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2014 spring issue

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 5	Home Remodeling Fair, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle
Saturday, April 12	Spring Egg Hunt, 10:00 am <i>SHARP</i> Forest Hill Park Meadow
Wednesday, April 23	Earth Day Run/Walk, 6:45 pm, Forest Hill Park
Monday, May 5	American Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 pm Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard
Sunday, May 18	Community Shredding Day, 11:00 am-2:00 pm Cleveland Heights City Hall Parking Lot
Wednesday, May 21	Safety Town Registration, 6:00-8:00 pm Cleveland Heights City Hall (Lower Level)
Saturday, May 24	Cain Park Ticket Office opens for Cleveland Heights residents only, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed Memorial Day Ceremony, 10:30 am Veterans Memorial, Cumberland Park
Saturday, May 31	Cain Park Ticket Office opens to the public 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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city council

Dennis R. Wilcox, Mayor
Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Mayor
Janine R. Boyd
Jeff Coryell
Mary Dunbar
Jason S. Stein
Melissa Yasinow

Tanisha R. Briley, City Manager

council meetings

Cleveland Heights City Council 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.

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YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police incident and accident reports now accessible online

In the spirit of open communication Police, incident and accident reports are now accessible on the City's website. The Cleveland Heights Police Department recently upgraded its records management system to ensure that information that is public, according to public records law, is available. However, sensitive and investigatory information is adequately protected while incidents are under investigation. In addition to providing access to the City's incident reports, the process of getting information regarding accident reports is much more convenient.

Police incident and accident reports **dated February 1, 2014 or later** can be accessed on the Police Department page on the City's website at www.clevelandheights.com. Police reports are normally available within three to five business days of the incident.

Reports can also be requested at the Cleveland Heights Police Records Division, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Contact the Records Division at **216-291-4743** if you have questions about obtaining a police report. For questions about the online reports, please contact Chief of Police Jeff Robertson at **216-291-4974** or chief@clvhts.com.

Meet Your Police

Every week since March 13, 2011, residents have been able to connect with the Cleveland Heights Police Department through **Meet Your Police**, a community outreach program held Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm in the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. Hundreds of residents have taken advantage of the program in the past three years.

The Meet Your Police program is an open forum discussion designed to provide direct contact opportunities between residents and a ranking member of the department. Through Police-citizen contacts, the Police will be able to acquire and analyze information and develop a plan of action to solve a problem. After the police action is complete, citizens will be contacted by the ranking Officer with a disposition or progress update. The Meet the Police program is also a forum to discuss incidents in neighborhoods. Feel free to stop into City Hall on Thursday evenings between 6:00 and 8:00 pm and meet your police!

In addition, the Police Department has begun the following initiatives:

- Six bicycle patrol officers are in the parks and neighborhoods. The bike patrol also visits block parties and schools upon request.
- Beat patrol officers are in the commercial districts. In addition, one officer is assigned to communicating with merchants and handling any of their problems or requests.
- The Community Response Team has been formed to address individual or neighborhood issues. It is comprised of representatives from the Police, Housing Inspections and Community Relations departments.
- The K-9 unit comprised of three specially trained dogs is available when needed.

There are many ways to contact the Police Department:

- Call **9-1-1** for emergencies. Do not hesitate to call if you feel there is a serious matter.
- The non-emergency Police phone number is **216-321-1234**. This number will connect you with the officer in charge.
- Email the Police at myp@clvhts.com. Your inquiry will be handled by a high ranking officer.
- Call the **Community Tip Line** at **216-291-5010**. It is a dedicated 24-hour line that is answered by a ranking member of the Police Department.
- Follow the Cleveland Heights Police on Facebook and Twitter. Also visit the Police Department website at www.clevelandheights.com/police.



Congratulations to the 2014 City Council members! Incumbents Janine Boyd, Jason Stein and Cheryl Stephens, along with newly elected Jeff Coryell and Melissa Yasinow, were sworn in to office on Monday, January 6, 2014.

With his wife, Shelley, at his side, Dennis R. Wilcox (above, second from right), a fourteen-year member of Council and formerly vice mayor, was sworn in as mayor by former Mayor Ed Kelley. Cheryl Stephens (above, right), a four-year member of Council beginning her second term, was sworn in as vice mayor by her brother, Timothy, as her father stood next to her.

Janine Boyd took the oath of office from the Honorable Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon, Eighth District Court of Appeals of Ohio. With Councilwoman Boyd (above, third from left) were her father, Robert Boyd, and her friend, Sydney Saffold. Elected to his first term on Council in November, Jeff Coryell (above, second from left) was sworn into office by his wife, Phyllis L. Crocker. With him was County Council Member Julian Rogers.

Councilman Jason Stein was surrounded by his wife, Shimona, and their children (above, third from right) as he took the oath of office for his second term from former Mayor Ed Kelley. With her family around her, Melissa Yasinow (above left), elected to her first term, was sworn into office by former Councilwoman Bonnie Caplan.

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2014 council committees

Administrative Services Committee

Melissa Yasinow, Chair

Janine R. Boyd, Vice Chair

Jason S. Stein, Member

Administrative Code, Affirmative Action & Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, Board & Commission Appointments, Charter Review, Salaries & Benefits

Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Jeff Coryell, Chair

Melissa Yasinow, Vice Chair

Cheryl L. Stephens, Member

Community Relations, Heights Community Congress, Housing Programs, Office on Aging, Public Relations, Recreation Programs, School Relationships

Finance Committee

Cheryl L. Stephens, Chair

Mary A. Dunbar, Vice Chair

Melissa Yasinow, Member

Appropriations, Assessment Programs, Bond Issues, Budget, Contractual Service Agreements, Levies, Municipal Court Budget Review, Notes, Off-Street Parking Rates & Regulations

Municipal Services Committee

Mary A. Dunbar, Chair

Jeff Coryell, Vice Chair

Janine R. Boyd, Member

Equipment & Capital Improvements, Forestry, Public Properties, Refuse & Leaf Collection, Solid Waste Disposal, Streets, Utilities (Sewers, Lighting, Water, Cable Television)

Planning and Development Committee

Jason S. Stein, Chair

Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Chair

Mary A. Dunbar, Member

Commercial On-Street Parking Program, Community Development Block Grant (CAC), Economic Development, Off-Street Parking Program, Physical Planning, Public Construction, Zoning Code

Public Safety and Health Committee

Janine R. Boyd, Chair

Jason S. Stein, Vice Chair

Jeff Coryell, Member

Animal Control, Building & Commercial Code, Health Services, Housing Code Enforcement, Housing Inspections, Police & Fire Protection, Residential On-Street Parking, Safety Education, Signs & Signals, Traffic & Transportation

ACCESSIBILITY

City Offers New Initiative To Enhance Accessibility To Budget

OpenGov Financial Transparency Tool

In January 2014, the City of Cleveland Heights became the first city in Ohio to offer an interactive online reporting tool that allows the public to explore the City's financial data in real time. Powered by OpenGov.com, the City launched this new web application to enhance access, understanding and analysis of Cleveland Heights' annual budget and monthly expenditures.

The City initiated the partnership with OpenGov, Inc. to expand its efforts to increase access to the City's financial information in a user-friendly and dynamic format. "We are excited to introduce this helpful new platform that provides better access to residents. It is an additional internal financial management tool for our elected leaders and City staff," said Cleveland Heights City Manager Tanisha Briley. "With OpenGov Transparency, the City's finances are on display and easy to view. Its interactive format brings our financial data to life in ways that budget books fall short," she continued.

"The City of Cleveland Heights is leading the way for transparency in government in the 21st century and breaking new ground in the Midwest by inviting citizens into City Hall via the Web," said Zachary Bookman, CEO and founder of OpenGov. "By making its financial data transparent for its citizens, the City gives meaning to the term 'access to information.'"

The City is providing five years of budget data for public review via the OpenGov platform. Each year during the budget cycle, a new year of data will be added and the oldest year removed, giving the public a rolling five-year snapshot of revenue and expenditure trends. The web-based application will also include monthly expenditure totals, providing a real-time budget to actual comparison of the City's expenditures.

Visit the Cleveland Heights website at www.clevelandheights.com/budget. On that page, there is a link to the OpenGov financial transparency tool and frequently asked questions.

Community Shredding Day

Sunday, May 18
11:00 am-2:00 pm
Cleveland Heights City Hall
Parking Lot
40 Severance Circle

Don't risk throwing it all away! Bring your old financial statements, receipts, invoices or other personal unwanted documents to be shredded onsite. Limit of 10 boxes per person, please. Questions? Call Community Relations, 216-291-2323.

Portion of Cedar Road to Honor Police Investigator Jason West

A portion of Cedar Road from Coventry Road to Lee Road will be designated in the spring to honor Cleveland Heights Police Investigator Jason West, who died in the line of duty in May 2007. A dedication ceremony will be planned.



Cleveland Heights Chosen as First City to Take Part in County Emergency Notification Program

The City of Cleveland Heights was chosen to be the first city to take part in a pilot program of the Cuyahoga County Office on Emergency Management, ReadyNotify, a countywide mass notification system. This system allows Cuyahoga County to send out mass messages to citizens, residents, and businesses that voluntarily register for notifications. It will also allow the City of Cleveland Heights to send notifications to its residents who have signed up.

"We are pleased to have been chosen as the first city to participate in ReadyNotify," said Cleveland Heights City Manager Tanisha Briley. "It will give us an opportunity to inform our residents in emergency situations, such as the Community Center being a warming or cooling center during a power outage, or to report a water main break."

Participation in the ReadyNotify Program is **voluntary**. A valid email address will be needed to sign up. During the registration process, you will be asked to give information about yourself such as your address, primary language and if you require any special assistance during an emergency event. However, only information indicated with a star * is required.

When a resident signs up for ReadyNotify, they will also have the opportunity to choose how to receive messages. They can be delivered in the following ways: cell phone, home phone, work phone, email, SMS/text messaging or fax. During an emergency, having redundant sources of emergency notifications on mobile devices (cell phone, text, email) will ensure getting the right message during an emergency.

To insure that all residents can participate, the City has partnered with the CH-UH Library to serve residents in need of computer assistance or help creating an email address.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.clevelandheights.com and click on the **Ready Notify** graphic.



Safety Reminders

Since it is always helpful to review ways to protect our property and ourselves, we offer the following safety reminders:

- Lock your car! – on the street, in a parking lot, in your driveway or in your garage, it is important to lock your vehicle! Do not leave valuables in the car, especially in plain sight.
- Close and lock garage doors whether at home or away. Again, lock your car doors; keep your car in the garage.
- Do not leave purses, cell phones, laptops, etc. in plain view at home where they can be seen through your windows.
- Use the locks you have. Always lock up your home when you go out, even if it's only for a few minutes
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowell or broom stick in the door track.
- To prevent windows from being opened above a certain height, use wedges, pins or brass fittings.
- Use lights effectively. When you are going to be gone for any length of time, use clock-timers to turn lights or your radio on and off. Alter your lighting patterns.
- Don't hide your house keys under the doormat or in a flowerpot. It's much wiser to give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.
- When going away, advise a trusted neighbor of your absence. Ask a neighbor to pick up your paper, mail and flyers. Make your home looked lived in.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed to a reasonable height so windows and doors are visible.
- 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 your porch.
- Leave outdoor lights on at night. 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.
- Report broken street lights to FirstEnergy's automated outage reporting line: 1-888-LIGHTSS or 1-888-544-4877.
- Lock your bike with a chain to a place where it cannot be lifted over a pole. Register your bike at City Hall.
- Don't open doors to strangers.
- Be alert for unusual activities. Call the Police. The Police want to hear from you no matter how minor you may think a situation. Report to Police any suspicious activity. Call 216-321-1234. Call 9-1-1 if an emergency situation. The Police do their job effectively because of the tradition of resident involvement and support.

Get to know one another – that way it is easier to spot an unusual occurrence.



FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Hydrant Flushing

The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the community beginning Tuesday, April 1, 2014. This activity, which is necessary to maintain our vital fire protection system, will last through the month of May, and take place Tuesday-Friday throughout the day. There will be no hydrant flushing during the religious holidays.

Signs will be posted on the hydrants in the area that are being flushed. Residents in the posted areas are encouraged to check their water daily for rust before drinking or washing clothes. If rust does get into a wash load, rust remover is available at the Water Department in City Hall or at Fire Station #1, 3445 Mayfield Road.

Change Your Batteries

Smoke detectors can save your life, but a detector cannot do its work without a fresh battery. When we changed to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 9, did you change your smoke detectors batteries? If not, do so now!

Fire Department Chefs Appear on "The Chew"

Cleveland Heights is home to some of the Cleveland area's top chefs: Doug Katz of Fire Food and Drink and the Katz Club, Jonathon Sawyer of The Greenhouse Tavern and Noodlecat, food author Michael Ruhlman, and Michael Symon of Lola and Lolita. Symon is also a Food Network Iron Chef and is a host of ABC's "The Chew." And as he discovered recently, the Cleveland Heights Fire Department has some excellent chefs on board as well!

Symon brought "The Chew" crew to his hometown recently to host a "Blazing Breakfast Battle," with two teams of firefighter/chefs. Lt. Brian Gorski's team, Tom Garfield, Dave Rossy and Ryan Coughlin, created a hero brunch sandwich with a side of cottage ham sausage. Firefighter Dave Stepanik's team, Manoj Das, Jamil Adeen and Tom Hoffman, made a blueberry strata with croissants and fruit, along with plates of pecan-crust bacon. Symon had a difficult decision, but in the end, the strata team won the competition. If you missed the February 4 episode of "The Chew," you can visit the Cleveland Heights Fire Department's Facebook page for the recipes.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 26, 2014 – 10:30 am

The annual Cleveland Heights Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the Veterans Memorial in Cumberland Park (on Mayfield Road, across from the Community Center). As always, veterans are our special guests and will be recognized. Veterans groups, street clubs, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, youth sports teams and other community organizations are encouraged to take part. Call **216-291-2323** for more information.



We Are Proud

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Contest Winners

As part of the MLK celebration, the City sponsored essay, poetry and poster contests for Cleveland Heights students. This year's topic was "If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were still with us, what advice would he have for you and how would you follow it?" The entries were thoughtful, creative and impressive. Students wrote about staying in school, doing their best, avoiding fights, not bullying, showing respect to parents and teachers, and as **Council Award recipient Helen Gann**, Canterbury School 2nd grader, put it so well, "Believe in Yourself!" At the celebration, the students read their essays and poems and proudly displayed and explained their posters. Congratulations to our winners:

Elementary and Middle School Essays

– **Mira Allyn Whitaker-Kanner**, Noble School, grade 3; **Hasan X. Jones II**, Gearity School, grade 4; **Corey Holmes**, Canterbury School, grade 5; **Michael J. R. Price**, Communion of Saints School, grade 5; **Jasmyn Milan Seifullah**, Roxboro School, grade 5; **Brielle Boyd**, Monticello Middle School, grade 6; and **Anas Iman**, Monticello Middle School, grade 6.

High School Essays – Heights High 10th graders **Genaro Aiken**, **Sophia**

Dragowsky, **Taylor Jones**, **Naomi Marsh**, **Cherish Sanders** and **Gregory Shutt**.

Poetry – **Le'Toya Russell**, Canterbury School, grade 1; Monticello Middle School students **Folakemi Sampson**, grade 7; 8th graders **Clarissa Foxhall**, **Lily Kerr-Jung**, **Peyton Marshall** and **Victoria Varner**; and Heights High 9th grader **KeAndre Underwood**.

Posters – **Christian Tyson-Thomas**, Roxboro School, grade 2; Gearity 4th graders **Manny Adeyemon-Tate**, **Simon Bopple**, **Jerry Cissé**, and **Megan Alexa Harrington**; and Monticello Middle School 8th grader **Alexis Clayton**.

Charles Conwell Jr., Junior Worlds/Boxing Champ

Congratulations to Charles Conwell, Jr., a 16-year old from Cleveland Heights, who returned home from Reno, Nevada as the only CHAMP from the Midwest. In January, he unanimously won every fight in the JR. WORLDS/USA youth division 165 lbs. In February, he went to Colorado Springs to prepare more intensively to represent the United States in boxing competitions in different countries. Conwell manages to maintain a good GPA while taking honor classes. We wish the best to Charles and his training team here in Ohio, which includes his dad, Coach Chuck.



MLK contest winners with City Council



IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF CHESSIE BLEICK

Francesca "Chessie" Bleick, a long-time Cleveland Heights resident and involved citizen, passed away in February. Chessie brought energy, creativity and enthusiasm to every project she worked on, all as a volunteer. She was a fervent supporter of the Heights schools and of the City's recreation programs, especially the Heights Hockey program. She worked on numerous City recreation programs, always with the attitude "what is right for the kids."

She helped make Cleveland Heights a true Home to the Arts with her position as founder of the Friends of Cain Park over 20 years ago. Through her efforts, thousands of dollars were raised to support programming at the Park. And whether she was at the Arts Festival selling water bottles or organizing the annual benefit, she never asked anyone to do anything that she wouldn't do herself – always with a smile.

Chessie was a supporter of integration and diversity and served as a founding member of the Heights Fund, a pro-integrative loan program. Our city and our community has benefitted greatly from the efforts of this exceptional woman. Her love of her community was second only to her love of her family.

In recognition of her dedication to Cain Park, the 2014 season will be dedicated to her memory.



2014 Home Remodeling Fair

Saturday, April 5, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Spring is a great time to start planning your home repair and remodeling projects. The Home Remodeling Fair will get you off to a great start! This year's Fair will be held on Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. This free event will provide information on many home repair and remodeling tasks, especially "big ticket" projects where it is particularly important to make wise decisions. Residents of all communities are welcome.

The Fair will feature "Ask an Expert" advice tables, where homeowners can ask questions of professionals representing such areas as:

- Heating & Cooling
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Roofing
- Insulation
- Air Quality & Mold Remediation
- Carpentry
- Window Repair
- New Garages
- Concrete
- Masonry
- Metal Restoration
- Exterior Painting
- Interior Design & Colors
- Flooring
- Aging in Place & Universal Design
- Rain Barrels

In addition, representatives from local banks, community organizations, and the City of Cleveland Heights will be available to discuss how they can help homeowners complete renovation projects.

Fair attendees can also take advantage of workshops on the following topics:

- 10:00-11:00 am "Wood Windows: Repair or Replace?"
Mary Ogle – Cleveland Restoration Society & Art Engleman,
Western Window Service
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm "Getting Your Roof Done Right" - Chris Kamis – Absolute Roofing
- 12:30-1:30 pm "Why Do I Have a Wet Basement?"
Wesley Walker – Home Repair Resource Center

The Home Remodeling Fair is provided by Home Repair Resource Center, a Cleveland Heights nonprofit, in cooperation with the City of Cleveland Heights. For further information, call **216-381-6100**.

Relocation Services

Residents are often our best ambassadors! If your company has a new hire coming in, or if you have friends looking for a home, be sure to invite them to see Cleveland Heights. Contact Relocation Services at **216-291-5813** or **gryan@clvhts.com** to receive a packet of information, which can be mailed or emailed to you. Also, direct them to the video on the City's website: **www.clevelandheights.com/city-video**.

Building Department

Don't Forget Your Permit!

Spring is the time we begin our home projects, including replacing our roofs. The Building Department would like to remind you that all new roof or re-roofing projects will require permits, including both Residential and Commercial. Visit **www.clevelandheights.com/building-permits** for more information on Building Permits and Roofing Regulations.



GIVE BLOOD THE GIFT OF LIFE

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, (Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road) on Mondays May 5, July 7, and September 8 from 2:00-7:00 pm in the South Atrium. Special O&B Drives are scheduled. Call 1-800-GIVELIFE to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will be taken as the schedule permits.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Spring Clean-up

Loose Leaf Collection—NEW!

Once again, loose leaves will be collected this spring from **March 31 through April 30, 2014**.

However, after April 30, the following methods of preparation **must** be followed to ensure collection:

- Leaves, weeds, grass and small twigs should be placed in a Kraft paper yard bag and **weigh less than 40 pounds each**.
- Branches and limbs should not exceed two inches in diameter, should be cut to three feet in length and bundled with string/twine and **weigh less than 40 pounds** per bundle.
- Small logs must be cut in lengths of no more than 18 inches and no more than six inches in diameter. Please stack logs in a pile for collection.

Please note that weight limits are established in the interest of employees' safety and are strictly enforced.

Bagged Yard Waste

Beginning in 2014, bagged yard waste (in Kraft paper lawn bags only) will **only** be collected from **April 1, 2014 through November 28, 2014**. Collection of loose leaves will occur during the month of November.

From **December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015**, no yard waste will be collected. Yard waste collection will resume April 1, 2015.

Strash Bags, Kraft Bags & Recycling Bags

As of April 30, 2014, **the City will stop selling bags** of all types. Garbage bags, recycling bags and Kraft paper lawn bags are readily available in all home improvement and grocery stores.

Holiday Collection Schedule

The collection schedule for holiday weeks is as follows. Please note that regardless of the conditions (bad weather, holidays, etc.) **there is never a refuse collection on Sunday**.

- **Sunday, April 20 is Easter.** Refuse and recycling collection will be on the regular schedule the week before and the week after Easter.
- **Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day.** City Hall will be closed. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day all week.

Refuse and Unwanted Wildlife

Some Helpful Hints

Spring is the time of year that skunks and raccoons can play havoc with homeowners. Skunks mate in the early spring and give birth in May. The mother is protective of her kits, spraying at any sign of danger. So, here are a few ways to make your property less enticing to skunks who need a home and get rid of skunks that have already moved in.

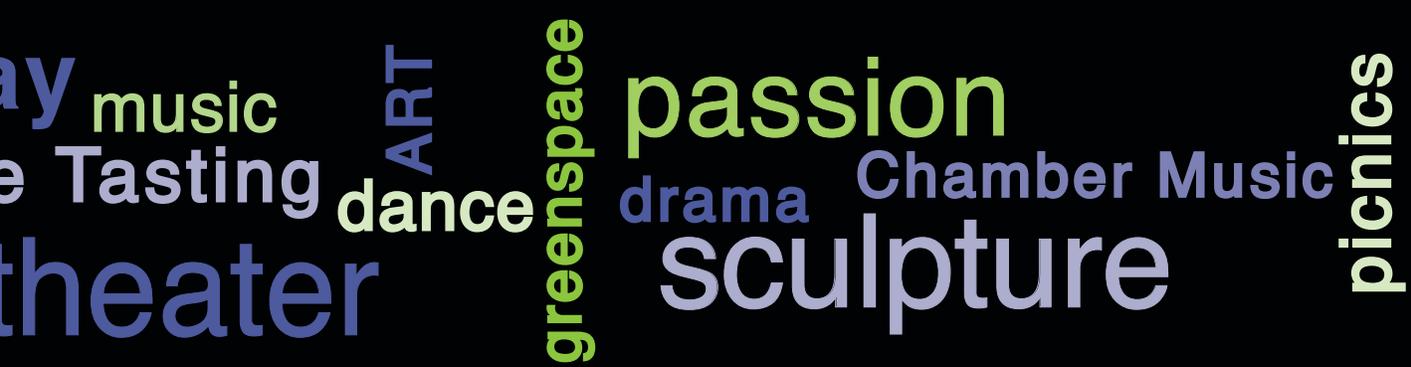
- Skunks are scavengers, **so remove fruit that drops from trees**, such as nuts or berries, natural food sources, and stray birdseed from your feeder. A tray under the feeder is useful to catch and dispose of the dropped seeds.
- **Protect your waste.** Skunks and raccoons can live on garbage alone. It's important to keep your trash cans properly sealed. Sometimes regular garbage cans won't do. To defend against scavenging animals, you can purchase locking cans, tie the lids to the cans, place heavy objects on top of the lid, and/or store the cans in your garage or shed at night so the smell of garbage does not attract the animals.

- **Use an enclosed compost bin**, as skunks like to eat old fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells and other compost items.
- **Close off hiding places.** Skunks like to make their homes under decks, porches, and in other sheltered areas. Close off spaces that may be appealing by using rocks, fencing or plywood.
- **Use sprays that repel skunks and raccoons.** Pepper sprays that are sold to repel squirrels and other wildlife are effective for skunks.
- **Soak old rags in ammonia** and place them under your deck or porch to keep skunks from moving in.
- **Spray the inside of garbage cans or the bags of garbage with ammonia** if you set them out in the evening. None of these remedies are guaranteed, but if it comes to preventing a skunk or raccoon versus cleaning up your yard or tree lawn each garbage day, these ideas may be worth a try! The remedies must be repeated as the smell will dissipate with time and weather conditions.

Dugway Brook Walking Tour

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Led by Roy Larick, Korbi Roberts and Jim Miller, this walk will begin at the Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard. We cover the east branch of Dugway Brook from Cain through Cumberland to Forest Hill. See where early settlers quarried sandstone, milled timber and grew wine. Learn how Cumberland and Forest Hill began as spring-fed water cures. Contemplate the future of this conservation-reliant urban stream. Call **216-291-4878** to register.



2014 events confirmed as of publication date:

GROUNDWORKS DANCETHEATER

June 12-14, Thursday-Saturday 7:00 pm, Alma Theater

EH440 with special guest HEIGHTS BARBERSHOPPERS

Friday, June 13, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

JUDY COLLINS

Saturday, June 14, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

Free SUNDAYS IN THE PARK

June 15 Pat Harris Quartet; June 22 J Blues Band; June 29
Larry Patch Quintet, 1-4:00 pm, Alma Theater

Free TUESDAY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

June 17 Amelia String Quartet; June 24 Metropolitan Brass
Quintet; August 5 Raleigh Chamber Players; August 12 Silver
Keys Clarinet Quartet, 7:00 pm, Alma Theater

CABARET SERIES

June 19 Kevin David Thomas, June 21 Patty Lohr,
June 26 Theresa Kloos, June 28 Tina Stump,
7:00 pm, Alma Theater

DAVID FRANCEY with special guest ASHLEY CONDON

Thursday, June 19, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

\$5 FRIDAYS

June 20 Cellocentric, June 27 Rachel & the Beatnik Playboys,
7:00 pm Alma Theater

AVERAGE WHITE BAND / THE FAMILY STONE

Friday, June 20, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

DISNEY'S CHOO-CHOO SOUL "WITH GENEVIEVE!"

Saturday, June 21, 7:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

THE MASTERS OF FIDDLE

starring **NATALIE MACMASTER & DONNELL LEAHY**
Sunday, June 22, 7:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

\$2 TUESDAYS

June 24 Hey Mavis, July 15 DiCosimo with the Spyder
Stompers, July 22 The Lenny Russo Band, July 29 Red Hot
Rhythm Review, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

PUSHCART PLAYERS "A CINDERELLA TALE"

Kids Matinee, Wednesday June 25, 1-2:00 pm, Alma Theater

BLACK VIOLIN with special guests

THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN OF SPOKEN WORD

Saturday, June 28, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

JOSH "SOCALLED" DOLGIN SEXTET

featuring **MICHAEL WINOGRAD, clarinet**

36th Annual Workmen's Circle Yiddish Concert, Sunday, June 29,
7:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

CAIN PARK ARTS FESTIVAL July 11-13

JIM BRICKMAN

Saturday, July 19, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

VERB BALLETS

Friday, July 25 Kids Matinee 1-2:00 pm. Saturday, July 26 8:00
pm, Evans Amphitheater

ARLO GUTHRIE

Sunday, July 27, 7:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

INLET DANCE THEATRE

Wednesday, July 30 Kids Matinee 1-2:00 pm. Thursday, July 31
8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

THE SINGING ANGELS

Sunday, August 3, 4:00 pm, Free, Evans Amphitheater

THE FROGS

Thursday, July 31-Sunday, August 17, Alma Theater

CLASSICS LIVE - ABBEY ROAD

Saturday, August 2, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

TORI AMOS

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

MICHAEL STANLEY and the Resonators

Saturday, August 9, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

ILLSTYLE & PEACE

Friday, August 15 Kids Matinee 1-2:00 pm, 8:00 pm, Evans Am-
phitheater

THE DOO WOPS

Saturday, August 16, 8:00 pm, Evans Amphitheater

*All artists, programs and dates are subject to change without no-
tice. Booking the season continues, so please check for calendar
updates on www.cainpark.com/*

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.

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.
- **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.

Of Special Interest

Silver Sneakers Has Come to 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. Call your insurance provider to find out if your insurance plan offers Silver Sneakers and ask for your ID number. Bring that number with you to the Community Center front desk 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!

Commission on Aging Older Americans Month Annual Forum on Thursday, May 29, 1:00-3:00 pm, explores the topic of emergency preparedness with presentations from a panel of experts. Don't miss this popular and important event! Refreshments will be served.

Senior Activity Center

- Don't let any more time pass feeling left out because you don't know how to use the computer. Classes designed especially for seniors continue through spring. Volunteer tutors are available to answer questions. The computer center is open 9:00 am-4:30 pm with 12 computers available for your use.
- Are you ready to expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new? Try attending a Senior Center activity. Exercise classes are available for all fitness levels. Spring sessions of **Belly Dance, 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, classes in Spanish, 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 at **www.clevelandheights.com**, at City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.

Community Improvement Awards

Proud Cleveland Heights property owners gathered in the City Hall atrium in October for the 38th annual Community Improvement Awards (CIA). The program recognizes individual homeowners, business owners and organizations that have worked to improve their properties and to contribute to the vitality and beauty of our city. Residents from all over the community took the time to nominate deserving properties for awards; these nominations reflect that our residents notice and appreciate their neighbors' efforts! We congratulate the following CIA winners:



Community Improvement Winners

Addis/Hinske Residence
Navahoe Road

Beck Residence
Coventry Road

Cochran Residence
Washington Boulevard

Bicvic Residence
Edgehill Road

DiTirro Residence
Berkshire Road

Hart Residence
Marlboro Road

King Residence
Forest Hills Boulevard

Krauss/Jacobs Residence
Euclid Heights Boulevard

Layton Residence
North Taylor Road

McGraw Residence
Bluestone Road

McGuire Residence
Elbon Road

Patacca Residence
Chatfield Road

Reichard Residence
East Overlook Road

Thompson Residence
Edgehill Road

Wolfe Residence
Stillman Road

Tender Loving Care Awards

Tender Loving Care (TLC) Awards are presented to property owners who meticulously maintain their homes or have extensively re-landscaped. TLC awards were presented to:

Dowling-Coll Residence
Kirkwood Road

Lesar Residence
Yorkshire Residence

Lewis Residence
Elbon Road

Lovlace Residence
Meadowbrook Boulevard

Middleton Residence
Henderson Road

Pennfield Club Apartments
Noble Road

Schiff Family
Severn Road

Segall Residence
Revere Road

Slocum Residence
Blanche Avenue

Smith Residence
Chatfield Drive

Sobotincic Residence
Washington Boulevard

Wiant Residence
Superior Road

Williamson Residence
Yorkshire Road

Wilson Residence
Brinkmore Road



Tender Loving Care Winners



Special & Sustainable Award Winners

Additional Awards

A Special Award was presented to **Hope Garden** on Woodview Road. The Hope Garden team has worked hard over the years, not only to have a beautiful garden, but to donate the harvest to the Heights Emergency Food Center so that fresh produce is available to those who need it.

Ruffing Montessori School, 3380 Fairmount Boulevard, received a Sustainability Award for its commitment to sustainability, including its sustainable Stormwater Management Learning Lab and landscaping projects.

Street Awards are presented to streets where it is evident that the neighbors take pride in their homes and have made a visible effort to maintain and improve their property exteriors. **Navahoe Road** and **Westover Road** were recognized for 2013.

Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation Awards See page 17



Historic Award Winners

recreation

Upcoming Spring Events

• **The Annual Spring Egg Hunt** for children ages 1-9 will be held on **Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 am SHARP** in the Forest Hill Park Meadow, near the playground. The event is free! Children should wear old clothes and boots (in case of inclement weather) and must bring their own bags or egg baskets. Registration deadline is April 11. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Heights Emergency Food Center. To register, please **216-691-7373**.

• **The Sixth Annual Earth Day 5K Run and Walk** is **April 23** (rain or shine, no rain date) at **6:45 pm** entirely in Forest Hill Park. It is a fundraiser for the Youth Scholarship Fund. The entry fee for those who pre-register is \$15; day-of-the-race entry fee is \$19 (cash and checks only). Pre-registration deadline is April 21 with checks made out to HMA Promotions and mailed to: City of Cleveland Heights Earth Day Run, 40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Those interested may also register at **www.hmapromotions.net**.

• **The Forest Hill Nature Walk** (rain or shine) will take place at 7:00-8:00 pm on Thursday evenings, one every month from June through August—June 26, July 24, and August 21. Participants should be dressed to hike with sturdy shoes or boots. Meet in front of the Community Center. Please join Angelec Hillsman from the North Chagrin Nature Center as she shows you our wonderful park!

Swimming

2014 Pool Season

Saturday, June 7 – Cumberland Pool opens for the season

Friday, June 27 –

Family Fun Night, 5:00-8:00 pm

Friday, July 4 – Cumberland Pool is open 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

Friday, July 18 –

Carnival Night, 5:00-8:00 pm

Friday, July 25 –

Family Fun Night, 5:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 5 –

Cumberland Pool Water Show, 8:30 pm

Friday, August 22 –

Family Fun Night, 5:00-8:00 pm

Sunday nights TBA –

Same-Sex Swims, 6:30-8:30 pm

Monday, August 25-Friday, August 29 –

Reduced schedule

Monday, September 1 –

Cumberland Pool closes for the season

Registration/Admission

Registration for all spring indoor swimming programs and pool passes is now under way. Registration for the “Sea Serpents” summer swim team (ages 8 & under, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15-18) begins March 31. Registration for all outdoor swimming programs and pool passes begins April 22 at the Community Center. **Pool passes purchased on or before June 6 are available at a discounted rate.** A current Recreation ID card (residents only, preschoolers exempted) is required for use of the pool and must be presented before entering the facility. Fall indoor swimming program registration begins August 4. Contact Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** or **ckendel@clvhts.com** for more information.

Important Phone Numbers

Cumberland Pool – **216-691-7390**
Community Center – **216-691-7373**

Summer Ice Skating

The summer ice skating dates are June 9-August 10. Registration for the six- or seven-week summer Learn-to-Skate lessons is ongoing and group lessons begin the week of June 9. The Ice Rink will be closed on July 4 for the holiday.

Celebrate Your Birthday on Ice!

Birthday party dates go quickly so call **216-691-7434** to reserve your summer party today! Residents pay \$140.00 for up to 25 children. Parties for children ages 7-12 include tables, chairs, admission and skate rental.

The Ice Rink desk phone number puts you directly in contact with Rink staff: **216-691-7434**. In addition, Public Skate and Pickup Hockey schedules are now available online at **www.clevelandheights.com**.

Hockey

Youth Hockey Season for Boys & Girls

- August 10-15 – Heights Developmental Hockey Camp
 - Travel Hockey, Cleveland Heights Youth Hockey Association (ages 6-14 as 12/31/14), **www.heightshockey.com**: ADM (ages 8 & under), Squirts (ages 9 & 10), Pee Wees (ages 11 & 12), Bantams (ages 13 & 14)
 - Learn-to-Play Hockey: ages 10 & under
 - Tot Hockey: ages 4-7 (pre-requisite: passed Snow Plow 2)
- Scholarship and other financial assistance is available. Please contact Christopher J. Kendel at **216-691-7347** or **ckendel@clvhts.com** for registration information.

Summer Day Camps

Pavilion Fun Day Camp is designed for children entering grades K-5 (as of fall 2014) and will take place June 9-27 and June 30-July 18 (no camp July 4). Camp activities include swimming, arts and crafts, special events and a lot of fun! A maximum of 100 children can be accepted for each session. Camp is held at the Community Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Discounts of \$10 are available for a second and third child per family. Parent Orientation will be on June 5. Before- (7:30 am-9:00 am) and After-Camp Care (4:00-6:00 pm) is available the same dates as the Fun Day Camp. Contact the Community Center Front Desk (**216-691-7373**) or Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383**, or **mdiscenzo@clvhts.com**, with any questions. Registration began February 15.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the preparation, and on the day of, the Spring Egg Hunt. Volunteers are also needed to help with the water stops and key points along the path for the Annual Earth Day Run. Those interested should contact Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372**.

Summer Sports Programs

Adult Softball Leagues – Men’s, Women’s and Coed weeknight leagues are accepting registrations for play that begins the week of April 21 at Forest Hill Park. Contact Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or lshaw@clvhts.com.

Tennis Programs – Registration is under way for group lessons for tots (ages 4 and up) through seniors (ages 55 and up), private lessons, adult teams, Racquettes Women’s Doubles Program, developmental youth camp (July 21-25) and junior skills clinic. Call **216-691-7373**.

Youth Sports — Spring programs are scheduled for soccer, baseball and softball. Cub soccer (ages 3-5) and youth soccer (grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6) occur April 12-May 17. Recreational baseball leagues for ages 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9 & 10 plus local recreational travel teams (ages 11 & 12, 13 & 14, and 15 & 16) take place April 21-July 19. Recreational softball slow pitch for ages 7-10 and recreational softball travel teams (ages 11 & 12, 13 & 14, and 15-18) also occur April 21-July 19. Summer recreational basketball leagues for grades K-12 (separate programs for boys and girls) take place June 16-July 25. Three sports camps are scheduled: basketball, tennis and ice hockey. Contact Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or lshaw@clvhts.com.

Picnic At Your Park

Cleveland Heights residents with current Recreation ID cards can reserve a picnic shelter from May 1-October 15 at five park sites. Reservation fee is \$25 plus a \$50 refundable security deposit. Reservations for the upcoming season began January 2. Call **216-691-7373** for information.

Change in Field House Hours

Spring (now through May 25) hours for the gym, track and fitness center are Monday-Friday 6:00 am-9:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am-6:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am-6:00 pm.

Summer/Fall (May 27-September 21) hours will be Monday and Tuesday 6:00 am-9:00 pm, Wednesday-Friday 6:00 am-8:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Call **216-691-7373** with questions.

historic heights

National Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month, and Cleveland Heights has a number of events and walking tours planned. Presented by the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and the Heights Library, the events showcase the history of our community and Greater Cleveland and help us learn how to protect and preserve the architecture and homes that make this place special. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all events (at www.heightslibrary.org or **216-932-3600**).

Historic Preservation in Cleveland Heights:

Why It's Important and How it's Done

Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 pm, Heights Main Library

A panel discussion featuring Ken Goldberg, librarian/art historian and president of Cleveland Heights Historical Society; Chuck Miller, architect and Chair of Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission; and Marian Morton, professor of history and writer on Cleveland Heights history

Millionaires Row by Dan Ruminski

Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 pm, Heights Main Library

A spellbinding entertainment experience, the storyteller in his chair will share stories about the grand mansions and fascinating characters of Millionaires Row. At its height of grandeur, Millionaires Row in Cleveland stretched four miles along Euclid Avenue from Public Square. Approximately 250 mansions comprised what was once known as “the most beautiful street in America.”

Coventry Walking Tour

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am-12:00 noon; start at Coventry Library

Led by Michael Rotman, Executive Director, Cleveland Heights Historical Society This is a walking tour of the Coventry commercial district, enhanced by use of the Cleveland Historical app created by Cleveland State University.

Fixing Your Wood Windows

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 pm, Heights Main Library

The Cleveland Restoration Society will present a program on how and why you should repair your original wood windows instead of replacing them with vinyl ones.

Historic Awards

The Landmark Commission presented two awards at the Community Improvement Awards in October. **Chris and Tina Jurcisin** of Coventry Road received the **Historic Preservation Award**. They beautifully restored their home, which is over 100 years old. They upgraded the mechanical systems, restored all original double-hung windows, crown moldings, floors, mahogany wainscoting, woodwork, stairs and leaded and stained glass windows. On the exterior, the tile roof was restored and flashed, the wood cornice rebuilt and structural brick repairs undertaken.

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the early years

Gearity Early Childhood Center

Located in Gearity Professional Development School
2323 Wrenford Road, University Heights

Call 216-371-7356 or visit www.chuh.org for information on any of the following:

- **Noble and Gearity Half-day Preschool Program** registration for the 2014-2015 school year is ongoing. Hours of registration are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Limited free and sliding-scale spaces are available for this program.
- The **Gearity Full-day Preschool Program** (year-round) is accepting applications. Call to schedule a tour.
- Open Registration for the CH-UH School District's **Before/After School Program** for the 2014-2015 school year begins on May 19, 2014. 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. The registration forms may be found at 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, exchange ideas and learn about community resources and their local elementary schools from the inside.

Family Connections

Family Connections offers many opportunities for families of children (birth to six years of age) to meet, learn to play with a purpose with their children, find support and develop school readiness skills. Programs focus on: Early Literacy, School Readiness & Parenting Support. Cleveland Heights programs, located in the former Coventry School building at 2843 Washington Boulevard, are:

- **Baby & Me:** Resources and sharing specifically for parents and caregivers of children from birth-12 months.
 - **Parenting Classes:** An eight-week series of parent education sessions is offered periodically each year.
 - **Family Playroom:** Join the fun in the toy-filled playroom with your child from birth to five for a fun, relaxing and resource-filled play session! Meet other families with children the same ages.
 - **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!
- The Family Literacy Playroom at the Heights Main Library, 2345 Lee Road, offers **Little Heights**, a free early literacy program open to all families with young children (birth to age 5). Parents and caregivers play with their children while building important school readiness skills.

Visit www.familyconnections1.org to learn about Family Connection's full array of services,

Safety Town Register Wednesday, May 21

Safety Town, a traffic safety program sponsored by the City of Cleveland Heights, is open to children who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall and who live in Cleveland Heights or within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District. Four sessions will be held:

Session 1	June 16-19	1:00-3:00 pm
Session 2	June 23-26	10:00 am-noon
Session 3	July 14-17	1:00-3:00 pm
Session 4	July 21-24	10:00 am-noon

Each session is Monday through Thursday and the program will be held at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard. Mass registration will take place on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 6:00 to 8:00 pm** on the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle; no early registration will be accepted. Fee is \$25 (cash or check only).



Safety Town Program

business



Cedar Fairmount News

Buffalo Wild Wings Opening Soon

Buffalo Wild Wings (also known as B-dubs) is opening in the Cedar Fairmount Business District at 12459 Cedar Road. Owner Richard Andrews, has been renovating the space for the past several months. The plans include seats for 280 patrons, multiple dining areas, and over 60 televisions with four 119" large screen projection TVs. Mr. Andrews emphasized that B-dubs is a family restaurant offering kid-friendly food, the use of fresh ingredients and entrees that include salads, sandwiches, flatbreads, burgers, and of course wings. Everything is made to order. Buffalo Wild Wings will offer 30 beers on tap and more than 40 bottled beers along with a full bar.

13th Annual Summer Festival and Arts & Craft Show

The Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District has scheduled the 2014 Discover Cedar Fairmount Festival and Arts & Craft Show for Sunday, August 10, noon to 5:00 pm. Thousands in 2013 enjoyed the traditional family-friendly festival. The festival is free to the public and sponsored by the Cedar Fairmount SID, their merchants and professionals, as well as a grant from the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Popular attractions, such as the Euclid Beach Rocket Car, musicians, lectures, and the arts and craft show, will be returning. The committee is planning exciting new offerings. They are seeking new vendors and entertainers. Anyone interested in participating may contact Cedar Fairmount at **216-791-3172**. Arts and crafters, vendors and non-profits can download applications at www.cedarfairmount.org.

Cedar Lee Update

Mitchell's Fine Chocolates Celebrating 75 Years

Mitchell's Fine Chocolates, located at 2285 Lee Road, is celebrating a special anniversary this year. It has been 75 years since owner Bill Mitchell's father, Chris, a Greek immigrant, opened a neighborhood soda fountain and candy store next to a movie theater in Cleveland Heights. In 1949, Bill's mother, Penelope, joined the family business. Today, Mitchell's still makes freshly hand-dipped chocolates that generations of Clevelanders grew up with. In addition to their Lee Road store, Mitchell's has a thriving online store where people from all over the world can enjoy what we have for years: delicious, freshly blended chocolates. Stop in the store or visit www.mitchellschocolates.com.

Joey's Bistro Bar Italiano

Owned by brothers Will and Michael Leonetti, Joey's Bistro Bar Italiano is a new addition to the Lee Road restaurant scene. Located at 2195 Lee Road in the space formerly occupied by Jimmy O'Neil's, Joey's underwent extensive renovations. The menu offers large appetizers perfect for sharing and house specialties like pizza and pasta. Note that all of the items are available in gluten-free versions. Call Joey's Bistro Bar Italiano at **216-932-7777**.

Advanced Federated Protection Celebrating 30 Years

Advanced Federation Protection, located at 1991 Lee Road, Suite 205, celebrated 30 years in business in February. AFP offers alarm systems, camera systems, Wi-Fi, fire systems, metal detectors, access control, locks, media monitors and more. For more information, contact Willie D. Chapman, Sr. at **216-256-7416**.

Fairmount Taylor Business District

Gigi's on Fairmount a Great New Addition

The block of Fairmount Boulevard between South Taylor and Queenston roads may be short, but it is packed with vibrant businesses like Paysage, You Two, Duo-Home, Paul Hamlin Interiors and On the Rise Artisan Breads and Pastries. Gigi's on Fairmount (above) at 3477 Fairmount is a delightful addition to the block. Owned by Gia Ilijasic and Jim Patsch, Gigi's is a wine bar, café and a restaurant serving appetizers, bruschetta, paninis, soups, and entrée specials prepared by Executive Chef Jesse Mendoza.



OUR SCHOOLS



LEL Player of the Year, Kalah Saunders, in white jersey

Community Passes Bond Issue 81

Phase 1 Kicks Off with the High School Project

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District is currently beginning one of the most exciting and far-reaching projects in its 100+-year history: Phase 1 of the School Facilities Renovation Plan. The community's passage of Issue 81 in 2013 paved the way to launch a \$159 million revitalization effort that will completely renovate Cleveland Heights High School and two of the District's middle schools (Monticello and Roxboro), replacing building systems and updating the schools to operate efficiently.

A Facilities Accountability Committee has been selected to monitor and regularly report to the Board of Education regarding the status, progress and expenditure of funds for Phase 1. The Board of Education has attempted to include on the Committee a diverse representation from a cross-section of stakeholders, including parents,

non-parent residents, business owners, labor members and other community members, as well as to represent geographically and demographically diverse residents.

Another way the District has encouraged the CH-UH community to be involved in the facilities planning is through attendance and input at its Community Meetings series, open to residents, staff, parents and students. Meetings will be held from 6:00-8:30 pm in the Heights High School Social Room (13263 Cedar Road) on March 27, May 1, and May 22.

Our Outstanding Musicians

Hello, Dolly!

Over 4,000 patrons saw six shows of *Hello, Dolly!*, the annual all-District fall musical at Heights High. The show included elementary, middle school students and high school students – approximately 600 students in all. The fantastic triple-cast production was directed by Vocal Music Director Craig McGaughey. Forty-six instrumental music students and

eight professional musicians played in two alternating pit orchestras under the direction of Heights High Symphony Director Daniel Heim.

Heights Barbershoppers #1 in U.S.

There was a full house at the Community Center on January 15 for the Cleveland Heights 16th annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We were proud to have the Heights Barbershoppers perform just days before they left for their triumphant trip to the International Youth Chorus Barbershop Festival in Long Beach, California, where they took **first place in the nation and second place internationally in their division!** Congratulations to the Heights Barbershoppers and Heights High Vocal Music Director Craig McGaughey!

Instrumental Music Department

Heights High's Instrumental Music Department excelled at the annual Ohio Music Educators Association Solo and Ensembles Contest in January. The following ensembles earned a "Superior" rating:

- Rock 'n' viol', String Duet: **Mariah Mendes and Christina Wynne**
- Baker's Dozen, Brass Quintet: **Ann Zicari, Sam Espenschied, Cody Radivoyevitch, Gretchen Drushel and Oleaser Johnson**
- Five Guys Valves and Slides, Brass Quintet: **William van den Bogert, Ian Bartz, Benjamin Gillooly, Abe Mendes and David Pecoraro**
- The Sax Pistols, Saxophone Quartet: **Ryan Wilson, Noah Gonzalez, Gianfrancesco Quartell and Genaro Aiken**

The following soloists earned a "Superior" rating: **Anastasia Cyr** (English horn), **Ilona Eke** (viola), **Devin Gamble** (flute), **Kristin Gustafson** (flute), **Aviva Klein** (bassoon), **Gianfrancesco Quartell** (alto saxophone), **Brittany Rabb** (flute), **Halling Roosa** (cello), **James Smith** (French horn), **Celia van den Bogert** (flute, harp), **Ann Zicari** (trumpet).

These soloists earned an "Excellent" rating: **Brendan Mullen** (snare drum), **Juliana Soreo** (flute), **William van den Bogert** (trumpet).

around town

Cleveland Heights High Athletic Accomplishments

The Football Team finished as Lake Erie League (LEL) champions for the second time in three years with a 10-2 record. They earned their first playoff win in program history by defeating Wadsworth 35-7. Sixteen athletes signed National Letters of Intent to play football in college.

The Boys Soccer Team was crowned LEL champions for the second year in a row; head coach **Sean Sullivan** was named LEL Coach of the Year and **Zander Perelman** was named LEL Co-Player of the Year.

The Girls Soccer Team was an LEL Co-Champion, winning their second championship in two years and also sectional finalists. **Kalah Saunders** was named LEL Player of the Year and signed a National Letter of Intent to play Women's Soccer at Lake Erie College.

The Cross Country Team was Boy LEL Champions for the second straight year with head coach **Nick Continenza** named LEL Coach of the Year, and **James Smith**, LEL Player of the Year (Boys), **Dayvione Briggs**, LEL Player of the Year (Girls).

The Boys and Girls Basketball Teams are currently first in the Lake Erie League. **Ashanti Abshaw** has signed a National Letter of Intent to play Women's Basketball at Cleveland State University.

The Ice Hockey Team is White-East Division Champions; Head Coach **Eddie Babcox** was named White-East Division Coach of the Year. They are also Baron Cup II semi-finalists.

Ellen Posch, Sectional Diving Champion, broke the Cleveland Heights team record for a six-dive meet with a score of 275.10 at Warren G. Harding earlier in the season. **Michelle Posch** and **Arnell Scott** are moving on from Diving Sectionals.

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONGRESS

Understanding the Fair Housing Act

Friday, April 25, 7:00-8:30 pm

CH-UH Main Library, 2345 Lee Road

During this interactive evening, participants will view dramatized encounters of Heights Community Congress (HCC) testers as they illustrate situations encountered by people seeking housing that violate the Fair Housing Act. The audience will comment, analyze and suggest possible varying outcomes. Please attend and help HCC sharpen their tools in the fight against housing discrimination.

WHAT'S GOING ON @ YOUR LIBRARY THIS SPRING?

The Bard's Birthday Bash – This April marks the 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth and he doesn't look a day over 449! Join the fun throughout the spring as we celebrate with films, music, book discussions, lectures, tours, modern adaptations, and more. All Shakespeare-related programs take place at the Lee Road branch, 2345 Lee Road.

Much Ado about Nothing Double Feature – Saturday, April 19, 12:30 & 3:00 pm
Join us for an afternoon of two film adaptations of Shakespeare's witty romantic comedy, *Much Ado about Nothing*. Joss Whedon's modern version will begin at 12:30 pm and the classic Kenneth Branagh production will be shown at 3:00 pm.

Art Study Group: Shakespeare at the Cleveland Museum of Art – Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm. Starting at the Ingalls Library and following up with a docent-led tour of the museum collection, we'll view books, paintings, and objects relating to Shakespeare's life, times, and works. Registration begins April 9.

May the Fourth Be With Thee: A Shakespeare/Star Wars Mashup – Sunday, May 4, 2:00 pm. Join us for a Shakespeare-inspired Star Wars Day event in a star-crossed galaxy far, far away.

Where the Wild Thyme Grows: Cleveland's Shakespeare Garden – Sunday, May 18, 3:00 pm. Mary Hamlin of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation will discuss the history of the 1916 Shakespeare Garden and how it served as the seed for the development of the Cultural Gardens.

7th Annual Lee Road Library Crossword Competition – Sunday, April 27, 1:30 pm
Spend an afternoon solving crossword puzzles with friends and neighbors as you try your hand at unpublished crosswords provided by Will Shortz, editor of the *New York Times* crossword. Snacks and beverages provided. Register in advance.

Just for Kids

Free Comic Book Day – Saturday, May 3, 2:00 pm at Lee Road Branch
Help your Heights Libraries celebrate Free Comic Book Day for the third time by showing up in your favorite costumes, playing some fun games, making a super hero craft, and of course, picking up some free comics.

Summer Reading Programs for Kids and Teens

Summer Reading programs encourage kids and teens to read during the summer with weekly raffle drawings and prizes for reading books all summer, and special programs like book clubs, movie screenings, a magic show, crafts, and more! Summer reading registration begins in early June. Stop in and sign up at any branch or check our website for details, www.heightslibrary.org.

home to the ARTS

Dobama Theatre

2340 Lee Road • 216-932-3396 • dobama.org

MADE IN AMERICA World Premiere by Joel Hammer, through April 6
directed by Nathan Motta

KIN by Bathsbeba Doran, April 25-May 25, directed by Shannon Sindelar

Ensemble Theatre

2843 Washington Blvd • 216-321-2930 www.ensemble-theatre.com

COLOMBI NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL dedicated to the memory of Eben Gulick

Through April 6 featuring Cleveland Playwrights

FOR THE LOVE OF A LEICA by Cynthia Dettlebach, directed by Brian Zoldessy

ZEBEDIAH by Barbara Harkness, directed by Martin Cosentino

LIVES OF THE SAINTS by Jean Cummins, directed by Celeste Cosentino

ROADKILL by Ed Walsh, directed by Ian Hinz

BEYOND THE HORIZON Pulitzer Prize - Winner for Drama by Eugene O'Neill
April 18-May 11, directed by Celeste Cosentino

Heights Arts

Members Have Opportunity to Win Art

Heights Arts introduces two new programs to benefit its members. Beginning in May and for each month that follows, Heights Arts will select an Artist of the Month from its Working Artists Members who will then create a small work of art to be given away through a drawing held by the organization. Visitors to the gallery can enter to win the special piece created by that month's Artist of the Month.

In the second program, the **Commission of New Editioned Works**, Heights Arts will select four different Working Artist Members throughout the year for commissions of new works to be produced by the artists in editions of 25 pieces each. These pieces will then be for sale in the gallery, giving its members an opportunity to own a limited edition piece of original art.

Upcoming Special Exhibition April 25-June 7

On Friday, April 25 Heights Arts opens "Morganites: Fiber in Flux," a special exhibition guest curated by Tom Balbo, artistic director of Cleveland's Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory. The exhibition will feature 18 regional and national artists with ties to the Morgan Conservatory and who use paper as a medium. www.heightsarts.org.

Heights Youth Theatre at Laurel FUN!damentals

Lyman Campus in Shaker Heights

For boys & girls entering K-grade 5

July 7-25, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, \$675

Western Reserve Chorale

Cedar Hill Baptist Church • 12601 Cedar Road • westernreservechorale.org

NIGHT AND DAY, June 1, 3:30 pm

directed by David Gilson

historic heights continued

Lewis Kalmbach and **Greg Ott** were presented with the **Historic Rehabilitation Award** for the careful restoration on their home on Stratford Road. These homeowners restored a long-vacant City Landmark and undertook its complete rehabilitation, turning it into a modern gem. Roofs were replaced, overgrown landscaping removed, windows replaced, new baths and kitchen installed and appropriate paint colors selected. The work brought the unique home up to modern standards while maintaining much of the home's historic building fabric.

Landmark Commission Designates New Landmark

The Landmark Commission recently named the James C. Beardslee and Cornelia Wadhams Beardslee home at 2560 Stratford Road a Cleveland Heights Landmark. This home was built by the Beardslees in 1915-1916, and they both lived here until their deaths in 1928 and 1941. Painesville, Ohio-born James Beardslee was the Vice President of Sherwin Williams at the time of his death and a founding member of the Cleveland Athletic Club. At the time of her death, Hudson, Ohio-born Cornelia Wadhams Beardslee was known as "one of Cleveland's leading club women;" a founding member of Cleveland Heights Wimodausian Club, a literary and social group; and an organizer of the Kentucky Aid Society which supplied schools in the mountain districts of Kentucky.

The home was designed by Myron B. Vorce, civil and landscape engineer and later an architect. He was associated with E.W. Bowditch, landscape engineer of Boston. Vorce worked with the City of Cleveland and Cleveland Park Board as an engineer and was responsible for the original buildings of what is now MetroHealth Medical Center, formerly City Hospital. The house is a high style example of bungalow architecture, with broad hipped roof and wide eaves.



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