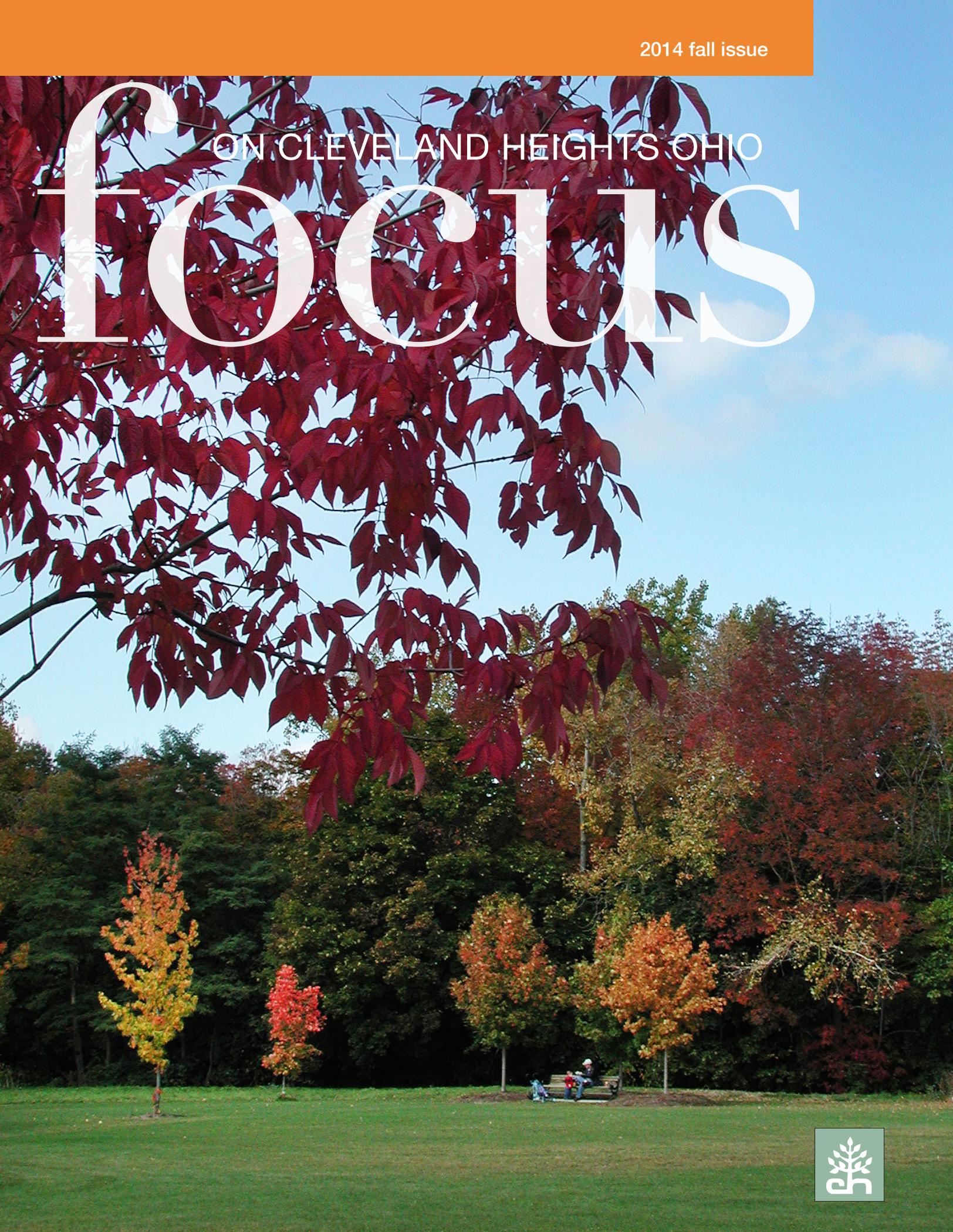


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, October 2	Community Improvement Awards 7:00 pm, City Hall, 40 Severance Circle
Sunday, October 5	Welcome Home Heights Authors 2:00-4:00 pm, Nighttown 12387 Cedar Road
Friday, October 31	Halloween Trick-or-Treating 6-8 pm
Saturday, November 1	Chili Cook-off (Benefitting the Youth Scholarship Fund) Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard & Mayfield Road
Tuesday, November 4	Election Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed
Friday, November 28	City Hall closed

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city council

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Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Mayor
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Jeff Coryell
Mary Dunbar
Jason S. Stein
Melissa Yasinow
Tanisha R. Briley, City Manager

council meetings

Cleveland Heights City Council usually meets on the first and third Mondays of each month in City Hall Council Chambers, 40 Severance Circle. For the latest information on Council and other City meetings, visit www.clevelandheights.com.

Connect with Cleveland Heights on:



JOIN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



The Cleveland Heights Community Center is a great place for the whole family – a place to work out, stay fit and have fun – at the Community Center Field House, with its Fitness Center, indoor track and open gym.

You and your family may join if you:

- live in Cleveland Heights
- live in University Heights
- live within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District
- have children in Community Center programs
- work within the Cleveland Heights city limits (must bring a recent pay stub)
- are a CH-UH School District employee (must bring a recent pay stub)



What does the Fitness Center offer?

The Fitness Center is equipped with state-of-the-art Nautilus equipment, treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, steppers, rowing machines and a free weight room.

Is the Fitness Center open to all ages?

- You must be 16 years of older to use the Fitness Center, but youth 12-15 may use the Fitness Center and track accompanied by a paying adult/guardian.
- Babies and toddlers are permitted in strollers or in infant front/backpack carriers on the inside lane of the track only.
- No infants, toddlers or youth under the age of 12 are permitted in the Fitness Center.



What are the Fitness Center/Gym hours?

September 22 to May 24, 2015:

Monday-Friday	6:00 am-9:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am-6:00 pm

Gyms

Both kids and adults can enjoy gym time! Call **216-691-7373** for the Open Gym schedule. For sports leagues, exercise programs and other general recreation programs, check the Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure or visit www.clevelandheights.com/recreation.



What does it cost to join?

Cleveland Heights residents must first purchase a Recreation ID card, which costs \$5.00, which will allow them to pay the lower resident rate.

Field House Pass	Annual Pass Resident/Non-Resident	30-Day Pass Resident/Non-Resident
Youth K through 11	\$ 84 / \$126	\$10 / \$15
Youth 12 through HS or equiv.	\$110 / \$165	\$18 / \$27
Young adult 18 – 24	\$180 / \$248	\$27 / \$39
Adult age 25-59	\$220 / \$299	\$33 / \$45
Senior adult 60 and up	\$110 / \$165	\$17 / \$79
Family	\$345 / \$499	\$55 / \$79

Skate at the Community Center!

Ice passes are also available. The Parks and Recreation Fall/Winter Brochure, which residents received in the mail, has the information you need, or visit: www.clevelandheights.com/recreation.

city news



City to Join Cuyahoga County Healthcare Regionalization Program

The City of Cleveland Heights has entered into an agreement to join the Cuyahoga County Healthcare Regionalization Program. The program provides eligible political subdivisions with the opportunity to obtain favorable group rates for health care benefits for their employees.

“The ability to stabilize healthcare costs while at the same time maintaining existing benefits for our employees presented a great opportunity for us,” said City Manager Tanisha R. Briley. “Staff worked closely with County officials over the last few months to evaluate the offer to be absolutely certain that this was the right way to go.”

There are currently ten other local municipalities participating in the program. Cleveland Heights, with 420 full-time employees, will be the largest city to join the program. The contract begins September 1, 2014 and ends December 31, 2016.

Cleveland Heights has always sought efficiencies through partnerships as evidenced by the joint fire dispatch service with the cities of Shaker Heights and University Heights, a shared salt storage facility, shared solid waste transfer services, County contracted health and sanitary sewer services, and income tax collection through the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA). The Healthcare Regionalization Program will be one more cooperative arrangement to add to the list.

“We will continue to find ways to reduce expenses while maintaining service levels for our residents,” said Mayor Dennis Wilcox. “Partnerships help, but we are still a

long way from making up the nearly \$2.5 million dollars we’ve lost to the State’s drastic cuts in funding to cities.”

The City spent \$5.1 million in 2013 and \$5.4 million is budgeted in 2014 for healthcare for employees. Savings are estimated to be between \$400,000 and \$450,000 for the first 16 months in the program. New rates will be established for the last year of the agreement.

Access Cleveland Heights

The City of Cleveland Heights strives to give residents easier access to City Hall through:

- the City’s website www.clevelandheights.com
- the OpenGov.com financial transparency tool, www.clevelandheights.com/budget
- Police incident and accident reports now available online www.clevelandheights.com/police
- Police crime statistics now available online (see Police, page 5) at www.clevelandheights.com/statistics
- a new mobile app, your “Connection to City Hall.” Free and easy to use 24/7, the Access Cleveland Heights App allows you to submit and track service requests, such as potholes, tall grass, graffiti, etc. You’ll be notified when it’s completed. Download the Access Cleveland Heights App on your smartphone – get it on Google Play or at the App Store. No smartphone? Visit: www.clevelandheights.com/service-request to report a problem or submit a service request.

Be Informed – Sign Up!

- **City email messages** – on www.clevelandheights.com, click on **E-Notify/Sign Up** to receive notices, announcements and news from the City.
- **ReadyNotify** – a county-wide mass notification system that allows Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland Heights to send out emergency messages to those who have signed up. Visit www.clevelandheights.com and click on the ReadyNotify graphic on the homepage.
- Like us on **Facebook**, follow us on **Twitter**, watch us on **YouTube** and find us on **Google+**.

What else is on the City website?

Visit www.clevelandheights.com at any time when you have a question about City services. Chances are, you will find just what you are looking for, including a picture of your lost pet! Looking for a certain type of business? Our **Business Directory** will show you just where it is. Need information on obtaining a bike license, getting your sewer cleaned, keeping chickens or even getting married? The **HOW DO I?** section will give you answers. Want to see what recreation activities are offered? Just click on **Recreation**. Looking for a job? Check our **job postings** to see if there are any positions available. New to the community? For information visit: www.clevelandheights.com/new-residents.

Building Department Reminder

Unfortunately, winter weather will be here before long. The Building Department would like to remind you that when you hire a Snowplow Operator, be sure that they are registered with the City of Cleveland Heights Building Department. The Snowplow Operator must have a Snowplow Operators Bond and a Certificate of Liability in order to be registered with us. The Snowplow Operators must keep the plowed snow at the property they are plowing. Registration information may be found at www.clevelandheights.com/building-permits.

YOUR POLICE

Crime Statistics Now Online

Effective August 2014, the Cleveland Heights Police Department began posting crime statistics on the Cleveland Heights website, www.clevelandheights.com/crime-statistics. The listed statistics reflect official crime totals as reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program (a link to the FBI's site is included on the City's website). It should be noted that these totals may differ from monthly statistics presented elsewhere on this site for differing reasons, including late reporting, reclassification of offenses and the finding that some offenses were unfounded. For questions about the statistics, please contact Chief of Police Jeff Robertson at **216-291-4974** or chief@clvhts.com.

Police Incident Reports Online

Just a reminder that police and accident reports can be accessed on the Cleveland Heights website, www.clevelandheights.com/police. A recent upgrade of the department's record management system to ensure sensitive and investigatory information is adequately protected while incidents are under investigation, and information that is public according to public records law is released. The upgrade also allowed the reports to be put online, which makes the process of getting information like accident reports more convenient for the public. For questions about the online reports, please contact Chief of Police Jeff Robertson at **216-291-4974** or chief@clvhts.com.

1st Annual Police Night Out a Success

The 1st Annual Cleveland Heights Police Night Out on August 5, held in conjunction with the Police National Night Out, was a big success. Families were able to meet policemen, get a close-up view of police vehicles and learn about how to protect themselves and their property from crime. Kids were able to learn about bike safety and maintenance, register their bikes, hear from Eddie Eagle about gun safety, have their fingerprints taken and their faces painted! Adults were able to gather information on protecting and securing their homes and vehicles, and protecting against cyber crime.

K-9 Rocky was there with his handler Sgt. Sean Gideon. Rocky is trained to detect drugs, do building searches, and track for suspects or lost children and adults. There were demonstrations by the Police Swat Team, the Bomb Squad and new Meet Your Police magnets, shown at right, were given out.

An elderly Cleveland Heights resident was heard to say, "I came because I never met a policeman before!" If you missed this event, it will be back next summer!



Meet Your Police

You don't have to wait until next year to interact with a policeman! Meet Your Police is held every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The first Thursday of the month, it is held at the Police Academy, 2595 Noble Road. On subsequent Mondays, it is held on the lower level of City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. If you are not able to make it on a Thursday evening, feel free to email the Police at myp@clvhts.com.

Help Prevent Crime

If you receive a **crime prevention notice** at your door, it means that a police officer patrolling your neighborhood noticed something potentially amiss. The Cleveland Heights Police Department, in partnership with you, the community, is dedicated to protecting lives, property and rights of all, while maintaining order, reducing fear, informing the public and enforcing the laws fairly and impartially.

Some of the situations the police have encountered while patrolling are listed on the notice, such as:

- **A car/vehicle door was found unlocked.** The majority of crime is based on opportunity. An unlocked door may be an invitation to a criminal.
- **A GPS or other valuable was found in plain sight in your vehicle.** Take your valuables with you or lock them up in your trunk.

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- **Door to residence was found unlocked/unsecure.** If this is the case, police would have checked the interior of your home and found no evidence of criminal activity. If you find something out of order, you should contact the police at **216-321-1234**.
- **Purse, cell phone, valuable was found in plain view through a window.** While conducting a security check of the neighborhood, Police may have seen a valuable item in plain view. Keep any/all valuables away from prying eyes and secure within your home. A valuable in view may be an invitation.
- **The exterior of the residence was found poorly lighted.** Ensure you have outdoor lighting, preferable with a motion sensor. Make sure the fixture is high enough and out of reach. However, be sure your lights do not reflect too much light on your neighbor's property.
- **Shubbery was found to be concealing doors/windows.** Keep shrubbery trimmed to a reasonable height so windows and doors are visible. Criminals are less likely to target a home that is clearly visible to neighbors.
- **A garage door was found to be open while you were away.** Close and lock garage doors whether at home or way.
- **Bike or other valuable was found unattended/unsecure.** Put things away. Don't leave articles on sidewalks, lawn or porch. Do not leave your bike unlocked and unattended, even in your driveway or on a porch.
- **Vehicle was found damaged or involved in an accident.**

Be alert for unusual activities. Call the police at **216-321-1234**; they want to hear from you no matter how minor you think a situation. Report to police any suspicious activity. In case of an emergency, of course, call 9-1-1.

Be sure to like the Cleveland Heights Police on Facebook and follow on Twitter!

Community Relations

A vital link between City Hall and its residents

The Division of Community Relations promotes communication between City Council, City staff and residents. Community Relations staff, who live in the neighborhoods they represent, respond to neighbors and neighborhood concerns to ensure that issues are resolved before they accelerate into more serious situations.

Community Relations liaisons also help organize neighborhood and street meetings, assist in the formation of block clubs, the printing of street newsletters and flyers (free of charge), the scheduling of block parties and the reservation of street barricades. In addition, they make sure new homeowners and renters receive new resident packets.

Community Relations fields hundreds of calls from residents each year, some with simple questions, some requiring interventions, and others that need to be referred to the appropriate agency or office. If you have a neighborhood concern, feel free to contact Community Relations at **216-291-2323** or **comrel@clvhts.com**.



Welcome to Cleveland Heights

Beautiful homes, walkable neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, stores, restaurants, arts, culture, diversity, recreational opportunities, close to University Circle, schools...these are just a few of the reasons residents cited about why they love living in Cleveland Heights. See and hear from them on the City's recently released an updated video.

Produced for the City by the Cleveland Heights company Digizoom Media, it can be seen on the Cleveland Heights website, **www.clevelandheights.com/city-video**, on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Highlighting the Transportation Advisory Committee

Cleveland Heights forms first of its kind advisory committee in Northeast Ohio

Cleveland Heights continues to lead the way in creating new and exciting opportunities for residents to be involved in their local government, as the Transportation Advisory Committee marks its first six months in office. Created by City Council in 2013, the Transportation Advisory Committee's purpose is to provide a means for the community to obtain information about matters related to transportation within Cleveland Heights and about the City's connectivity to nearby regions. The committee will also make recommendations to Council on transportation plans for the City, particularly plans that affect and improve transportation by modes which are alternatives to automobiles. TAC consists of 12 members, eight of whom are appointed by City Council, one appointed by the Regional Transit Authority; and three City staff members.

The Transportation Advisory Committee's mission is to "bring together citizens and officials responsible for transportation projects to share ideas about Cleveland Heights transportation projects, policies and practices, and will make recommendations on transportation issues and programs to City Council at least annually. The Committee will serve as a civic forum dedicated to improving conditions for walking, bicycling and riding transit for

residents of all ages and abilities, and to finding optimal solutions for transportation issues facing the City."

The committee's goals are to:

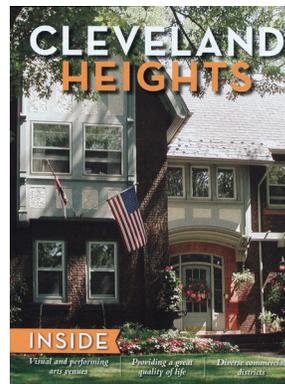
1. Ensure safe and convenient routes in our built environment so as to increase the number of residents walking, biking and using transit for commuting, errands and recreation every day. This will help reduce the city's carbon footprint and contribute to environmental sustainability.
2. Engage the civil sector and city government in a conversation on best practices for improving multimodal transportation options in Cleveland Heights and recommend which ones to adopt.
3. Gain recognition for Cleveland Heights as a place where active modes of transportation and attractive transit options elevate the quality of life.
4. Support economic development through excellent transportation options.

At their monthly meetings, the committee has been learning more about current trends in transportation, including Complete Streets and the latest information on how transit is used by Cleveland Heights residents.

Additional information about the Transportation Advisory Committee can be found on the Cleveland Heights website at www.clevelandheights.com/transportation-committee or at its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CHTAC.

Cleveland Heights Featured in Cleveland Magazine

The City of Cleveland Heights was featured in a special section of the August issue of Cleveland Magazine. The section highlighted our city as "Home to the Arts," our special quality of life, and our vibrant commercial districts. Contact Community Relations at **216-291-2323** or comrel@clvhts.com and they will send you a copy in the mail!



Mayfield Road Project

Final phase on schedule, to be completed by November 1

The reconstruction of Mayfield Road was done in three phases: Kenilworth Road to Coventry Road, which was completed in 2013, followed this year by Coventry Road to Taylor Road. The final phase, Taylor to Warrensville Center Road, is to be completed by November.

The cost of the project was \$3,822,636. Funds came from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) - \$2,167,500; Cuyahoga County - \$860,362; and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWD) - \$794,774. New signage is also due to be installed this year.

In 2014, road surfacing was done on 20 streets and 15 streets were surface treated. Funds for this work came from Fund 201 (the gas tax and auto registration) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Water Department Update

The City of Cleveland Heights has partnered with the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office to have catch basins cleaned throughout the city. Each year, the City contracts to have catch basins cleaned on a rotational basis. This year, up to 1,400 catch basins will be cleaned in areas south of Mayfield Road.

The City will be replacing the water main on Lecona Avenue this fall. During construction, homes will be supplied water via an above-ground line. Additional details will be forthcoming prior to construction.

business

A Family Business for Over 100 Years

Verne & Ellsworth Hann, Inc. looking to the future at new location

Verne & Ellsworth Hann, Inc. has been a fixture in Cleveland Heights for a long time and plans to be here for many more years. Currently located 2277 Lee Road, the company purchased and is renovating a 10,000 square foot building down the street at 2026 Lee Road.

Chris Hann, shown at right, and his brother, Bill, are the fourth generation of Hanns to run the company, which was founded by William F. Hann in 1907; two of his sons, Verne and Ellsworth, were the next generation, joining forces after their father retired, hence the name Verne & Ellsworth Hann, Inc.

“My grandfather purchased the building at 2277 Lee Road in 1955,” said Chris Hann. “All of our work at the time was in Cleveland Heights with the steam and hot water systems the older homes had. That’s been our specialty niche over all of these years.”

Business has grown tremendously, and their current building isn’t just big enough. They searched for a new building with a parking lot for years, until they found the perfect spot just down the street. Moving to another city was never a question.

“My brother and I are very devoted to the city of Cleveland Heights and its residents,” said Hann. “We’ve been in Cleveland Heights for over 60 years and we didn’t want to move away from our clientele. Plus, we felt a real responsibility to give back to the city; the city and its residents have been tremendous to us,” he continued. “If we’re going to spend money on a project of this size, we would like to see those dollars invested in Cleveland Heights.”



The new building is getting a total make-over; all electric and HVAC systems are being replaced with high energy-efficient systems. Renovations should be completed in a few months, but the move won’t take place until after the first of the year.

“Business volume takes off in October, with us working six days a week,” explained Hann. “We won’t take on the move until after the heart of the heating season.”

With that season upon us, what advice does Hann have for the Cleveland Heights homeowner? “The average homeowner should have a yearly maintenance, especially boilers, which are prevalent in the Heights,” he said.

Verne & Ellsworth Hann, Inc. is assured that it will continue as a strong family business. Chris and Bill, who started installing air conditioning systems for their father while they were in high school, took over after their dad retired. They aren’t the only family members there – their sister, Patty Siegfried, is a part of the company, and their nephew, fifth-generation Jason Franey, has been there 12 years.

Visit <http://hannheatingcooling.com> for more information on Verne & Ellsworth Hann, Inc., or call **216-925-0468**.

Cedar Fairmount News

Cedar Fairmount Fall Festival Thursday, October 23, 5:00-7:00 pm

There will be a Fall Festival in the Cedar Fairmount Business District on Thursday, October 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Restaurants will have food specials; there will be cupcake decorating, pumpkin decorating, live music, a balloon clown and more. Children are encouraged to come in costume and Trick or Treat at the various merchants from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Activities will continue until 7:00 pm. For more information closer to the October 23 date, visit www.cedarfairmount.org or call **216-791-3172**.



K-9 Unit at the Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival



AT YOUR SERVICE

Important Yard Waste Collection Information:

The city will discontinue collection of **all yard waste (loose, tied, or bagged)** from **December 1, 2014 through March 29, 2015**. Yard waste collection will resume on your normal refuse day beginning Monday, March 30, 2015.

Collection of Loose Leaves

- Autumn is here in our “city of trees” and it’s time for raking and/or blowing the leaves. **Loose-leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 27 and will continue until Friday, November 28, weather permitting.**
- It is our intention to collect loose leaves from each property once every other week on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. However, if one day’s collection is light or another day’s is heavy, collection may be made on a different day. Saturday leaf collection (if needed) will be used to return to heavy areas or to make up for holidays or bad weather.
- **Kraft bags** will also be collected at this time.
- Leaves and yard waste will **NOT** be collected in plastic bags.
- The trucks will not be able to come back for material that was set out late.
- **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET** where they become a safety hazard or block storm drains.
- It is **ILLEGAL TO BURN LEAVES** in the city of Cleveland Heights.
- Brush, tree and hedge trimmings must be cut and tied into bundles no larger than four feet in length and two feet in diameter in order to be collected on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. Brush that is too large to be tied into bundles can be picked up for an additional charge; arrangements must be made in advance – call **216-691-7300**.
- **Use caution** when approaching the leaf vacuum machines or the front-end loader. These vehicles back up frequently and may block the lane of travel. Please drive slowly and cautiously in these areas.
- Also, please keep small children and pets away from leaf piles near the street at all times to avoid an accident!

Rx Drug Drop-off Program

A prescription drug drop box is located in the entranceway to the Cleveland Heights Police Department (back of City Hall). Only pills should be dropped into this box (needles and liquids cannot be accepted). Preferably, empty the pills into a zip-lock bag before dropping in the box and then recycle the pill bottle.

Styrofoam Recycling Container Information

Location: Community Center parking lot (north end, off Monticello)

We appreciate the participation we received for the new Styrofoam recycling container, but please note the following materials that can and cannot be placed in the container:

- Container **accepts only blocks of Styrofoam** used for packing large appliances, furniture and televisions.
- **Materials that are NOT recyclable and should NOT be placed in this container include:** packing peanuts, Styrofoam takeout restaurant containers, meat / food trays from grocery stores, Styrofoam plates and cups, egg cartons.



Holiday Collection

- **Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, is NOT a City holiday.** The regular Monday-Friday collection remains in force.
- **Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11; City offices will be closed.** Tuesday through Friday collection routes will be delayed by one day. Friday’s collection will be on Saturday.
- **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27:** Refuse collection for Thursday will be on Friday and Friday’s normal collection will be on Saturday. Monday - Wednesday routes will be collected as usual.
- **Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25:** City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25. Refuse collection for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be collected as usual. Thursday’s - Friday’s collection will be delayed by one day. Friday’s collection will be on Saturday.
- **New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1:** City offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1. Refuse collection for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be collected as usual. Thursday’s - Friday’s collection will be delayed by one day. Friday’s collection will be on Saturday.
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 19, 2015:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Friday routes. Friday’s collection will be on Saturday.
- **Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, 2015:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday - Friday routes. Friday’s collection will be on Saturday.

recreation



Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund Raiser

The Chili Cook-off is returning! Join the delicious fun on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard and Mayfield Road. A variety of Heights eateries will be participating. \$10 person, \$30 for a family of four. Proceeds of the Chili Cook-off benefit the Cleveland Heights Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. Contact Mike Discenzo at 216-691-7383 or mdiscenzo@clvhts.com for more information or to participate.

The fall and winter seasons, an exciting time for our recreation and sports programs for both children and adults, are underway! The Fall/Winter Parks and Recreation catalogue was mailed in August, but if you've misplaced your copy, it's also available on the City's website, www.clevelandheights.com; click **Recreation**.

Remember that pre-registration is required for all classes. A minimum number of registrants is required to run a class, so sign up early to prevent being shut out. Fall registration is underway; **Winter registration** begins Monday, November 3 for residents and Monday, November 10 for non-residents.

Online Registration is available for many recreation programs, including Youth Soccer, Flag Football and Youth Basketball. Visit www.clevelandheights.com - click **Recreation**.

RECREATION I.D. CARDS

I.D. cards, sold to Cleveland Heights residents only, are \$5.00 each and include a digital photo (similar to a driver's license). Each individual must be present to receive a card. Proof of residency must be shown at the time of purchase and can include **one utility bill** (or other piece of mail), in addition to a driver's license or photo I.D. Benefits of having a Recreation I.D. card include:

- free use of our lighted tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts and skate park;
- use of six outdoor picnic shelters (permit reservations are \$25);
- free use of the Cumberland wading pool;
- free use of the Cain Park Splash Pad;
- reduced rates for all Community Center classes, workshops, programs and field trips;
- reduced admission for swimming and aquatic programs;
- reduced rates for public ice skating sessions and other skating programs;
- reduced rates for tennis lessons and for youth/adults sports programs;
- use of our Community Center track, fitness center and basketball courts (with a Recreation I.D. card, you may purchase a Community Center Field House pass or pay a daily \$6.00 usage fee for the Field House.) Please see page 3 for more information.

General Recreation Classes

Looking to get in shape, stay in shape, or just have some fun? Then come to the Cleveland Heights Community Center! We have different types of classes, so look through the Parks and Recreation catalogue to find something you like. Watch the website, www.clevelandheights.com/parksandrec for some **NEW** programming coming soon!

Pre-School Open Gym

Our Preschool Open Gym, beginning October 14, is a big hit on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am. The cost is \$5.00 for the family for one time or \$20.00 for a six-class pass. **Do you have some preschool equipment that you would like to recycle and donate?** If you have some equipment that still has life to give and you would be willing to donate to the City, please contact Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372** or dmarsky@clvhts.com.

Thank you to all of the young people who volunteered as Safety Town Counselors this summer. Great job!

Youth Sports Programs

Youth Soccer League is for girls and boys in Kindergarten-grade 6. All games are played on the artificial turf at Denison Park. Call **216-691-7373** to see if space is still available.

Flag Football is also underway for boys and girls ages 5-8. All games will be played on the artificial turf at Denison Park. Call **216-691-7373** to see if space is still available.

Basketball Recreational League registration is underway for boys and girls in grades K-8 who are Cleveland Heights residents or live within the boundaries of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. **Volunteer coaches are needed; call 216-691-7373.**

Basketball Travel Teams tryouts will take place Monday, October 13 through Thursday, October 16. Four teams will be offered: *Boys grade 4 and under*, *Boys grade 5 and under*, *Boys grade 6 and under* and *Girls grade 6 and under*. Contact Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383** or mdiscenzo@clvhts.com.

Youth Hockey is a long-standing tradition in Cleveland Heights, with children as young as three (ages determined as of 12/31/2014) participating.

- **Tot Hockey** (ages 4-7) – for those who have passed Snow Plow 2. Helmet and stick are provided. Saturday classes begin October 5.
- **Learn-to-Play Hockey** (ages 10 and under) – for new hockey players who have completed tot hockey.
- **Cleveland Heights Hockey League**
- **Travel Hockey program** (ages 6-14) www.heightshockey.com Scholarship assistance is available.

Adult Sports 2014-2015

• **Winter Basketball Leagues** – Play for Men's and Women's Leagues begins in mid-October. Call Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383**.

• **Ice Hockey** – Play for Men's and Women's Hockey is underway.

CH50HL Hockey League: This Friday night league is open to male B and C players who are at least 50 years of age by December 31, 2014. Contact **Bob Warshawsky** at war@ch50hl.com or www.CH50HL.com.

Women's Hockey: Interested players should contact **Kelly Taylor** at **216-691-7395** or chwomenhockey@gmail.com

• **2015 Softball** – Sign up for next year's Men's, Women's or Coed Leagues by contacting Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383** or mdiscenzo@clvhts.com.

• **2015 Softball Umpire School** – Want to be a Softball Umpire? Call Brian Simmons, Umpire-in-Chief, at **216-691-7383**.

It's Skating Season!

The Community Center is gearing up for an exciting fall season of skating. Join the fun! To find out more about these ice programs, call **216-691-7374**.

Learn-to-Skate Lessons – Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings, October 6-31, six weeks; Saturday and Sunday, October 4 – November 2, four weeks. Ages 3 and up; separate classes for adults.

Home school lessons – Tuesday and Friday mornings, beginning the week of October 6.

Adaptive Skating lessons – Monday evenings beginning October 6.

Learn to Speedskate – Thursday, November 7. New skaters should contact Barb Rosenbaum at **216-401-9392** or bk@therosenbaums.net.

Have a Birthday Party!

Have your child's birthday party at the ice rink! Residents with children 7-12 may entertain up to 20 skaters with a birthday party package during weekend public sessions (reservations required). Price includes admission, skate rental and tables in the rink atrium. Call **216-691-7374**.

Heights High School Hockey

Support our tradition-rich Heights High hockey team for the following home games:

Friday, Dec 20	Olmsted Falls, 5:15 pm
Dec 27, 28,29	Annual Heights Holiday Classic Tournament
Friday, Jan 2	North Olmsted, 8:45 pm
Friday, Jan 23	Orange, 8:45 pm
Saturday, Jan 24	WRA, 5:15 pm
Friday, Feb 6	CVCA, 8:45 pm
Saturday, Feb 7	Benedictine, 5:15 pm

Special Ice Events

The Community Center ice rinks will host a number of special events this season (which may alter the regular skating schedule):

- Cleveland Heights High School, Brush High, Benedictine High Varsity, Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Junior Lumberjacks hockey games
- Building closed for holidays: November 11 and November 27
- Group lesson skip week: November 24-30
- Junior Jacks High School Hockey Tournament, Nov 28 - Dec 3 (look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Benedictine High School Hockey Tournament, December 12-14 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Building closed for holiday, December 25
- Heights High School Hockey Tournament, December 26-28 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)

Indoor Swimming

The City of Cleveland Heights, in conjunction with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, will continue to offer indoor swimming at Cleveland Heights High School. The Fall Session began September 2 and includes Adult Lap Swimming, Family Open Swim, Learn-to-Swim classes and Water Aerobics. Register at

the Community Center. For more information, contact Christopher Kendel, 216-691-7347 or ckendel@clvhts.com.

Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund Donations Needed

The demand and need for assistance from our Youth Recreation Fund continues to be high. As a result, the balance in the fund is low, and we are in need of donations to help us continue to assist families and youth to participate in our many recreation programs. Your donations make Cleveland Heights a better place for young families to live, and the donations are tax-deductible. Please send donations to:

**Cleveland Heights
Youth Recreation Fund
40 Severance Circle
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118**



GIVE BLOOD THE GIFT OF LIFE

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Community Center November 3, January 5 and March 2 from 2:00-7:00pm in the South Atrium.

at the library

Friends of Heights Libraries Mega Book Sale

The FRIENDS of Heights Libraries will hold their semi-annual Mega Book Sale in the downstairs meeting rooms at the Lee Road Library November 6-9, 2014. A special Sneak Peek Preview will be held on Thursday, November 6, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Members of the FRIENDS are admitted free; all others will pay \$10. (Memberships are available at the door.)

On November 5-9, the sale continues during regular library hours. FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries has been sorting and collecting donations and culled Library materials for the last six months and have a huge selection of gently used books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs for sale. Many "Specials" have never been offered for sale before. On Sunday, November 9, all remaining inventory will be sold for \$5 for a grocery bag full. This is a great opportunity to find quality books and AV materials at a great price. Think ahead for your holiday shopping! All proceeds benefit the Heights Libraries.

Library Programs

As a member of the 43 library system Clevnet consortium, Heights Libraries connects customers with a shared collection of over 10 million items, including over 120,000 eBook titles. In addition, shared services with other Clevnet libraries save on operating costs and purchasing discounts. Here is a preview of Heights Libraries fall programs for children and adults:

Library Afterschool Fun (LAF)

Looking for some fun, educational activities for your kids to do after school? We've got lots of LAFs at every branch! Our special Library Afterschool Fun programs are specially designed for kids in grades K-5. Find more at www.heightslibrary.org.

Mythbuster Monday

Monday, November 3 - 24, 3:30 pm at the Noble branch, 2800 Noble Road
Join us after school every Monday in November for a chance to debunk, disprove, and challenge well-known myths.

LAF Tuesdays Surprise Programs

Tuesday, October 7 & 21, November 11 & 25, 3:30 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road. Join us for a surprise program! Each one is different, so stop in!

LAF 2.0 Thursdays

Thursday, 3:30 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road

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| October 2: | Zumba for Kids! - Registration begins September 18 |
| October 9: | Decoupage Day - Registration begins September 25 |
| October 16: | Stamp it Up - Registration begins October 2 |
| October 23: | Stuck on Stickers - Registration begins October 9 |
| October 30: | Marvelous Masks - Registration begins October 16 |
| November 6: | Fall Fun Crafts - Registration begins October 23 |
| November 13: | Fun Fusion Beads - Registration begins October 30 |
| November 20: | Zumba for Kids! - Registration begins November 6 |

“On the Same Page” Community Read Project

This fall, Heights Libraries brings together local organizations to launch **On the Same Page**, an initiative designed to foster community-wide and personal connections through literature. We'll be using National Book Award winner Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* to explore themes from poverty and identity to race and friendship. Pick up a copy of the book, check out our related programs and book discussions, and join the conversation! For more information, and to register for programs, visit www.heightslibrary.org.

Indigenous Peoples Read-In

Sunday, October 12, 2:00 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road

Join us for an afternoon celebrating the works and voices of Indigenous Peoples. Attendees are encouraged to bring a five-minute selection from a Native American or other indigenous writer to share, or to simply be part of the audience. If you do not bring one, but still wish to read, selections will be on hand. Teens and adults are welcome to attend. Co-sponsored by the FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries.

Read a Rope: Quipos, the Ancient Incan Books

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road

One of the earliest record-keeping tools, quipos use knotted rope instead of written numbers and letters. Robin Pease will introduce these little-known implements and teach participants how to read them (and, if time permits, create their own). Registration is required and opens October 9.

Art Study Group: Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Boulevard, Cleveland. This docent-led tour of the Museum's Native North and South American galleries will feature artifacts that record culturally significant narratives, communicate political and economic power, support ritual observance, and divulge identity and affiliation. Registration begins October 22. Please note that space on the tour is limited and registration is required.

Teen Debate - Chief Wahoo: Friend or Foe?

Thursday, November 6, 6:30 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road

Is Chief Wahoo a nostalgic part of Cleveland history that should be celebrated? Or a tired old stereotype that needs to be retired? Pick a side and join the debate. Part of the On the Same Page series.

The Woodland Indians: Ohio's Native Americans

Monday, November 10, 7:00 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road. John Burke, whose own ancestry dates back to the first settlers in Medina County, will portray Captain Wolf, a Delaware Indian who lived in the Medina area and served as a scout in the War of 1812. Attired in full authentic regalia, Burke will present a history of the Woodland Tribes, describe the artifacts and clothing he has fashioned, and take questions and answers.

Poetry Reading and Open Mic

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 pm at Dobama Theatre, 2340 Lee Road. We will be holding a poetry reading surrounding the themes of cultural identity, creative expression, and education. Local poets will share their work, and attendees can sign up to read their own two-minute piece, starting on October 30. Registration required for poets only.

LGBT Book Discussion

Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road. Discussion of Tom Spanbauer's *The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon*.

Exploring Diversity through the Perspective of Age

Friday, November 14, 7:00 pm at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road. Heights Community Congress will present an interactive evening with the book *Two Old Women: An Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival*. The program begins with a review of the book, and then will explore what types of marginalizing of the elderly may unknowingly take place in our own lives. Call HCC at **216-321-6775** to register. Reservations are appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Prehistoric Indians of Ohio

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, Cleveland. Join archaeologist and educator Mark Kollecker in an exploration of over 12,000 years of Ohio prehistory and culture. We will tour the Museum's galleries and get a hands-on look at many authentic artifacts. Kollecker will also demonstrate flintknapping, the ancient craft of making stone tools such as knives and spear points. Registration begins November 5.

the early years

Cleveland Heights- University Heights Early Childhood Program

Our office is located in Gearity Professional Development School
2323 Wrenford Road, University Heights
Office hours: 7:00 am-4:30 pm

Call **216-371-7356** for information on any of the following. Information is also available on the district website: **www.chuh.org**. Our preschool programs are accredited by the NAEYC and our licensed teachers work to serve the needs of all learners.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school-year for the **Noble and Gearity Half-Day Preschool Programs** is ongoing. Hours of registration are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Limited free and sliding-scale spaces are available for this program. Call the office to schedule a tour.

The **Gearity Full-day Preschool Program** (year-round) is also ongoing. Hours of registration are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Call to schedule a tour.

Registration for the CH-UH School District's **Before/After School Program** for the 2014-2015 school year is on-going. The program provides school-age care for students in grades K-5 in each of the district's elementary schools every school day of the year. The Before School Program begins at 7:05 am and the After School Program ends at 6:00 pm. Registration forms may be found on the district website: **www.chuh.org** under the "For Parents" tab.

Kindernet offers events during the school year for families with preschool children living in the CH-UH School District. While the children enjoy themselves, adults have the opportunity to connect with other families. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list and receive pertinent information, particularly about Kindergarten, please call the Early Childhood office.

Family Connections

www.familyconnections1.org
216-321-0079

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio offers early literacy, parenting support and school readiness programs for families with young children, ages 0-6, at various locations throughout our community. Family Connections' programs prevent family problems by strengthening the adult-child relationship and offering supports that help adults be good nurturers and providers. Programs also focus on helping parents and caregivers build their children's early literacy skills to both improve school readiness and strengthen their involvement in their child's education.

Programs located in the former Coventry School Building at 2843 Washington Boulevard:

- **Baby & Me:** Parents and caregivers of infants, 0-12 months, get acquainted, share experiences and gain information and support from each other and our parent educator. Your first visit is free!
- **Family Playroom:** Parents and caregivers play and learn with their young children and share with each other in our family playrooms. Our knowledgeable staff provides information and resources on parenting issues and child development.
- **Large Muscle Room:** A great space for developing coordination and confidence, as well as burning off energy. Families can play with their kids while they romp, roll, jump and slide!
- **Parenting Classes:** An eight-week series of parent education sessions is offered twice a year.

Family Literacy Playroom at the Heights Main Library, 2345 Lee Road:

- **Little Heights** is a free early literacy program environmentally designed to support the development of school readiness skills through interactive adult-child play.

School-Readiness Program offered in families' homes or other community locations:

SPARK: *Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids*. Our Parent Partners work with families of three- and four-year olds. One-on-one monthly in-home visits are given to strengthen school readiness skills and empower parents to become more actively involved in their child's education. Call **216-921-8021** for details.



Programs in all seven CH-UH elementary schools:

- **Family Liaisons** are based in each elementary school in the district to connect with families, involve and engage parents in the school community, and support parents with information and resources to help promote their children's literacy development and school success.
- **Family Literacy Programs:** Various literacy events and programs are offered throughout the school year, in partnership with the CH-UH School District, PTA and other community partners.

senior scene

The Office on Aging and the Senior Activity Center are located in the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am–5:00 pm. For more information, call 216-691-7377.

A Few of the Office On Aging Services:

Do you need information about Medicare or Managed Care or help with health insurance forms?

Call to make an appointment for a free consultation with an Ohio Senior Health Insurance volunteer.

Need help with legal issues? Call to schedule a half-hour appointment with volunteer attorney J. Alex Morton.

Need transportation? Our medical van runs Monday through Friday, 8:45 am–4:20 pm transporting residents 60 and over to medical appointments, on shopping trips and some errands. For more information and/or a brochure, call **216-691-7194**.

Tired of shopping and cooking? We have the answer. A special volunteer can deliver a hot nutritious meal and a light supper to your home Monday through Friday or as many days as you like. Cost is \$6.25 per day. For more information, call **216-691-7377** and a social worker will return your call.

Do you have questions or need services? The Office on Aging is fortunate to have two licensed social workers on staff. Please feel free to contact them at **216-691-7377** for help with any problems, questions, or issues.

Special Programs This Fall:

Forgotten Champions: The 1945 Cleveland Rams – Tuesday, October 7, 11:00 am. Hear this fascinating story of Cleveland sports history from local historian Dennis R Sutcliffe.

Stress Relief Saturday – Saturday, October 18, 10:00-11:30 am. The senior center will open on Saturday for this special event co-sponsored by Homewatch Caregivers and The Loving Hands Group. Take some time to benefit your mental, physical and spiritual health by attending this talk on stress reduction, followed by a yoga stretch class led by Judith Eugene. The event is free, but let us know if you plan to attend.

Ahuja Health Fair and Lunch – Thursday, October 23, 9:30 am-1:00 pm. Health screenings, a keynote address and lunch! Register in advance for this informative, fun-filled event brought to you by University Hospital's Ahuja Medical Center.

OSHIP Open Enrollment Day – Wednesday, October 29, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. Interested in changing your Medicare supplemental coverage for 2015? Annual open enrollment period runs from October 15 through December 7. Review your options with a representative from OSHIP in this special open enrollment event. Call to schedule an appointment.

Silver Sneakers at the Community Center!!

Silver Sneakers is the nation's leading exercise program for older adults (those Medicare eligible, usually 65+) Eligibility is based on participating insurance companies. As a member you receive a basic membership to the Community Center field house at no cost. Stop by the Community Center front desk to see if you qualify and to receive your Silver Sneakers Community Center pass. Remember to swipe the pass every time you come to the gym to exercise! It's a benefit to you and to your community!

Computer Classes

Classes designed especially for seniors begin in September and continue through the fall. Volunteer tutors are available during certain hours to answer questions. The computer center is open from 9:00 am–4:30 pm with 12 computers available for your use.

Try Something New!

Are you ready to expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new? Try attending a senior center activity. We offer exercise classes for seniors of all fitness levels. New sessions of **Arthritis Exercise, Belly Dance, Core Fusion, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Seniorobics, Senior Strength Training, Body Music, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Walking Club** and **Ms. Duck's Walking Warm-Up** are set to begin again. **We also offer a variety of art classes, Spanish lessons, lectures on health-related topics, free movies and so much more.** For information and to register for these and other programs and classes, call the Senior Activity Center at **216-691-7377**. For specific program information, check out the *News for Senior Adults* available online at www.clevelandheights.com, at City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.

around TOWN



Home Repair Resource Center

Help just for Cleveland Heights residents

Home Repair Resource Center programs available **only** to Cleveland Heights residents:

- HRRRC now administers the **Cleveland Heights Down Payment Assistance Program**, which provides up to \$10,000 to income-eligible buyers of one- and two-family homes throughout the city. For information, call **216-381-6100**, ext. 13.
- HRRRC's **Financial Assistance Program** provides loans and grants to Cleveland Heights homeowner/occupants to help make home repairs more affordable. Some have income restrictions, and some do not.
- A **Senior Water Heater Grant** is now available, to help reduce the cost of replacing that critical appliance for low- and moderate-income homeowners age 62+. For information, call **216-381-6100**, ext. 22.
- HRRRC's **Tool Loan** lets Cleveland Heights homeowners who meet program income guidelines borrow a drain snake, ladder, pressure washer, wet saw, and other equipment to help with home repairs and maintenance. The modest rental fee covers a three-day loan period. For information, call **216-381-6100**, ext. 16.

Cleveland Heights residents are encouraged to participate in all of HRRRC's educational programs, open to residents of all communities. Participants from Cleveland Heights qualify for reduced tuition for all **Project Repair** workshops and **Home How-To women's repair course**, both of which provide hands-on practice with the tools and materials needed to make basic home repairs. Through HRRRC's **Senior Repair Program**, Cleveland Heights seniors can get a 90-minute personalized repair consultation at their home to identify and prioritize needed repairs. HRRRC's **Resource Library**, with instructional handouts, videos, and contractor evaluations, is just around the corner from most Cleveland Heights homes, so residents are urged to visit this valuable information source. HRRRC's **Housing Counseling Program** provides classes and individual counseling to help people improve their financial management skills and/or prepare to purchase a home.

Home Repair Resource Center is located at 2520 Noble Road, just two blocks north of Monticello at the corner of Oxford. For information about any of HRRRC's services, call **216-381-6100** or visit **www.hrrc-ch.org**.

Welcome Home: Heights Authors

Welcoming event planned for new Heights residents October 5

Three Heights civic organizations will host Welcome Home: Heights Authors, the second in a series celebrating some of the amazing people who call Heights home, 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, October 5, at Nighttown, 12387 Cedar Road.

The free event will feature a panel discussion by Heights authors about why they like living and working in the Heights. Civic leaders, including city and school officials, will be on hand to welcome residents and provide information. Heights schools, businesses, cultural institutions and other organizations will also have materials available.

Participants can enjoy complimentary nibbles and a cash bar. Longtime residents are encouraged to bring a new neighbor. Door prizes will be given out to new residents.

The event is presented by the Friends of the Heights Libraries, FutureHeights and Reaching Heights. It is sponsored by Motorcars, Realtor Susan Delaney of Howard Hanna, DVUV and Keller National.

To RSVP, visit **http://heightsauthors.eventbrite.com**, send an email to **info@futureheights.org** or call of one the three presenting organizations.

HEIGHTS MUSIC HOP

FutureHeights presents the second annual Heights Music Hop, a free community-building event offering attendees the opportunity to hear a variety of musical styles throughout the Cedar Lee Business District. Last year's debut event, photo above left, drew more than 1,000 people to the Cedar Lee neighborhood to enjoy the rich culture and unique character of the Heights and its local talent.

Attendees may purchase Cleveland Beer Week tasting passports for the opportunity to sample small-batch collaboration beers specially brewed by Northeast Ohio breweries. (To purchase Cleveland Beer Week tasting passports, visit their site www.clevelandbeerweek.org.)

Heights Music Hop is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, and by Motorcars, Cedar Lee Special Improvement District, Realtor Susan Delaney of Howard Hanna, DVUV, and Keller National. To add your name to the list, contact FutureHeights at **216-320-1423** or info@futureheights.org.

Looking for more information? Looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Email heightsmusichop@futureheights.org.

Interested in performing at the 2014 Heights Music Hop?

Visit www.heightsmusichop.com.



Click-Bid-Buy Local

10th Annual FutureHeights Online Auction

Begin your holiday shopping with FutureHeights' Online Auction! Shop for products and services from local merchants, unique pieces from local artists, and one-of-a-kind experiences from the comfort of your own home during this annual event, which runs from Friday, November 21 through Sunday, December 7.

"Bidders can get some terrific bargains on gift certificates to local restaurants, handmade jewelry, tickets to sporting events and unique getaways," said Deanna Bremer Fisher, director of FutureHeights. "Local business donors receive terrific online presence throughout the auction's run and a tax donation."

Auction proceeds benefit the work of FutureHeights. The auction preview begins online on October 11. For more information or to donate an item for the auction, visit www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights or call **216-320-1423**.



HALLOWEEN IN THE HEIGHTS

Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating

Friday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 pm

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

- To ensure safety, a parent or guardian should accompany young children on neighborhood rounds.
- For additional safety, carry a flashlight.
- Make sure costumes are safe, fire proof and with eye holes (if wearing masks) large enough to allow good peripheral vision.
- Only go to houses with porch lights on and never enter the home of a stranger.
- No treats should be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
- For those distributing candy, eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check for flowerpots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses.
- **Also, if you plan on distributing candy, make sure your porch light is on.**

our schools



Zoraba Q Ross Named New Heights High Administrative Principal

Zoraba Q Ross has been named the new Administrative Principal of Cleveland Heights High School. Mr. Ross has worked in the South-Western City School District as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Central Crossing High School. Prior to joining South-Western, he served as a principal and assistant principal in the Groveport Madison Local Schools. He holds a B.S. Degree from The Ohio State University and a M.Ed. from Ashland University. He was named 2014 Principal of the Year by the Ohio Alliance of Black School Educators.



Sandy Womack Named New Director of Curriculum

Sandy Womack has been named new Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the CH-UH School District. Womack most recently served as the principal at the Altitude Academy at Crenshaw in the Canton City Schools. He held positions with Canton City Schools, including Principal of Hartford Middle School, where he improved the schools' state academic ranking from Academic Emergency to Effective. He was previously a teacher in Canton, Akron, Alliance, Columbus and Cleveland Public Schools. Womack has a B.A. in elementary education from the University of Mount Union, earned his master's degree from The University of Akron, and is currently completing his doctorate in educational leadership at Ashland University.

New Heights High School Stadium

Cleveland Heights High School's new stadium, above right, was on schedule to be ready for the first home football game this month. The new turf will allow the field to be used by athletic teams other than football, and the new seating will accommodate 2,500 spectators. "We have top notch athletes, winning teams and an award-winning marching band. Now it's all about creating the best experience for our Tiger Nation fans and visitors," said Athletic Director Kristen Hughes.

Phase 1 School Facilities Plan Update

After the community passed a bond issue in November 2013, work on the Phase 1 School Facilities Plan – the plan to make renovations to Cleveland Heights High School and Roxboro and Monticello Middle Schools over the next five years – began in early 2014. Phase 2 will address the District's elementary schools.

Cleveland Heights High School Project News:

In July, architects and District officials unveiled the schematic design floor plan and site plan for the future renovated high school. The exterior building design was presented to the Board at the August 19 Board Work Session.

Heights High @ Wiley News:

The City of University Heights approved a critical step in July for the CH-UH School District's Facilities Plan, clearing the way for the temporary relocation of Heights High to the former Wiley Middle School. The approval enables the construction of modular classrooms on-site to accommodate high school students, staff and classes for two school years, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, while Cleveland Heights High School undergoes a complete renovation.



Class of 2014 Valedictorian is All-American Diver

Ellen Posch has been named All-American for diving by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NICSA). This is the highest honor a high school swimming/diving athlete can receive. She is one of 100 girls to be chosen nationally.

“Getting this prestigious award feels amazing...as if all my hard work over the past four years on the Heights Swim Team paid off,” she said. Ellen, who will dive at Georgia Tech in the fall, graduated first in her class of 2014. She was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, Jewish Student Union, and a three-year Science Olympiad participant.

HeightsGear.com

Get your fall gear from HeightsGear.com, right in time for football season! Every Friday (Tiger Fridays), students and staff are encouraged to show their Heights pride by wearing black and gold and tiger-wear. Visit www.heightsgear.com.

Reaching Heights

Many Changes at Reaching Heights!

Each school year brings change, but this year, Reaching Heights has undergone several major changes. In April, Krista Hawthorne was selected by the Board of Directors as the new executive director, and Lisa Hunt was promoted to Assistant Director. Reaching Heights also moved to the Coventry Building, 2843 Washington Boulevard.

We are also pleased to announce the launch of our new website! The new www.reachingheights.org enables us to be more accessible, responsive and hone in on environmentally friendly processes that streamline and welcome increased community involvement. Please visit our

website to see the many ways that you can get involved, help financially support our work, or learn more about Reaching Heights efforts to connect the CH-UH schools and the community, and invest in student success. Public schools need and deserve public support!

Reaching Heights Role Models 5th Grade Speakers Series

Reaching Heights is looking for volunteer speakers to visit one of our seven elementary schools to talk about their lives. More than a career description, Role Models talk about their middle school, high school and college education, first jobs, and careers, including successes and challenges. The goals of these presentations are to give students a better understanding of the relevance of their education, the need for hard work, the possibility of overcoming obstacles, and the variety of possible futures available to them.

Reaching Heights Role Models Program began in 2012, inspired by the work of Dr. Ron Ferguson, Director of the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University. Ferguson suggested that schools could help bridge the achievement gap by bringing successful adults into classrooms to share their life journeys. Please call our office or visit our website to get more information. We will help you prepare your presentation and connect you with a coordinator to schedule your school visit.

Many Villages In-school Tutoring

Become a Many Villages Volunteer! Each elementary school community has a village of volunteers as part of the Reaching Heights Many Villages In-school Tutoring Program. In early fall, an on-site coordinator works with a school team of administrators and teachers to design the goals

of each village. The coordinators work to ensure the teacher requests are honored and tutors' skills are well-utilized. Reaching Heights provides tutor orientation and training. Tutors can work with students in every grade on reading, math, writing, science, and social studies skills. Recruiting is on-going but heaviest in the fall. If you can volunteer as little as one hour one day a week or as much as two hours four days a week, we welcome you. Leadership opportunities are available. This much-loved program is a wonderful way to get involved in the schools, make new friends, build new skills, and possibly be one more caring person in the lives of these children. Please call our office or visit our website to get started.

Save The Date

February 24, 2015

Reaching MUSICAL Heights

One special evening every four years, more than 500 CH-UH students perform on the stage at Severance Hall, home of the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra. Mark your calendars now to save the date to join us on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 to celebrate our talented students and the CH-UH Public Schools tradition of musical excellence. The concert is open to the public. A pre-concert reception will be held to raise funds to support Reaching Heights programs. To be a sponsor or place an advertisement in the program, please contact Krista Hawthorne, **216-932-5110** or krista@reachingheights.org.

home to the ARTS

Apollo's Fire

Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, has announced its 23rd season under Music Director Jeannette Sorrell. Apollo's Fire opens the season in October with a celebration of J.S. Bach's 330th birthday. Concerts to be presented in Cleveland Heights will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Boulevard, on **Friday, October 10, 8:00 pm** and **Saturday, October 11 at 8:00 pm**. Visit www.apollosfire.org for ticket information and a complete schedule.

CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra

The first concert of the season is on **Sunday October, 19 at 4:00 pm** at Church of Gesu, 2470 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights. Avner Dorman will conduct CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra with soloist Timothy McAllister, who is making his Cleveland debut in the Dorman Saxophone Concerto. For more information, call **216-321-8273** or visit www.citymusiccleveland.org.

Dobama Theatre

2350 Lee Road
216-932-6838

Dobama Theatre, celebrating its 55th anniversary as a Cleveland Heights performing arts venue, has a premieres-only approach to productions, reflected in their 2014-15 season. For more information and for tickets, visit <http://dobama.org>.

THE NORWEGIANS

October 25 – November 16

Written by C. Denby Swanson and directed by Shannon Sindelar, *THE NORWEGIANS* is a hilarious play about some really, really nice Norwegian hit men – and the women who hire them to whack their ex-boyfriends.

A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS

December 5 – January 4

Written by Paula Vogel, with music by Daryl Watters, and directed by Nathan Motta, *A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS* takes place Christmas Eve 1864 in Washington, D.C. This musical weaves together many characters, story lines and pieces of music including spirituals, carols and a setting of the Kaddish, revealing the universal and unifying themes of hope, joy and the beauty of the human spirit.

Ensemble Theatre

Coventry School Building
2843 Washington Boulevard
216-321-2930

Ensemble Theatre's dedication to modern American classics is reflected in this season's plays. For information and tickets, visit www.ensemble-theatre.com.

ANNA CHRISTIE

September 26 – October 19 (Friday through Sunday)

Written by Nobel prize-winning playwright Eugene O'Neill and directed by Ian Wolfgang Hinz, *ANNA CHRISTIE* tells the story of a coal barge captain who spends his days at a dingy waterfront saloon, cursing the old devil sea. A letter from his long-lost daughter announces that she is coming to see him and together they set sail, searching for family but finding past secrets.

THE GREAT GATSBY

November 14 – December 14 (Friday-Sunday)

Based on the American Classic novel written by F. Scott Fitzgerald, this play was adapted by Simon Levy and directed by Ian Wolfgang Hinz. The breathtaking glamour and decadent excess of the Jazz Age come to the stage.

Heights Arts

2175 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
216-371-3457 www.heightsarts.org

Gallery

Isabel Farnsworth + Hui-Chu Ying

September 5 – October 18, 2014

Featuring sculpture and works on paper by university art professors Isabel Farnsworth (Kent State University) and Hui-Chu Ying (University of Akron).

13th Annual Holiday Store

November 6 – December 31, 2014

Heights Arts gallery is filled with fine arts and crafts by more than 85 regional artists for the holidays. Support your local artists, and give yourself or someone else a gift handmade right here in northeast Ohio.

Artist Membership Special Commission

In October, Heights Arts unveils a limited edition ceramic tile made by artist members Susan Danko and Andrea LeBlond. Danko, known for her exquisite and vibrant landscape paintings, has been guided by ceramic artist LeBlond in translating her painterly language to the ceramic medium.

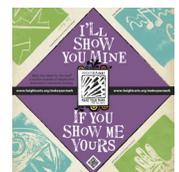
Heights Writes

Close Encounters: EKPHRASTACY

Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm
Artists Isabel Farnsworth and Hui-Chu Ying will share insights on their work in the exhibition, followed by readings of new poems penned by regional poets about the artworks in the show. Poets reading at this ekphrastic event include Dianne Borsenik, John Donoghue, Sarah Gridley, Mary Grimm and Mary Quade.

Make Your Mark for the Arts

Heights Arts' community engagement project continues through the fall. Participants exchange their personal "mark" with participating Heights businesses and qualify for rewards, savings offers.



Concerts

Close Encounters Chamber Music Series

Check Heights Arts website for our fall season concert dates.

Western Reserve Chorale

David Gilson, Artistic Director

New singers are always welcome; rehearsals are on Tuesdays, 7:15-9:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road.

'Tis the Season – December 7, 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. A concert of holiday music featuring “A Christmas Cantata by Geoffrey Bush.

Heights Chamber Orchestra

What do a group of librarians, doctors, teachers, grandmothers, grad students and a retired rocket scientist have in common? For more than 30 years, a love of music-making has brought these talented amateur and professional musicians together to rehearse and perform in area venues as the Heights Chamber Orchestra. Seven of the founding members still play with HCO and several are graduates of Heights schools' outstanding music programs.

This fall, with the start of its 32nd season, HCO begins a new chapter when Mark Allen McCoy steps up to the podium as the ensemble's new music director. Maestro McCoy, who has enjoyed success on a national and international scale, will split his conducting responsibilities between HCO and the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra in northern Virginia, where he has been music director and conductor for the past 16 years.

Appointed HCO's concertmaster in 2011, Emily Cornelius, a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and the New England Conservatory, is a frequent soloist with HCO. She plays in several professional orchestras in Northeast Ohio and maintains a large teaching studio.

Wind positions in HCO's wind and brass sections are filled (although substitutes are sometimes needed), talented string players are always welcome. Musicians interested in joining the orchestra should call **216-751-7816**.

The HCO performs in Heights area churches. All concerts are free and open to the public. HCO will perform selections from Mendelssohn's Elijah with the Gesu Parish Choir on Sunday, October 26, at 3:30 pm. Visit www.heightschamberorchestra.org for complete concert details.

Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate Nominations

Every two years, Heights Arts selects a Poet Laureate to bring poetry into the public life of Cleveland Heights. This year, Heights Arts is changing the process by inviting Cleveland Heights residents to nominate the poet who will represent the city and engage the public in poetry. The new Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term, beginning April 2014 through March 2017. The nomination period runs until November 15, 2014. For more information on how to nominate, please call **216-371-3457** or visit www.heightsarts.org/heights-writes.

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Here's a quick guide to help answer those questions.

Emergency Department

The emergency department is the appropriate place to go for treatment of conditions that require immediate care for a sudden and unexpected medical condition, or for the worsening of a condition that threatens a life, a limb, or vision. Conditions include the following:

- Loss of consciousness
- Signs of heart attack or stroke
- Uncontrolled or excessive bleeding
- Coughing up or vomiting blood
- Head injury
- Severe burns or pain
- Sudden or unexpected paralysis
- Difficulty breathing
- Poisoning or suspected poisoning
- Major injuries
- Accidents, including falls or car crashes
- Extreme emotional distress
- Suicidal or homicidal feelings
- Drug overdose
- Injuries caused by violence, such as gunshot wounds

Express Care

Express Care provides treatment for those age 14* and older experiencing more common health problems, minor conditions and illnesses. No appointment is needed, and there is little or no wait for treatment of:

- Cold, cough and flu symptoms
- Sinus infections
- Ear and throat infections (earaches, sore throats)
- Seasonal allergies
- Skin rashes
- Pink eye
- Urinary tract infections
- Minor back or shoulder pain (without previous trauma)

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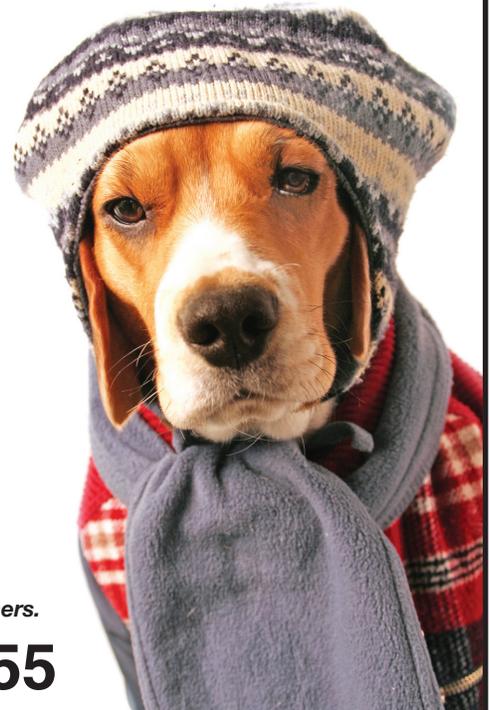
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