

# Lakewood City News

## Shields Advances In Primary, Wins Key Endorsements

by Kathleen Samoriski

Dan Shields, candidate for the Ward 2 council seat being vacated by Ryan Demro, was chosen by Lakewood voters to advance to the General Election to be held November 6, 2007. "I want to thank all of the people who voted for me in the Primary Election, and look forward to sharing our message of positive change for the city as we head toward November," said Shields.

Shields believes that he is gaining momentum in this campaign because voters have responded to his proven leadership in the community and his vision for creative development in the city. "I'm a longtime neighbor and community volunteer, and I am proud that the voters have recognized my years of service to the city of Lakewood," Shields said.

"Over the last twelve years that I have resided in Lakewood, I have worked with a number of organizations, and that gives me a deeper understanding of the concerns of Ward 2 residents. As a homeowner and as a parent with children in the Lakewood City schools, I share the concerns of my neighbors," he added.

"Whether it has been as parent volunteer in the schools, a coach, sitting on local Boards of Trustees, or as an attorney advocating on behalf of children

and seniors, I have taken an active role in the life of the city, and that has given me the experience and the connections to be an effective legislator."

The Republican candidate in this race was eliminated, leaving two Democrats to vie for the seat that will become open in January. Shields is asking for the support of all residents, irrespective of whether they are Democrat, Republican, or Independent. "I am hoping that residents choose a longtime, proven leader in the community who has the knowledge and ability to get the job done," Shields stated.

With the end of Councilman Ryan Demro's term, Ward 2 residents will be choosing new leadership. "I congratulate Ryan on his service to the community, and believe that I am the best candidate to bring passion and vision to deal with the challenges facing Lakewood," Shields said.

That sentiment is shared by the Fraternal Order of Police Lode #25 (Lakewood Police), the Sun Newspapers, the Lakewood Democratic Club, the North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor, and community leaders such as State Rep. Michael J. Skindell, County Commissioner Tim Hagan, and Council members Robert Seelie, Nickie J. Antonio, and Mary Louse Madigan. All endorse Shields. In fact, just before the

Primary, he received the endorsement of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, making me the ONLY endorsed candidate in this race."

Shields was the first candidate to meet with police and court officials in order to craft a plan for improved safety forces. The Police endorsed Dan because he took the time to meet with them and listen to their concerns. I learned that they are most in need of updated facilities.

His Lakewood neighbors endorse him because they know that as an attorney and community advocate he has the best plan to attack the foreclosure problem in Lakewood, to bring economic development to fill the empty storefronts on Madison and Detroit, and to create a positive atmosphere where children can enjoy recreation. Over the summer, it was Shields who

lead the fight to obtain information on the plans surrounding the proposed development of the Drug Mart plaza near Kauffman Park.

Shields will continue his old-fashioned door-to-door campaign right up to the November general election. Dan said proudly, "I have visited over three thousand homes since July 4th, and I hope to return to those I might have missed. I believe there is a reason that those who know Lakewood and know me have chosen me to go forward in this election. I will continue to promote my vision for new businesses, new housing, economic development, and park preservation for families."

"I respectfully request that you please join with us, your neighbors and vote for Dan Shields for Ward 2 council this November 6th."

## Markling Only FOP Endorsed Lakewood School Board Candidate

by Richard Wair

*Matthew John Markling is the only Lakewood School Board candidate to be endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, Western Cuyahoga Lodge #25.*

On October 8, 2007, the Fraternal Order of Police, Western Cuyahoga Lodge #25, endorsed one candidate, Matthew John Markling, for the Lakewood School Board. Markling is running on a platform of academic excellence, school safety, and leadership.

In a letter thanking the organization for its endorsement, Markling said, "It is truly an honor and a privilege to receive your endorsement. The FOP is a key stakeholder in the Lakewood City Schools. Your members serve as essential role models and resources for our children."

Markling goes on to promise that, "As a school board member, I will ensure that the Lakewood City Schools continue to educate students on the

importance of student civility and respect for authority."

Markling states, "I believe that a positive relationship between students and police officers serves as a deterrent to underage drinking, as well as other criminal activities. Therefore, as a school board member, I will ensure that the Lakewood City Schools continue to support DARE and School Resource Officer programming."

Markling finally promises that, "As a school board member, I will ensure that the Lakewood City Schools work cooperatively with the Lakewood Police Department to protect the safety of staff and students."

The FOP 25 does not offer or advertise its endorsement. Candidates must seek it by formal request and then complete a lengthy questionnaire and interview process.

For more information about Matthew John Markling and his campaign for the Lakewood School Board, please visit [www.marklingforlakewood.com](http://www.marklingforlakewood.com).



### Lakewood Hospital Congratulates Cipriano Beredo, M.D.

Dr. Beredo was named the 2007 Physician of the Year by the Lakewood Hospital Medical Staff.

This honor was awarded to Dr. Beredo because he exhibits high professional standards; he is a physician role model who is respected by peers and colleagues; he believes that the welfare of patients is of the utmost importance and he has dedicated his practice to the Lakewood Hospital community.

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## Lakewood Teachers Association Endorses Beebe, Geiger And Lowell For Lakewood City Schools Board Of Education

by Daniel Smth

After very careful consideration, the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA) would like to announce its endorsement of Linda G. Beebe, W. Charles Geiger III and Martin Lowell for the three open seats on the Board of Education for the Lakewood City Schools. The LTA reached this decision only after reflecting upon the significant strengths brought by each of the five candidates, including Dawn DeFreeze and Matthew John Markling. The LTA believes Beebe, Geiger and Lowell dem-

onstrate a particularly strong awareness regarding the perspectives of Lakewood parents, students and teachers. Moreover, Beebe and Geiger have already served the Lakewood City Schools well, not only in meeting challenges occasioned by education reform and fiscal constraints, but also through their leadership during the current "Improving School Facilities" initiative. The LTA thus believe they deserve the opportunity to continue their service for another term. The LTA would like to thank all five candidates for their gracious participation in this endorsement process.