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Regionalism

New Fire Chief

Cleveland Heights  
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## Dates to Remember

- October 1-6** Local Food Week presented by Sustainable Heights Network
- Thursday, October 18** Community Improvement Awards, City Hall Atrium, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 31** Halloween Trick-or-Treating, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 6** Election Day
- Monday, November 12** Veterans Day Observance  
City Hall and the Community Center closed
- Thursday, November 22** Thanksgiving Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed
- Tuesday, December 25** Christmas Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed
- Tuesday, January 1** New Year's Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed

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### 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](http://www.clevelandheights.com).





# For Your Information...

## Cleveland Heights Committed to Regionalism, Sharing Resources, and the Greater Cleveland Community

### Joint Dispatch Center

The cities of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights combined emergency dispatch services in 1982, with University Heights joining in 2004. In addition, all three of these cities have a mutual response pact, through which each City will automatically respond to any emergency fire incidents within the corporate limits of each of the cities. The cities' shared Joint Dispatch Center is located at Cleveland Heights Fire Station #1, 3445 Mayfield Road.

### First Suburbs Consortium

In 1996, the First Suburbs Consortium was founded as a council of governments, not only the first in the state of Ohio, but the first organization of its kind in the country. The guiding force behind its establishment was then Cleveland Heights Councilman Ken Montlack. Concerned about state dollars spent that seemed to encourage outmigration at the expense of inner-ring suburbs, he met with leaders of other first-ring suburbs like Euclid, Lakewood and Shaker Heights. They all realized the importance of working together to lobby for state lawmakers to "fix-it-first" before sending dollars for development and expansion of outer-ring communities.

Cleveland Heights' commitment to the First Suburbs Consortium over the years has been a direct result of the organization's success. As Mr. Montlack chaired the organization for over 12 years, the First Suburbs Consortium became a group that could not be ignored. Lobbying together for programs designed specifically for inner-ring communities' needs with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and the State of Ohio Department of Development, coming together to negotiate Memorandums of Understanding with organizations like Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority and Parma Public Housing Authority, and educating member communities on potential opportunities for collaboration, made the First Suburbs the success it is today: 19 communities strong, representing 37% of Cuyahoga County residents.

The City of Cleveland Heights has provided needs as simple as office and meeting spaces, and as broad as expertise from staff in areas including housing, economic development and police, as numerous working groups began to come together on a regular basis and share best practices and advocate for needed change and programming. **Cleveland Heights is the leader that showed that regionalism can produce success, both for itself and for the region.**

### Self Storage and Refuse Transfer

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education and the City of University Heights store their winter road salt at the Cleveland Heights salt facility; in addition, Cleveland Heights transports refuse to the landfill from both the City of University Heights and Case Western Reserve University.

### Cooperative Efforts

#### City Staff:

- represent the City on and chaired the **Cuyahoga County Housing Consortium** that has authority to allocate federal affordable housing development funds under the **HOME Investment Partnerships Program** (HOME Program)
- serve on the Board of Trustees of the **Doan Brook Watershed Partnership** and work with the **Friends of the Dugway Brook** volunteers to discuss watershed issues, initiatives and actions to consider (**Cleveland Heights is a founding member.**)
- served on the Policy Committee of the **Ohio Conference of Community Development** and chaired its **Federal and State Training Committee** (OCCD is a statewide association of community and economic development professionals.)
- have been a part of the **Cuyahoga County HPRP (Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program) Steering Committee**
- served on the **Cleveland Restoration Society's** Historic Preservation Awards Committee
- work with the Heights Bicycle Coalition to encourage bicycling as a sustainable and healthy alternative to driving. Past projects included sharrows on Euclid Heights Boulevard and Edgehill and installation of a bike rack in the parking lot next to Coventry's Marc's. The Coalition, University Circle, Cleveland and Cleveland Heights received \$40,000 from Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency to help pay for consultants who are helping create better bicycle connections between Cleveland Heights and University Circle. A survey by the Coalition included numerous suggested bike rack locations that will be considered as the City installs freestanding bike racks and bike parking rings attached to parking meters this year.

**The City of Cleveland Heights continues to study ways to encourage regionalism and the sharing of resources, ideas and solutions to make our city - and surrounding area - remain strong and vital.**

# City News



## Cleveland Heights Fire Chief Freeman Sworn In

Fire Lt. William "Dave" Freeman was sworn in as the new Fire Chief on August 27. Chief Freeman has been with the Cleveland Heights Fire Department for 20 years, and served as lieutenant for seven years. He had been the paramedic coordinator for the past five years.

Mayor Ed Kelley said of Chief Freeman, "He has all the qualities needed in a strong fire chief. I have no doubt that he will carry on the traditions of the excellent fire and paramedic services that Cleveland Heights residents have come to expect."

Chief Freeman, the top candidate of the four Cleveland Heights lieutenants who took the civil service test, was recommended by the six fire chiefs from the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association testing agency, as well as retired Cleveland Heights Fire Chief Kevin Mohr.

## Fire Department News

### Fire Chief Kevin Mohr Retires

Cleveland Heights Fire Chief Kevin Mohr retired August 24 after 35 years of dedicated service as a firefighter for our community. Over the years, Chief Mohr moved up through the ranks and became Chief in 2002. His commitment to excellent fire safety services has been an ongoing characteristic in every responsibility he accepted.

Chief Mohr has been an integral part of improved technical communications, the coordination of mutual aid with neighboring cities, Homeland Security in the County, the formation of the Cleveland Heights resident response team, drafting numerous grants to various agencies and many other initiatives. *Thank you for your service, Chief Mohr, and best wishes for the future!*

**Free smoke detectors** are available to Cleveland Heights homeowners (owner-occupants only), through programs sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Cleveland Heights Firefighters Union, Local 402. Call the Fire Chief's Office at **216-291-2673** for information or an application.

**Change your batteries!** Cleveland Heights firefighters remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clock to Standard Time on **Sunday, November 4**.

## Housing Preservation Office

The Cleveland Heights Housing Preservation Office offers eligible Cleveland Heights homeowners various programs to assist with the repair and improvement of their homes. Eligible applicants' gross household incomes must be within H.U.D. established limits per household size: one person: \$35,700; two persons: \$40,800; three persons: \$45,900 and four persons: \$50,950. All loan applications are reviewed by City loan review board.

### Deferred Loan:

- Whole house rehabilitation
- Must have owned and occupied home at least five years

- Homeowner(s) must be at least 62 years of age or permanently disabled
- Property and lead paint inspections required
- All violations and lead paint risks must be addressed
- Loan payments deferred until title transfer

### No Interest Loan:

- Whole house rehabilitation
- Must have owned home at least three years
- Property and lead paint inspections required
- All violations and lead paint risks must be addressed
- Loan repayment terms up to 15 years

Call Housing Preservation at **216-291-4869** for more information.

### Lead Safe Program

Many homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint; lead is a highly toxic metal that may cause a range of health problems, especially in young children. The City of Cleveland Heights, in partnership with Cuyahoga County Board of Health, wants to help make your home lead safe. Grants of up to \$9,500 are available through the Lead Safe Program. Items that may be addressed through this program include painting, repairs and new windows and doors. Household income limits apply; there must be children age five or younger living in the home. For more information, call **216-291-4869**.

## Finance Department

**Tom Raguz**, who had served as Acting Finance Director for several months, has been appointed to the position of Finance Director. Raguz had served as Assistant Finance Director under Tom Malone, who retired as Finance Director in February of this year. The appointment was announced on August 20 and City Council unanimously supported it. Before working for the City of Cleveland Heights, Raguz worked for the Ohio Auditor's office for several years, most recently as Audit Manager.



## Meet Your Police

Just a reminder that the Cleveland Heights Police Department sponsors "Meet Your Police" every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall. Residents have the opportunity to talk in an informal setting on any topic with a ranking member of the Department. It provides a chance for community residents to meet and interact directly with their police officers.

Cleveland Heights City Council and the Police Department realize that community relations and problem-solving in our city requires two-way communication between our citizens and their police force. The "Meet Your Police" program helps to strengthen that partnership. You may also email the Police directly at [myp@clvhts.com](mailto:myp@clvhts.com).

## Police Department Introduces Community Policing Initiative

"Community Policing" is the concept of the Police working in partnership with the Community they serve in order to:

- 1 Focus directly on problems reported. What is the cause of the problem?
- 2 Recognize neighborhood concerns.
- 3 Prevent rather than react through better communication with the public.
- 4 Increase emphasis on Police working with other governmental agencies, schools, neighborhood associations, community groups, church groups and the private sector in order to better address community issues and to interact more closely with the residents of the city.

### Community Response Team

The Community Response Team is a unit within the Cleveland Heights Police Department that has been established in order to enhance our community policing activities. Tasked with the responsibility of solving specific problems within the city by utilizing the resources of the Department and applying problem-oriented policing techniques, this unit will also be responsible for outreach into the community through school activities, youth programs, business district functions and other community events where the Police can interact directly with the public. Participation in block parties, neighborhood meetings, school assemblies, K-9 demonstrations and Safety Town are a few examples of the programs that these Officers will be involved in.

Sgt. Ernest Williams is the Officer in Charge of the unit and is responsible for directing those Officers under his control to address these Community Policing initiatives. Residents are urged to contact Sgt. Williams with any questions or to request an Officer for a specific event.

Sgt. Williams works in the Chief's Office and can be reached at **216-291-4974** or by email at [ewilliams@clvhts.com](mailto:ewilliams@clvhts.com) or [myp@clvhts.com](mailto:myp@clvhts.com).

Programs such as "Meet Your Police," the Community "TIP" line (216-291-5010), the Cleveland Heights Police Facebook and Twitter pages and the creation of the Community Response Team are helping the Cleveland Heights Police Department continue towards its goal of *Putting the Police Closer to the Community That We Serve*.

## Road Resurfacing

Residents have asked how the City determines which roads will be repaved and what method will be used. According to Alex Mannarino, Public Works Director, there is a systematic plan for road maintenance involving a "road condition evaluation." The evaluation, which includes core samples taken from the road, assigns ratings of *very good*, *good*, *fair*, *poor*, or *very poor* to each road, using a scoring system. The evaluation will determine priorities for maintenance, rehabilitation and resurfacing efforts.

The condition of a road directs the available resources to maintain the high quality of *good* roads, and target the worst roads for rehabilitation and repair. The roads with a *fair* condition are usually considered for "chip sealing." This process involves replacing distressed sections of pavement, an application of liquid asphalt, followed by the placement of small rock chips on the existing pavement. The treatment adds strength to the existing pavement and can extend the life of the street by about eight to ten years.

The streets that have reached the end of their service life and are in *poor* or *very poor* condition will be rehabilitated by patching large sections of the roadway, then reconstruction of the roadway by grinding off the road surface and replacing the road base where needed.

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For ad specifications, cost and to reserve space, contact Jennifer Kuzma at **216-291-2854** or [jkuzma@clvhts.com](mailto:jkuzma@clvhts.com).



## Cleveland Heights Municipal Court News

### Moving Toward a Virtual Court: Cleveland Heights Municipal Court Holds Open House to Showcase New Technology



On July 31, 2012, Judge A. Deane Buchanan and the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court held its very first open house. Judge Buchanan (left) welcomed Cleveland Heights City Hall personnel, Council members, neighboring suburban municipal court judges, attorneys, and friends of the court to showcase the newly redesigned courtrooms and demonstrate the new technology upgrades, which were implemented earlier this year.

The Cleveland Heights Municipal Court is on the cutting edge of new electronic technology trends. While it is not easy, these trends create tremendous opportunity for improving court efficiency, lowering costs, and increasing court services. For this type of environment to prosper, rules must be adjusted, business processes changed, and a new technology adopted. At the July Open House, Judge Buchanan and his court staff displayed some of these new trends in courts.

During the latter months of 2011, the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court began taking steps toward becoming an electronic court. All documents presented to the court are scanned and preserved electronically. Changes were implemented in the case management system that allows the court to become a “paperless” court by the end of this calendar year. In addition, the courtrooms were completely redesigned; the security system enhanced and several improvements were made to support the new technology. All of the new technology equipment and upgrades were funded solely through the court’s special projects fund. Monies from the special projects fund are generated from fees assessed to criminal and civil cases that are filed with the court. The general fund was not impacted.

Recognizing that the conduct of trials can benefit from advances in video and other evidence presentation technologies, the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court is able to provide new equipment and presentation capabilities in each of its existing and newly redesigned courtrooms. This equipment will allow lawyers to present and display many types of evidence and testimony to the judge and jury in a clear and more comprehensible way. We are certain this new equipment will soon become an integral part of all attorneys’ trial strategies.

#### Components of the new technology in the courtroom include:

- Two 65” LCD HDTV video display monitors in Courtroom 1
- Touch screen Case disposition monitors at judge’s bench and bailiff’s station
- Digital court reporting systems
- Evidence presentation system
- Remote arraignments/video conferencing capabilities
- Assisted listening system for the hearing impaired
- Integrated court interpreting system
- Upgraded sound system
- Computer connection access at counsel tables
- Enhanced security system and electronic access

#### Evidence Presentation System

The evidence presentation system includes a lectern with PC, computer and laptop connection, and a document camera. It allows lawyers to present and display many types of evidence and testimony to the judge and jury in a clear, more comprehensible way. The new systems rely on the integration of video

and digital display technology to give the trial attorney the capability of:

- 1) visually emphasizing evidence on display monitors in front of the judge and jury;
- 2) allowing a witness or counsel to demonstrate or annotate situations by using a fingertip directly on the monitor;
- 3) Conducting live video presentations of defendants and/or witnesses who cannot be physically present for a trial or hearing.

#### **Digital Court Reporting System**

Our two courtrooms are equipped with digital court recording. The official court record is digitally recorded on four audio channels, which are reserved for designated speakers. This allows the review of each channel separately for precise transcription of the testimony. In addition, electronic log notes support the easy retrieval of any portion of the court proceedings instantly, eliminating the time consuming need for searching through audio tapes.

#### **Touch Screen Disposition Program Monitor**

Our two courtrooms are equipped with touch screen Case Disposition Program Monitors. The Disposition program is an electronic case management software program that allows for the electronic check-in of persons coming before the court at the security station. Once checked in, litigants are automatically positioned in the hearing rotation to be called before the court in the order and by the time of check-in. When they are called before the judge or magistrate, their case "appears" on monitors before the judge and at bailiff's station displaying the charge and the several options available to dispose or continue the case including the plea options, fines, costs, next hearing dates, restitution, probation, etc. Once the case has been heard and information electronically entered, it is "electronically sent" to the court clerks' office for final docketing.

#### **Assisted listening for the hearing-impaired**

Our courtrooms have assisted listening stethoscope-type headsets for the hearing impaired. They are extremely lightweight with excellent sound qual-

ity. Sound is picked up from an infrared transmitter in the front of the courtroom near the ceiling. They also have a volume gain control for the wearer's comfort level. Jurors need only to ask bailiff for obtaining one while in the courtroom.

#### **Remote Arraignment with Integrated Video Conferencing System**

Each courtroom will have three cameras for the purpose of remote arraignments. Courtrooms are outfitted with teleconferencing equipment capable of supporting remote dial-in-sites. The use of video conferencing technology is particularly useful when individuals or incarcerated defendants can only be present at the proceedings with great difficulty or cost. Remote arraignments will provide a viable option to travel and result in increased convenience and cost savings for litigants and the police department.

The Cleveland Heights Municipal Court staff is excited about the new technology available to lawyers practicing in the courtrooms and litigants that come before the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court. Training is free to anyone having a case

before the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court. When any of the systems are to be used, attorneys are asked to contact the Bailiff's Department to receive instructions on how to use and access the equipment. Request for use should be discussed as far in advance of the trial date as possible. In civil cases, reserving the court's equipment as soon as a trial date is known is helpful in securing the dates needed. Contact Juanita Bryant, Court Administrator/Bailiff at **216-291-3184** to make arrangements.

The Cleveland Heights Municipal Court is committed to ensuring the effective and efficient administration of justice and to providing exceptional service to all litigants and practitioners who come before the court. Electronic courtrooms are the latest technological innovation undertaken in support of this mission. To contact the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court, our hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Call **216-291-4901** or visit our website at [www.clevelandheightscourt.com](http://www.clevelandheightscourt.com). The Court is closed on all legal holidays.

## **Board of Elections Notice**

### **November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election**

Voters in all of Cuyahoga County's municipalities will cast ballots for President, U.S. Senate and Members of Congress, Ohio Senate and the Ohio House of Representatives, County Prosecutor and County Council members, judicial candidates, State Board of Education seats and various issues.

It is important for voters to be prepared to cast their ballots. The voter registration deadline is October 9. Voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted need to complete and return a new Voter Registration Card. After a voter has registered, they will receive a postcard that lists their ward, precinct, and voting location.

To avoid lines on Election Day and to allow extra time to study the ballot, all registered voters may Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website: [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us), by calling the Board of Elections at **216-443-3298**, and at all public libraries.

Voters who are interested in serving as poll workers may call **216-443-3277** or apply online at [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us).

# At Your Service

## News from Public Works

### Pumpkin Disposal

When it's time to throw out your Halloween jack-o-lantern or pumpkins used for decorating, please put each pumpkin in a doubled plastic bag (like those your groceries are bagged in) when setting them out for collection. When added to the regular garbage in bags, they often make the bag too heavy or break out of the bottom of the bag when picked up.

### Elections Signs

As a courtesy, the City will be providing a drop-off bin at the Service Garage (14200 Superior) for election signs from November 6 - November 16. There will be a container marked "Election Signs" for anyone who wishes to drop them off. Perhaps you can contact your neighbors and offer to bring theirs!

### 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 29 and will continue until Friday, November 30, 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.

If your leaves are not collected on your refuse collection day, we ask that you please be patient. Calls to our office will not change the scheduled routes and most often, we are unable to give you a specific date for your collection, as there are many uncontrollable variables involved (weather, light areas, heavy areas, equipment availability, etc.).

**Prior to October 29 and after November 30, leaves will be collected only when placed in Kraft paper bags.** Leaves and yard waste **will not** be collected in plastic bags. Paper Kraft bags are available at the cashier's counter at City Hall, the Community Center or at most local stores.

If snow falls during the loose-leaf collection season, it becomes nearly impossible to maintain the collection schedule. The same workers and many of the same vehicles collecting leaves are used for snow and ice control.

### Preparing the Leaves for Collection

- Leaves placed in paper Kraft bags will always be collected weekly on your regular refuse collection day. Bags should be placed on your tree lawn no earlier than 7:00 pm the evening before the day of your collection or later than 7:00 am on the collection day.

- During the weeks designated for loose leaf collection - October 29 through November 30 - rake or blow your leaves to the tree lawn.

- **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!**

### Holiday Collection Schedule

- **Columbus Day, Monday, October 8, is NOT a City holiday.** The regular Monday-Friday collection remains in force.

- **Veterans Day** will be celebrated on **Monday, November 12; City offices will be closed.** Monday through Thursday collection routes will be delayed by one day.

*Residents: Please review the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's collection changes. These are the only three holidays that will have a Saturday collection for the regular Friday route!*

- **Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 22:** Refuse collection for Thursday will be on Friday and Friday's normal collection will be on Saturday. Monday through Wednesday routes will be collected as usual.

- **Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25:** City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25. Monday's refuse collection will be on Monday, December 24, 2012. The Wednesday through Friday collections will be delayed by one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

- **New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1:** City offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. Monday's refuse collection will be on Monday, December 31, 2012. The Wednesday through Friday collections will be delayed by one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 21, 2013:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Thursday routes. **Friday's route will be collected on the normal day, Friday, January 25, 2013.**

- **Presidents Day, Monday, February 18, 2013:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Thursday routes. **Friday's route will be collected on the normal day, Friday, February 22, 2013.**

# AroundTown



## Recycling: A Cleveland Heights Way of Life

Cleveland Heights is one of 60 communities in Cuyahoga County that has a recycling program. According to the County's 2011 Residential Recycling Report, our city finished sixth overall, recycling 59.98% of our solid waste. That's an improvement over the 53.16% effort in 2010, but we, as a community, can do even better. We thank those residents who faithfully recycle every week and encourage those who have yet to get started!

Find more information about recycling at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com). Also, call Community Relations at **216-291-2323** for a recycling magnet listing what you should recycle.

### Used Cooking Oil Now Accepted for Recycling

The City is now collecting used cooking oil for recycling. With the holiday season fast approaching, some people will be deep-frying their turkeys. After you are finished with the cooking oil (even if it wasn't for your turkey), the City will collect the used oil in sealed containers (two-liter bottles, old laundry detergent bottles, or the original bottle the oil came in). Just clearly mark the outside of the bottle "cooking oil" and place it away from your garbage and clearly visible to the street. The used oil will provide another source of revenue for the city.

### Christmas Tree Collection

The Christmas tree collection/recycling program offers residents an easy and environmentally sensitive way to dispose of live trees. To prepare the tree for collection and for the safety of our employees, all decorations, tinsel, wire, nails, stands and bags must be removed from the tree. Trees in plastic bags or flocked trees cannot be recycled. **Live tree collection will begin on December 26 and continue through February 1, 2013.**

## Click - Bid - Buy Local This Holiday Season!

### FutureHeights Online Auction October 17 – November 18

Begin your holiday shopping with the 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 October 13 through November 18. The auction preview begins online on September 12. For more information or to donate an item for the auction, visit [www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights](http://www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights) or call **216-320-1423**.

## Heights Library Highlights

The Heights Library has four locations: 2345 Lee Road, 1925 Coventy Road, 2800 Noble Road and 13866 Cedar Road. Visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org) for hours and more information on the following:

### Harvey Pekar: A Literary, Library Life, Sunday, October 14, 2:00 pm at Lee

The Heights Library was the home-away-from-home for author and graphic novelist Harvey Pekar. Heights Libraries will honor his body of work and his connection with the library with a Literary Landmark plaque and statue dedication ceremony, followed by a presentation from artist JT Waldman. Waldman will share stories, both personal and professional, about working with Pekar at the Lee Road branch to research their collaborative work, *Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me*. Copies of the book will be for sale and light refreshments will be served. The event is presented in partnership with the Friends of the Heights Libraries.

### For Teens

- *It Came from the Library Teen Read Week* – Sunday-Saturday, October 14-20, 4:00 pm at Lee; Monday-Friday, October 15-19, 4:00 pm at Noble. Come show the world how much teens love to read by voting for your favorite book of the year, entering to win mad prizes in our fantastic raffles, creating crafty bookmarks, submitting a book review and more!
- *Noble's Night of the Living Dead: Teen Read Week* – Friday, October 19, 6:00 pm at Noble. Come dressed as your favorite ghastly ghoul, eat some zombie food, play some zombie games, and mingle with your zombie friends. Permission slips required. **Registration begins October 5.**
- *Who Wants to be the Next Big Thing?* – Thursday, November 1-29, 4:00 pm. We're holding our own competition for the best teen novel you can write in just 30 days. All entries must be written starting on **November 1** and ending on or before **November 30**. All authors must be 19 years of age or younger. Winners will be announced by December 15 and will receive a gift card.

### For School-Age Kids – LAF at the Library: Library Afterschool Fun!

LAF programs take place right after school, giving kids a fun, creative activity to keep them busy between school and dinnertime. Check out the events below and visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org) for more programs and for hours and locations.

- **Library Afterschool Fun at the Noble Branch** – Wednesday, October 3-November 14, & November 28, 3:30 pm. We might be playing games, making origami, painting, doing wacky weird science, crafting, or something else!

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# Recreation

Fall is an exciting time, as 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](http://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 19 for residents and Monday, November 26 for non-residents.

## **NEW!!** Online Registration

Online registration is available for many recreation programs, including Youth Soccer, Flag Football and Youth Basketball. Visit [www.clevelandheights.com](http://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 **two utility bills** (or other pieces 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 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;
- 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 the 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).

## General Recreation Classes

Have fun and get fit with **Hula-Hooping Fun & Fit** for residents ages 16 and up. It's a fun workout that integrates dance and movement with weighted hula hoops that will tone the major muscle groups, burn calories and leave you feeling happy and energized. **Belly Dance** classes will help you improve flexibility, strength and grace while teaching you to move muscles in a new way. Are you ready to **Zumba**? Learn Latin dance steps in a cardio-interval format while enjoying the Latin rhythms. Maybe you want to slow down and reduce the effects of stress with **Yoga**. Consider signing up for these and other exciting classes!

Cleveland Heights also offers a variety of programs and classes for kids of all ages from **Ballet** to **Self-Defense/Karate** and **Mini Kids Kuk Sool Won** (Traditional Korean Martial Arts). Check out the Fall/Winter Recreation catalogue or look online at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com) (click **Recreation**) to find something your children would like. Call **216-691-7373** with any questions.

**Our Preschool Open Gym**, beginning October 16, 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? Please contact Dee Marsky at 216-691-7372 or [dmarsky@clvhts.com](mailto:dmarsky@clvhts.com).**

## 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**.
- **The 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 Team** tryouts will take place Monday, October 15 through Thursday, October 18. 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.* Call Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or email [lshaw@clvhts.com](mailto:lshaw@clvhts.com).
- **Youth Hockey** is a long-standing tradition in Cleveland Heights, with children as young as four (ages determined as of 12/31/2012) participating. Here's what is offered:

**Tot Hockey** (ages 4-7) - for those who have passed Snow Plow 2. Helmet and



## Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund Donations Needed

With the economic hardships faced by families in the continuing economic downturn, the demand and need for assistance from our Youth Recreation Fund has increased. 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**

## Youth Recreation Fund Fundraisers

### A New Special Event: A Chili Cook-off!

**Date:** Saturday, November 3, 2012  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm  
**Location:** Cleveland Heights Community Center,  
Monticello and Mayfield  
**Featuring:** Local Heights area eateries  
**Donation:** \$10.00 per person, \$30.00 Family of four

### Parent/Child Elementary School Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

The City of Cleveland Heights, through its Division of Parks and Recreation and the Recreation Advisory Board, and assisted by the East Side Kickers Youth Scholarship Soccer program, is hosting a Father-Daughter/Mother-Son Dinner Dance for elementary school families as a fund-raiser to benefit the Youth Recreation Fund. The event will be held at Cleveland Heights High School in late January or early February). The cost is \$20 per couple.

The DJ and MC will be CH-UH School District Administrator and Heights High Soccer Coach Sean Sullivan. Donations to assist families to attend are welcome and encouraged. For information, call **216-691-7373** or email **lshaw@clvhts.com**.

stick are provided. Saturday classes begin October 6.

**Learn-to-Play Hockey** (ages 10 and under) – for new hockey players who have completed Tot Hockey; begins September 22.

**Cleveland Heights Hockey League – Travel Hockey program** (ages 6-14) [www.heightshockey.com](http://www.heightshockey.com). Scholarship assistance is available.

● **Youth Baseball/Softball, Spring Soccer** – It's not too soon to look to spring sports, as the registration packets for the following will be ready in mid-January, with registration beginning Monday, January 9, 2013: *Heights Youth Baseball, Challenger Baseball, Girls Softball, and Spring Soccer*. A special walk-in registration for these sports will take place on Saturday, February 2 (9:00 am-12:00 noon); Sunday, February 3 (12:00-3:00 pm) and Monday, February 4 (6:00-8:00 pm) at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road. Call Larry Shaw, **216-691-7260** for more information.

### Adult Sports 2012-2013

● **Winter Basketball Leagues** – Play for Men's and Women's Leagues begins in mid-October. Call Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** for more information.

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

**Cleveland Heights Senior Hockey League:** [www.eteamz.com/chshl](http://www.eteamz.com/chshl)

**Women's Hockey:** [www.eteamz.com/clevelandhtseomenshockey](http://www.eteamz.com/clevelandhtseomenshockey)

Call Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** to get in on the action.

● **2013 Softball** – Sign up for next year's Men's, Women's or Coed Leagues by calling Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260**.

● **2013 Softball Umpire School** – Want to be a Softball Umpire? Call Larry Shaw, **216-691-7260**.

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Ice schedules and information are available by calling **216-691-7434**, the phone line for the Ice Rink Desk, and may also be found on the City's new website, [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com) - click on **Recreation**.

## 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 4 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](mailto:ckendel@clvhts.com).

## Planning a Picnic for 2013?

The City of Cleveland Heights will begin taking reservation for picnic shelters, which are located at Caledonia, Cumberland, Denison and Forest Hill parks, on Wednesday, January 3, 2013. You must be a Cleveland Heights resident with a current I.D. card (Caledonia Park is available to East Cleveland residents). Applications are available at the Community Center. For more information, call **216-691-7373**.

## Donate Blood

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Monday, November 5, 2:00-7:00 pm. Future dates are to be determined.

## 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 afternoons after school, Wednesday evenings and weekends; begins September 22. Ages 3 and up, separate classes for adults.
- **Home School Lessons** - Tuesday and Friday mornings, beginning the week of September 24.

- **Adaptive Skating Lessons** - Mondays evenings beginning September 24.

### Have a Birthday Party!

Have your child's birthday party at the ice rink! Residents with children 5-12 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**.

### 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 and Case Western Reserve University hockey games

- Ohio Flames Girls Hockey Tournament, September 28-30 (All other sessions cancelled)
- U. S. Speedskating American Cup II/Ohio Invitational, November 3 and 4 (Look for schedule changes - October 28-30)
- Building closed for holidays: November 12 and November 22
- Group lesson skip week: November 19-25
- Junior Jacks High School Hockey Tournament, November 23-25 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Benedictine High School Hockey Tournament, December 7-9 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Building closed for holiday, December 25
- Heights High School Hockey Tournament, December 27-29 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)

### Skating Exhibition

Join us for a free exhibition of our Pavilion Skating Club and Learn-to-Skate participants as they prepare for the 2012-13 competition season on Wednesday, September 19, 6:00-6:30 pm. See our local talent perform their programs, then stay for a public session (regular fees apply).

# Commerce

## Highlighting Our Business Community

### Cedar Fairmount SID News

#### Rita Coolidge Benefit Performance

Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District and Honorary Chairs Dr. Gus and Janet Kious invite you to join them at Nighttown Restaurant for a benefit performance by Rita Coolidge and a private cocktail party to benefit the funding of a newly erected street sign and future streetscape project at the intersection of Cedar and Fairmount.

The event will take place Friday, October 12; cocktails and hors d'ouvres at 7:00 pm, performance at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$150 each (\$60 tax deductible). For more information, call Nighttown at **216-795-0550** or Cedar Fairmount SID at **216-791-3172**.

#### Improvements at Cedar Fairmount

The Cedar Fairmount SID reports on businesses undergoing renovations:

#### Appletree Books

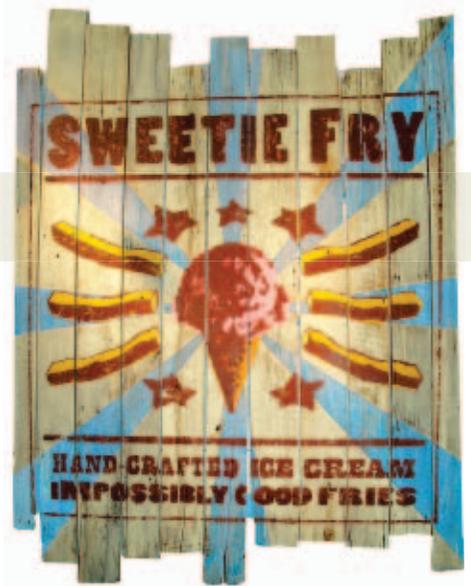
12419 Cedar Road, 216-791-2665  
Jane Kessler, owner of Appletree Books, hired designer Marissa (Iacovetta) Matiyasic, owner of Reflections Interior Design, to refurbish the 37-year old independently owned bookstore. The renovation, scheduled to be finished in September, includes new window flooring, deep green paint on the walls, dark red entrance door, and custom-made skirting for the display tables. The major change is in the window lighting, track lighting, and bronze chandeliers that brighten the store and displays. The upstairs balcony has been revamped into office space for the staff. Appletree Books has always offered a comfortable and warm feeling to customers. The newly renovated space is that and more.

#### Starbucks Coffee Company

12405 Cedar Road  
Already an enjoyable meeting place for students and neighborhood residents, Starbucks on Cedar Road will undergo improvements starting in October. Store Manager Brett Ramm reported Starbucks' corporate office is refreshing the interior and exterior of the store, including new paint, new seating, new flooring, and renovated restrooms.

#### Nighttown Restaurant

12387 Cedar Road, 216-795-0550  
Brendan Ring, owner of Nighttown Restaurant, announced the hiring of Cleveland Heights' Blatchford Architects to redesign Nighttown's rear patio. The revamped patio will be called Secret Garden. Brendan has hired a stonemason from County Carlow, Ireland to build stone walls to completely surround the patio. The three-season patio will have a terra cotta fountain and a living wall of culinary herbs for use in Nighttown's kitchen. It will have a roof similar to Nighttown's other patio on the west side of the building. Renovations should be completed by December 1. While completing the patio, the area for dumpsters adjacent to the parking lot will be renovated to improve the look of that area.



### Cedar Lee News

#### Sweetie Fry voted best ice cream

Ice cream and French fries? Why not? To Cleveland Heights resident and Sweetie Fry owner Keith Logan it seemed like a good idea. To his customers, it's a great idea! Sweetie Fry, located at 2307 Lee Road, was recently voted best ice cream in the *Sun Press* and *Sun Messenger* areas. With about 15 flavors of homemade ice cream and a variety of French fries, including sweet potato, no wonder it's a hit! Congratulations, Sweetie Fry!

### Heights Rockefeller District

Although fall is here, there is still plenty of time to dine al fresco in Cleveland Heights. **Barlé Soup and Sandwich**, located at 2483 Lee Boulevard, is the latest restaurant to offer outside dining. Be sure to check out the beautiful garden and patio outside Barlé's back door, behind the historic Heights Rockefeller Building.



● Dining al fresco at Barlé.

# The Early Years

## News for Families with Young Children

### Gearity Early Childhood Center

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

Visit the CH-UH website: [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org) or call **216-371-7356** for information on any of the following:

- Registration for the 2012-2013 school-year for the **Gearity and Noble Half-day Preschool Program** 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. Call the office to schedule a tour.
- The **Gearity Full-day Preschool Program** (year-round) is accepting applications. Call to check on space availability and schedule a tour.
- Our Full-Day and Half-Day Preschool Programs are accredited by the NAEYC (National Association of Education of Young Children).
- Registration for the CH-UH School District's **Before/After School Program** for the 2012-2013 school year is ongoing. 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 downloaded from the CH-UH District website: [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org). Look under the "For Parents" tab.
- **Kindernet** offers free events during the school year for preschool families 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. 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

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio offers *family support* and *family literacy* programs for families with young children, ages 0-8, at various locations throughout our community. Our programs prevent family problems by strengthening the parent-child relationship and offering support that helps parents be good nurturers and providers. Programs also focus on helping parents build their children's early literacy skills to both improve school readiness and strengthen parent involvement in their child's education.

#### Programs located in Coventry School building, 2843 Washington Boulevard:

**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 us in our toy-filled playroom with your child from birth to 5 for a fun, relaxing and resource-filled play session! Meet other families with children the same ages.

**Large Muscle Room:** Families can play with their kids while they romp, roll, jump and slide!

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

- **Little Heights** is a free early literacy program open to all families with young children (0-5). Parents and caregivers play with their children while building important school readiness skills.

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

**SPARK:** Interactive parent-child tutoring to support families in preparing their children for success in kindergarten. Three- and four-years olds who will attend Boulevard, Oxford or Noble Elementary Schools in the future may be eligible. 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.  
For more information, call **216-321-0079** or visit [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org).

# Sustainability

Local food production is all the rage. From edible gardens sprinkled throughout our neighborhoods to our seasoned community gardens and newly sprouting chicken coops and Farmers' Markets, healthy, locally-produced food is on our minds.

The recently enacted Sustainable Zoning Code Amendment set the table – so to speak – and our friends and neighbors are preparing the food! A bike ride through any neighborhood will enable one to see the vegetables and fruits being grown and shared.

The Planning Commission members are getting into the rhythm of this trend and are reviewing a few chicken coop applications each month. One may wonder, what is the common thread between applicants who want a chicken coop? To date, all are interested in teaching their children and grandchildren about where food comes from and how to be responsible and take care of their hens. (This is a good time to remind all that a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Commission is required in order to raise hens.)

Kaiser Permanente offers a Farmers' Market each Monday from 11:30 am-2:30 pm in their parking lot. Their initial plan was to increase access to healthy local food to their Cleveland Heights staff and clients. Kaiser Permanente is willing to work with the city and other community organizations to evaluate this effort and if appropriate, to expand the market to enable more residents to have access to local food.

A former rose garden at Cumberland Pool got a new life this summer as a thriving vegetable garden, thanks to the Cumberland Gardening Team and with help from the City of Cleveland Heights, Bremec's on the Heights, CWRU, Home Depot and a grant from the Ohio State Cooperative extension. The Team, consisting of children from the Cumberland swim program and volunteer adults, planted and tended the garden, kept journals, and enjoyed eating the fruits – or in this case, vegetables – of their labors.

## **Bicycle Racks**

Providing convenient, well-designed bike parking supports bicycling as a pollution-free and healthy way to get around town. Two types of parking racks have been ordered for installation. Expect parking meter rings and U-shaped racks in the commercial districts. Please contact Richard Wong, Director of Planning and Development at **216-216-4868** or **[rwong@clvhts.com](mailto:rwong@clvhts.com)** with suggested locations and comments.

## **Sustainable Heights Network Presents Local Food Week, October 1-6**

"Local Food" refers to producing, processing, distributing, and consuming food locally. Local food generates huge benefits for our economy and environment by supporting local jobs and enterprises, reducing transportation, promoting healthy living, and strengthening community ties. The first week of October will be Local Food Week in the Heights, highlighted by programs supporting local food initiatives, such as urban farming, community gardening, farmers markets, and CSA's (Community Support Agriculture). The week will conclude with a celebration at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 6, featuring cooking, eating, and discussing local food. Mark your calendars for a week of teaching, sharing, networking, and fun family activities. Watch **[www.sustainableheightsnetwork.net](http://www.sustainableheightsnetwork.net)** for more information.



# 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, 8:30am-5:00pm. Phone: 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.
- **Do you wonder if you qualify for any benefits or assistance programs?** Meet with Lauren from the Cleveland Food Bank on the first Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and in about 30 minutes, with one application, you can find out. No appointment necessary.
- **Need help with legal issues?** Call to schedule a half-hour appointment with volunteer Attorney J. Alex Morton.
- **Have health questions?** We have a nurse available to read blood pressure and answer your questions on the first Monday, and the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am. Nurses are provided by Cedarwood Plaza, CVS and Senior Independence.
- **Need transportation?** Our brand new 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. They are available to you any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Feel free to contact them at **216-691-7377** for help with any problems, questions, or issues.

## At the Senior Center

### *Dance, Dance, Dance!*

- **Belly Dance** – Fridays, September 14 - November 16, 10:00-11:00 am. Fee: \$30
- **Body Music** – Fridays, September 28 - November 16, 11:15 am. Fee : \$25
- **Contra Dance** – Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm, ongoing. Free
- **English Country Dance** – Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, ongoing. Free
- **Line Dance** – Mondays, September 10 - November 5 (no class 9/17), 9:30-10:30 am. Fee: \$25
- **Intermediate Line Dance** – Wednesdays, 3:15 pm, ongoing. Free

**Flu Shots:** available here at the center through a pharmacist from our local CVS on Tuesday, October 2, 10:00 am-12:00 noon and on Thursday, October 25, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Medicare or your insurance covers the cost if you are over 65.

**Computer Classes:** Don't let more time pass feeling left out because you don't know how to use a computer. Classes designed especially for seniors begin in September and continue throughout the year. Volunteer tutors are available to answer questions. The computer center is open from 9:00 am-4:30 pm with 12 state-of-the-art computers available for your use.

## Expand Your Horizons

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 Belly Dance, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, Seniorobics, Senior Strength Training, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Walking Club, Walking Warm Up and more are set to begin again. We also offer 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 online at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com), at City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.

## Bus Trip Back to the '50s

Join the fun on Thursday, October 11, 11:00 am-4:30 pm, for a roundtrip motorcoach trip to the Croatian Lodge Ballroom to experience the "Lost in the '50s" Luncheon and Musical Show featuring the Four Preps and the New Chordettes, singing all the great songs of the '50s and '60s. Fee: \$64 per person. Few seats remain, so schedule today!

## AroundTown *continued from page 9*

Every week is different!

- **Wii Game Day** – October 11, 3:30 pm at Lee. Join us for Wii and board games. Challenge your Friends in Wii Sports or Just Dance, or play round of Connect Four or Uno.
- **My Own Masterpiece** – October 4, 3:30 pm at Lee. Try your hand at creating artwork inspired by famous masterpieces. Grades 2-6. Registration required.
- **Monster Mask Makers** – Tuesday October 16, 23 & 30, 4:00 pm at Coventry. Make monstrous masks in a three-week series. Grades 3-6. Registration required.
- **Octavofest Workshop: Green Bookmaking for Kids** – Thursday, October 18, 3:30 pm at Lee. Make your own journals out of recycled materials. Grades 3-6.
- **Fall Fun Crafts** – Thursday, October 25 & November 1, 3:30 pm at Lee. Pumpkins and trees, fun mosaics made of colorful beans! Grades K-5. Registration required, limited to 20 participants.
- **L'ego my Legos!** – Thursday, November 8, 3:30 pm at Lee. Create fantastic vehicles, improbable dwellings, and strange creatures! We provide Legos and Duplos, but they cannot be taken home. Grades K-5.
- **Dino-Terrarium** – Monday, November 12, 4:00 pm at Coventry. Make your own live terrarium (it's like a mini garden in a jar). After you put in your plants, add dinosaur figures for a prehistoric landscape. Grades 2-5. Registration required.
- **America Recycles Day** – Thursday, November 15, 3:30 pm at Lee. Make 3-D crafts from recycled materials! Grades K-5. Registration required.
- **Cool Karaoke** – Thursday, November 29, 3:30 pm at Lee. Kids in grades K-6 can join us behind the mic for YouTube karaoke.

### Home Repair Resource Center

216-381-6100 [www.hrrc-ch.org](http://www.hrrc-ch.org)

#### New Ways to Help Homeowners

Seniors age 62+ can get personalized assistance in assessing repair needs and contracting repairs through the new **Senior Repair Program** offered by Home Repair Resource Center. Homeowners are also advised on planning for changing physical needs, so they can live at home longer – safely and independently.

Participants benefit from:

- 90-minute home inspections to assess and prioritize repair needs and “aging in place” issues
- help with reviewing contractor estimates
- inspection of completed work
- special workshops for seniors (two offered each month)

A modest fee of \$25 enables Cleveland Heights residents to attend one class and receive a 90-minute in-home repair consultation with HRRC's **Senior Repair Specialist**, Wesley Walker. (There is a small charge for additional classes.) To register for a class or home inspection, call Wesley at **216-381-6100, ext. 22** or email [wwalker@hrrc-ch.org](mailto:wwalker@hrrc-ch.org).

HRRC has also redesigned its **Tool Loan**. Program income guidelines have been raised, making more Cleveland Heights homeowner/occupants eligible to borrow tools for home repairs. New hours mean that the program is easier to access after work. HRRC offers a wide variety of hand and power tools, including specialty tools that may only be needed for a single project. All tools can be borrowed for three days, and HRRC doesn't have to charge as much as commercial tool rental companies.



### CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place: **Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center**, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road, featuring music and winners from our MLK art, essay and poetry contests.

As part of the celebration, the City is once again sponsoring **essay, poetry and poster contests**, open to Cleveland Heights students, including those attending CH-UH public schools, private or parochial schools and home-schooled students. The entries should address the following:

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*demonstrated courage throughout his life by standing up and speaking for what he believed was right.*

*Describe a time when you showed courage, or when you witnessed other people showing courage, in doing the right thing.*

Home-schooled students and those residents attending school outside of Cleveland Heights may drop their entries off at the Community Relations office at City Hall, email them to [comrel@clvhts.com](mailto:comrel@clvhts.com) or send entries to:

Community Relations  
City of Cleveland Heights  
40 Severance Circle  
Cleveland Hts, OH 44118

The City is working with CH-UH public schools, but all students are welcome to submit their entries directly to City Hall. Include your name, address, phone number, school and grade on all entries. The deadline is Wednesday, January 9, 2013. For more information, call **216-291-2323**.



## Heights High Senior Wins Foreign Service Award

As the first place winner of the American Foreign Service Associations' 2012 National Essay Contest, **Natasha Madorsky**, (pictured above) met with Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton this summer. Natasha's essay about how to improve the relations between the U.S. and South Sudan was "one of the best ever in the 14 year history of this prestigious nationwide contest," said an AFSA spokesman. The award also included \$2,500 and a college scholarship for a Semester at Sea.

# Our Schools

## News from the Cleveland Heights

### CH-UH School District Selected to Join Prestigious National Group to Enhance Digital Learning

The Consortium for School Networking, a premier professional association for school system technology leaders, invited the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District to join a select group of school districts from around the country to collaborate about ways schools can improve digital learning in classrooms. As a member of the group, CH-UH will exchange ideas with other technology-driven school districts through online discussions, site visits, and face-to-face conversations at the Consortium for School Networking's 2013 conference.

### Pathway to the Future

The Pathways of the CH-UH School District offer a choice in learning style, method, and theme to best fit every student. Each school is adopting a Pathway for its students to experience the common core curriculum in an environment that speaks to both their interests and their imagination: Creativity (arts), Discovery (sciences), and Society (humanities).

### Four Students Attend CWRU Pre-College Program

Seniors **Trevor Coble**, **Amanda Halaby**, **Sarah Klein** and **Natasha Madorsky** were accepted to the Case Western Reserve University Pre-College Scholars Program for the 2012-13 school year. The students will take courses on the CWRU campus to earn both college and high school credit.

### Heights High's November Musical Performance

Over 600 students will make up two casts in the 2012 Heights musical production of *Phantom of the Opera*. The performance runs Thursday, November 1, through Sunday, November 4. Visit [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org) for show times and ticket information.

### The Class of 2012

Congratulations to the Cleveland Heights High School Class of 2012 (top right) for receiving scholarship offers of more than \$8.5 million to attend colleges and universities this fall. Seventeen seniors in the Class of 2012 received The President's Award for Educational Excellence and have been accepted into top colleges and universities around the country.

### Tiger Nation's Athletic Success

Cleveland Heights High School athletes have brought much excitement and success to Tiger Nation. For the first time, our 2011 football team made it all the way to the state playoffs. The boys soccer team was sectional finalists; girls' soccer, district finalists; ice hockey, Baron Cup 3 finalists. The boys indoor track team was 2012 state runners-up, boys track had seven individual state qualifiers, and the girls lacrosse team made it to the state final four.



# HALLOWEEN IN THE HEIGHTS

**Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating  
Wednesday, 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 flower-pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses.
- Also, if you plan on distributing candy, make sure your porch light is on.**

# Home to the Arts

## Cleveland Arts Prize Winners

Cleveland Heights is “Home to the Arts” and is certainly home to many artists, including some of this year’s Cleveland Arts Prize winners. The Cleveland Arts Prize is presented to identify, reward, publicly honor and promote those creative artists whose original work has made Northeast Ohio a more exciting place to live, and whose accomplishments have set a standard of excellence to which other artists can aspire. Congratulations to these Cleveland Heights residents:

### *Jonathan Kurtz*, Emerging Artist Award

Jonathan Kurtz, AIA, a Principal at Westlake Reed Leskosky, leads the creative process for competitions and commissioned work operating interchangeably at the urban design and building scale. His work has consistently been recognized through awards and publications, including the Slavic Village Broadway Arch Competition. His work on the Bertram & Judith Kohl Building in Oberlin received several AIA design awards.

### *Steven Kordalski*, Mid-Career Award, Design

Steven Kordalski, AIA, is president of Kordalski Architects Inc., a boutique architectural studio in Little Italy that specializes in corporate interiors, commercial and residential projects. Kordalski has won numerous design awards for his firm’s work. Two of his most recent awards demonstrate the range of spaces he is comfortable designing: an American Institute of Architects Cleveland Chapter Design Merit Award for the Amin Turocy & Calvin LLP law firm offices and an AIA Cleveland Chapter Design Merit Award for Battuto Ristorante.

### *Garie Waltzer*, Mid-Career Award, Visual Arts

Garie Waltzer has created various forms of photographic images for the past 30 years, most notably using color electrostatic copiers to create large-scale collages. Waltzer’s latest project returns her to documentary photography and a printing process with carbon-pigmented inks. Waltzer’s work has appeared in exhibits at numerous galleries throughout the US, and in selected collections such as the Cleveland Clinic, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Continental Bank of Chicago, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston.

### *Douglas Sanderson*, Life Achievement Award

Douglas Sanderson recently installed his six-part, site-specific series of paintings, “Flower of Life Series,” at the Cleveland Clinic Jacobs Health Center in Avon, Ohio. “There is an intriguing resonance in arcane iconography,” Sanderson says. “This past year, I have used the Flower of Life motif, which is considered to be a symbol of sacred geometry, and said to contain ancient, religious value depicting the fundamental forms of space and time.” His work has appeared in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and in several other countries. Additionally, his work is part of more than a dozen collections.

### *Dennis Barrie*, Martha Joseph Prize Winner

Early in his career, while Director of the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center, Dennis Barrie earned a reputation as a staunch upholder of the First Amendment by making a stand for freedom of speech to protect a controversial exhibit. Since then, Barrie has created three of the most popular, ground-breaking museums in existence: the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, that highlights the history and artifacts of Cold War spy operations, and most recently, the Mob Museum, more formally known as the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, in Las Vegas. Barrie was also closely involved in curating the collection of the Maltz Museum of Jewish History before it opened.

### *Isabel Trautwein*, Martha Joseph Prize Winner

Isabel Trautwein, a member of the internationally acclaimed Cleveland Orchestra’s first violin section, has performed all over the globe. However, she’s recently made a name for herself by establishing an El Sistema program for teaching music to underprivileged children in Cleveland. In 2010, after hearing about the program’s success in Venezuela, Trautwein took a one-year sabbatical to familiarize herself with El Sistema, intending to start a similar initiative that would use music to transform the lives of children here. First, she visited the New England Conservatory in Boston, and then traveled to Venezuela to learn how to administer the intensive after-school program that relies on donated violins. Housed in the Rainey Institute on East 55th Street, the El Sistema@Rainey program has quickly achieved great success.

## Apollo's Fire

Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, proudly announces its 21<sup>st</sup> season under Music Director Jeannette Sorrell. The season includes seven productions in Cleveland, as well as two international CD releases and tour engagements throughout North America. The Cleveland Heights performances are:

*Bach's Brandenburg Concertos 1, 2 & 5*

- Friday, October 12, 8:00 pm, Fairmount Presbyterian Church
- Saturday, October 13, 8:00 pm, Fairmount Presbyterian Church

For more information and to see other concert locations, visit [www.apollosfire.org](http://www.apollosfire.org).

## Dobama Theatre

2340 Lee Road (at the Heights Library)  
216-932-6838

Dobama Theatre proudly announces the lineup for its 53<sup>rd</sup> season, which includes five mainstage premieres, the Dobama Emerging Actors' Program (DEAP) and the annual Marilyn Bianchi Kids' Playwriting Festival and Dobama Young Playwrights Competition. The 2012-2013 season will include five regional premiere plays by today's new and established playwrights. Visit [www.dobama.org](http://www.dobama.org) for the complete schedule.

## Ensemble Theatre

2843 Washington Boulevard  
(at the former Coventry School)  
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Ensemble Theater is dedicated to the responsible production of works that celebrate the human spirit drawn from modern American classics as well as other significant contemporary plays. The theatre is committed to non-traditional casting and to providing culturally diverse programming that speaks to issues of contemporary life. To purchase tickets and to see their complete season line-up, visit [www.ensemble-theatre.org](http://www.ensemble-theatre.org).

## Heights Arts

2175 Lee Road  
216-371-3457

[www.heightsarts.org](http://www.heightsarts.org)

Heights Arts is a nonprofit community arts organization that cultivates a strong, diverse, and collaborative arts community by inspiring people of all ages to

engage in the arts; supporting the arts through education; providing exhibition and performance opportunities; and fostering public appreciation for the arts.

### Heights Arts Gallery

*Paperworks* curated by Andrea Joki

Featuring regional artists working rigorously on or with paper, the show illuminates paper as a carrier of artists' symbols and as a medium in itself with processes including drawing, cut paper, collage, sculpture and pulp.

The exhibit runs through Saturday, October 20 and features the following artists: Shelly DiCello, Tom Balbo, Tim Callaghan, Laura Cooperman, Julie Friedman, Sarah Kabot, Michael Loderstedt, Liz Maugans, Pam McKee, Darice Polo, Corrie Slawson, Dan Tranberg, Achala Wali and Trudy Wiesenberger.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Store

November 2-December 30

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 NEOhio.

### Art Education and Public Art

Heights Arts has cooked up a new public art project to enliven both our streetscape and Heights Youth Club's after-school program. With generous funding from the Ohio Arts Council and The Cyrus Eaton Foundation, Heights Arts is bringing artist-in-residence Augusto Bordelois to work with the students in creating a colorful mosaic to be installed outside the club to inspire residents, visitors and passers-by.

### Close Encounters

*The Academy of Bluegrass in the Field*

Friday, September 21, 7:30 pm

Dunham Tavern Museum Barn, 6709

Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

Cleveland Orchestra members are fiddling around to benefit Heights Art's chamber music concert series, *Close Encounters*. *The Academy of Bluegrass in the Field* is a pop up bluegrass band comprised of: Trina Bourne, fiddle, Principal Harp, The Cleveland Orchestra; Mark Dumm, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, Violin, The Cleveland Orchestra; Henry Peyrebrune, guitar, Bass, The Cleveland Orchestra; Derek Zadinsky, bass, Bass,

The Cleveland Orchestra.

Music, desserts, and a unique silent auction will be held. Doors open at 7:00 pm; first come, first seated. Reservations: minimum donation \$100 per person to benefit Heights Arts!

Call 216-371-3457 or check online at

[www.heightsarts.org](http://www.heightsarts.org).

## Heights Chamber Orchestra

Heights Chamber Orchestra announces its first concert of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season:

Sunday October 21, 2012, 7:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights

Anthony Addisson, conductor; Emily Cornelius, violin

Houghton - Fanfare (commissioned by HCO for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Mozart - Violin Concerto #4; Parry - Symphonic Variations; Svendsen - "Norwegian" Rhapsody #3

## Heights Youth Theatre

Wiley Middle School Auditorium

2181 Miramar Boulevard

[www.heightsyouththeatre.org](http://www.heightsyouththeatre.org)

Presenting the world premiere of

*Midsummer*, directed and music

directed by Nathan Motta

October 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 (dates subject to change). This new music theatre adaptation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" translates Shakespeare's text for many of the characters while staying true to the original verse for the magical characters. With original music, this show stays true to Shakespeare's story while making it even more accessible for an audience of all ages with the addition of modern language and music.

## Western Reserve Chorale

216-791-0061

[westernreservechorale.org](http://westernreservechorale.org)

The Chorale, a non-profit group comprised of both amateur and professional singers, has announced its 2012-2013 concert season with David Gilson, Artistic Director. Fall-winter concerts include:

- Sunday, December 9, 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church
- Saturday, March 9, 7:30 pm in collaboration with the Singers Club at Breen Center for the Performing Arts.



## Road Resurfacing *continued from page 5*

A geo-textile reinforcing material is often installed beneath the new pavement to strengthen the road base by adding structural stability. The road is then resurfaced with a minimum of two inches of hot mix asphalt. The treatment should keep the roadway structurally sound for at least 12 years.

### Funding

The road program is funded by multiple sources, including from the gasoline taxes we pay at the pump that are sent to the federal and state governments. A portion of these tax funds is allocated to fund a variety of improvements to the national highway system and mass transit. Another smaller portion is returned to agencies to fund road-resurfacing programs. The level of funding fluctuates with the economy. Additional funding is received from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for use only in designated areas. This funding is received from the Federal Treasury, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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