



Lakewood Postings: Former City Hall security guard found ways to brighten people's days

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Former City Hall security guard **Milan Stankovich**, a man many have seen at his post behind the front desk over the years, recently passed away after over 54 years of service to the city.

Stankovich spent 37 years in the city's streets department, making his way up to assistant superintendent. He retired in 1991 and returned two months later as an evening security guard.

The city worker met every visitor with a smile, a helpful tip or a kind word, and never hesitated to do anything he could to make someone's day a little brighter.

Private services were held Jan. 3 at Busch Funeral Home in Fairview Park.

Stankovich was the face of Lakewood to many as well as a wonderful source of knowledge about the city. He will be greatly missed.



TRASH DAY— Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Monday, there will be no refuse or recycling collected.

Residents may have service either on their normal collection day or the day after, so make sure to have your trash out by 6:30 a.m.

For more information, contact the Lakewood Division of Refuse and Recycling at (216) 252-4322.

LADY WHO LOVES LAWYERS— After spending 42 years helping thousands of low-income clients connect with pro bono attorneys, 88-year-old **Alida Struze** has retired from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

A Lakewood resident, Struze admits that one reason she has put off retiring is because she loves lawyers so much.

At the conclusion of the first-ever National Pro Bono Week in October, Struze was honored for her dedication to volunteer attorneys and Legal Aid clients at a reception for attorneys.

"What a wonderful way to end 42 years of doing what I loved to do at Legal Aid," she wrote in a holiday letter to more than 800 individuals in the Cleveland area, including many attorneys.

"For many of our longtime volunteers, Alida has been the face of Legal Aid," said Legal Aid's Executive Director **Colleen Cotter**. "We have been so fortunate to have Alida work with us for so many years. We will miss her – but we will carry on her legacy!"

MOVIE MADNESS— Lakewood-based movie reviewer **Terry Meehan** will be teaching a five-week course on film appreciation at Oberlin College on Monday mornings beginning Feb. 8.

The class will count down to the Academy Awards, going through the nominees and their merits.

There is a \$35 fee for the course. To register, call (800) 995-5222, Ext. 4067.

NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT— Lakewood City Council has named Ward 1 Councilman **Kevin Butler** as president following the retirement of At-Large Councilman **Mike Dever** from his seat.

Ward 4 Councilwoman **Mary Louise Madigan** will remain council vice president.

Other changes to the City Council roster include the addition of At-Large Councilwoman **Monique Smith** who was elected in November.

NEW PLACE FOR EYE CARE— The Cleveland Clinic Ophthalmology/Lakeland Eye is now offering complete eye care in the Lakewood Hospital Professional Building. **John Costin**, MD, **Wynne Morley**, MD and **Matthew Ohr**, MD joined **Richard Wyszynski**, MD, **Ryan Deasy**, MD and **Randall Loudenslager**, OD at the office, 14601 Detroit Ave.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR— St. Edward High School Modern & Classical Languages Department Chair **Stergios Lazos** was honored as the American Philological Association's Pre-Collegiate Teacher of the Year on Friday .

The award recognizes national excellence in pre-collegiate instruction based on success, size and growth of the classics program in the school, outreach and promotion of the classics, innovative and creative classroom activity, evidence of improved student learning, contest and competition success and professional development.

"It is clear that Stergios Lazos exhorts his students to excellence in every moment of his teaching," said APA Vice President **Lee Perry** during his introduction of Lazos.

Lazos, a Lakewood resident, has played a key role in the St. Edward High School Latin program twice being named best in the state of Ohio by the Ohio Classical Conference.

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