, Swan Lake, Candy Lane, Polar Pathway, and Santa’s North Pole Lodge. Take photos with Santa Claus and enjoy a dynamic musical light show featuring a 50-foot tree. Tickets are \$24 per individual for walk-through, \$55 per car for drive-through. Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland Through Dec. 30 [DETAILS](#)



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On second thought, I'll just walk

# Picasso and Paper

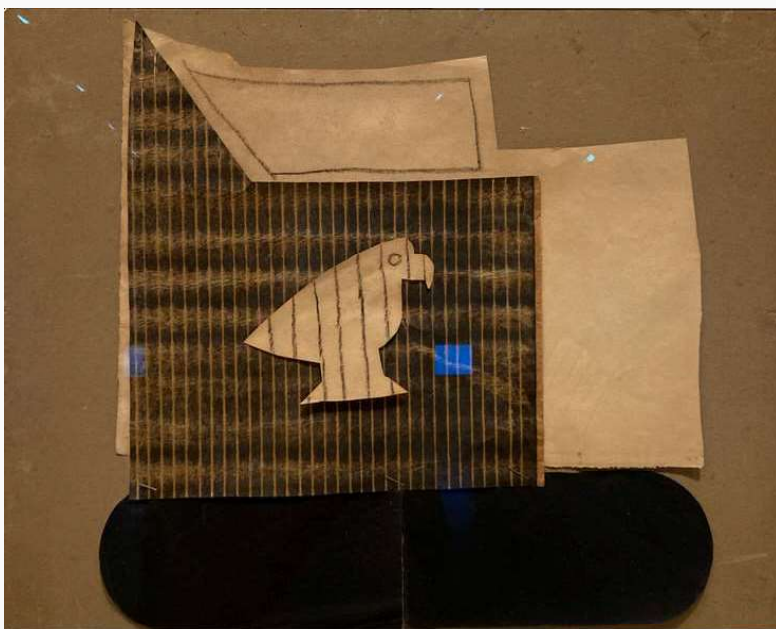
## An Exhibition Worth Waiting For

By Charles (Chuck) Scillia

This exhibition designed in cooperation with the CMA, the [Royal Academy of Arts](#), London, and the [Musée National Picasso-Paris](#), was delayed for four years because of the pandemic but has now arrived in Cleveland from Dec. 8 - March 23, 2025. The exhibit, consisting of over 300 works, some of which have never been seen here before, illustrates Picasso's unparalleled use and transformation of the medium of paper over his lifetime. His use of line, be it drawn, painted or etched flows between movement and form. In so doing, Picasso creates an effect that allows us to share his creative vision. His imaginative use of the common material of paper, whether laid, wrapping paper or even newsprint, to bear and capture the pressure of the pencil, pen, charcoal, or brush engenders a palpable response from the viewer. Paper, with its weave and textures, becomes a carrier of initial ideas, compositions, preparatory studies for paintings, as well as a platform for printmaking, collage, and three-dimensional construction.

The exhibition itself is a carefully constructed chronological journey of the artist's growth and transformation over his lifetime. It divides his production into distinct periods, from the early [Blue](#) and [Rose](#) periods and the [Demoiselles d'Avignon](#) and [Cubism](#), to [Neo-Classicism](#), Naturalism, Surrealism, *Guernica*, and beyond to his later years and his [Last Studio](#). This is a huge exhibit, each section filled with carefully presented works that display his inventive mastery. Many displays reveal his talent for drawing at an early age and document his systematic process of constructing complex projects even from his earliest years. Studies for "La Vie" , "Demoiselles d'Avignon" and "Guernica" illustrate his nuanced thought process effectively .

Some works both surprise and delight, from a bird in a cage made with corrugated paper and bars drawn with charcoal and exploded guitars made of cardboard to ballet costumes of a walking city street complete with a Parade manager, and a drawn silhouette of a women's head cut from a folded piece of paper that is self-supporting.



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## Picasso continued



The clearly written scholarly catalogue is filled with detailed information on historical context and artistic technique and reproduces all the works in color. It follows the chronology of the exhibit making it an easily useable reference tool. As you are about to exit the exhibit gallery, be sure not to miss the clip of Picasso painting “Head of a Faun” taken from the documentary film “Le Mystere Picasso” that shows the artist modifying the painting in astonishing ways giving us a rare glimpse of the creative process. I am certain you will want to see this extraordinary exhibit again to absorb its full power.

Timed entry tickets are easily available.

The cost for non-members is \$22; \$15 for all seniors over 65.

Entry is free for members.

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## A REMINDER

### *‘Tis the Season*

*MCCA has a no tipping policy. That is why it is so important to remember the 25 members of our staff during the holidays. The people who work hard at Moreland Courts show up every day to help and keep us safe (as they did during this year’s 4-day power outage). We can show our appreciation by giving generously to the MCCA Holiday Fund.*



# General Manager's Report

## 2024 Capital Repairs

By Paul Stroud

Over the course of 2024, many improvements and repairs, both planned and unplanned, have been completed. The associated expense has been managed within existing budgets. Work completed both through the Reserve Study, and the Annual Capital budget, have included expected masonry repair. The parapet wall capstone repairs are complete and should provide many years of service. Other masonry work included the complete restoration of the sandstone entry in the West Tower. Tuckpointing was also done at some rear entries. This work will continue into the next several years until all rear building entries are repointed.

Sealcoating of the backline had the additional benefit of bad weather! Due to rain starting prior to the full curing of the surface treatment, the contractor was obligated to re-apply to more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the paved area. The result is a double treatment which will last and look good longer.

Other work included routine maintenance of six exterior fire escapes, reupholstery of three gallery couches, replacement of passenger elevator carpeting, re-decorating of the Tudor Building front lobbies, and complete restoration of the 13415 Main Entrance doors and jambs.

Unplanned situations included responses to two attempted break-ins. Glass-break sensors were installed for front entrances and throughout the Gallery. The communication systems were

upgraded, and more improvements are planned. Unexpected problems with two of our three boiler plants required funding be made available for emergency repairs. All these repairs have been successfully completed. Finally, additional emergency charging stations have been created in multiple building laundry rooms, in addition to the current emergency charging station in the West Garage. Emergency refrigerators will be placed at these charging stations in the future.

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