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Strategic
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Dates to Remember

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| Thursday, October 3 | Community Improvement Awards 7:00 pm City Hall, 40 Severance Circle |
| Sunday, October 6 | New Neighbor Welcome 2:00-3:00 pm, Heights Library, 2345 Lee Road |
| Tuesday, October 8 | Candidates' Night 7:00-9:00 pm, Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard |
| Thursday, October 31 | Halloween Trick-or-Treating 6:00-8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, November 5 | Election Day |
| Monday, November 11 | Veterans Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed |
| Thursday, November 28 | Thanksgiving Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed |
| Friday, November 29 | City Hall closed |

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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WORK OUT

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Cleveland Heights Community Center is a great and affordable place for you to work out and stay fit! The Community Center Field House is equipped with a fitness center, track and open gym!

WHO MAY USE THE FIELD HOUSE?

Use of the Community Center Field House is available to Cleveland Heights resident adults and to students (through high school) who live within the boundaries of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. In addition, it is available to adult non-residents 18 and over who:

- live within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District,
- have children in the Community Center Ice Programs OR
- are employed within the boundaries of Cleveland Heights (must bring a recent pay stub).

IS THE FITNESS CENTER OPEN TO ALL AGES?

In order to use the Fitness Center, which is equipped with state-of-the art Nautilus equipment, treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, steppers, rowing machines and a new free weight room, you must be 16 years or older. Youth 12-15 years of age may use the Fitness Center and track accompanied by a paying adult/guardian. Infants and toddlers are permitted in strollers or in infant front/backpack carriers on the inside lane of the track only. However, no infants, toddlers or youth under the age of 12 are permitted in the Fitness Center.

WHEN MAY I WORK OUT?

The gym, track and fitness hours are designed to fit into your schedule. The fall/winter/spring hours (through May 25, 2014) are:

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

Call **216-691-7373** for information on open gym times. For sports leagues and exercise programs, check the Parks and Recreation catalogue or visit www.clevelandheights.com (click on Recreation).

WHAT IS THE COST?

Cleveland Heights residents must first purchase a Recreation ID card, which costs \$5.00. Residents then have the following three options: 1) with an ID card, pay \$6.00 per day to use the Field House; 2) with an ID card, purchase a Field House pass (see below), good for one year unlimited usage of the Field House; or 3) with an ID card, purchase a 30-day unlimited Field House pass.

| Field House Only Pass | Annual Pass | | 30-Day Pass | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| | Resident / Non-Resident | | Resident / Non-Resident | |
| Youth K-age 11 | \$ 84 | \$126 | \$10 | \$15 |
| Youth age 12-H.S. or equiv. | \$110 | \$165 | \$18 | \$27 |
| Young adult ages 18-24 | \$165 | \$248 | \$25 | \$36 |
| Adult ages 25-59 | \$192 | \$288 | \$30 | \$43 |
| Senior adult 60 and up | \$ 99 | \$149 | \$15 | \$20 |
| Family | \$312 | \$468 | \$50 | \$71 |

Community Center Passes (Ice and Field House combined) are also available. Check your Parks and Recreation Fall/Winter catalogue (available at www.clevelandheights.com - click on Recreation) for Community Center or Field House information, or call **216-691-7373** and get a head start on your New Year's resolution!

City News

Housing Preservation Office Offers Help to Homeowners

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. set limits per household size: one person: \$35,500; two persons: \$40,600; three persons: \$45,650 and four persons: \$50,700. All loan applications are reviewed by a 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 are required
- All violations and lead paint risks must be addressed
- Loan payments deferred until title transfers

No Interest Loan:

- Whole house rehabilitation
- Must have owned home at least 3 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** or visit www.clevelandheights.com for further information and specific program requirements.

Lead Safe Cuyahoga Program

Many homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint, which is a highly toxic metal that may cause a range of health problems in young children. The City of Cleveland Heights, in partnership with the County and the 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 or receiving day care in the home. For more information, call **216-291-4869**.

Fire Department Reminders

Free smoke detectors are available to Cleveland Heights homeowners (**owner-occupants only**) through a program sponsored by the American Red Cross. Call the Fire Chief's office at **216-291-2673** for eligibility requirements.

Change your batteries! Smoke detectors can save your life, but a detector cannot do its work without a fresh battery. Cleveland

Heights firefighters remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks to Standard Time on **Sunday, November 3**.

Police Department News

Meet Your Police on Thursday Evenings

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. However, on two Thursdays this fall, the Meet Your Police meetings will be held elsewhere:

- **On Thursday, October 10, Meet Your Police will be held at the Cleveland Heights Police Academy, 2595 Noble Road, 6:00-8:00 pm.**
- **Thursday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm, Meet Your Police will be at the Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road.**

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.

Unable to attend Meet Your Police? You may also email the Police directly at myp@clvhts.com.

Rx Drug Drop Program

The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) has launched a program designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in American homes that are either no longer needed or outdated. Law enforcement is the only entity legally able to accept these medications and process them properly so that they do not fall into the wrong hands. Help protect your home, loved ones and our waters from potentially dangerous medications.

Drop Box at Police Station

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

Meet New City Manager Tanisha R. Briley

Tanisha R. Briley, selected by City Council in July, began her duties as Cleveland Heights City Manager August 1, 2013. Briley was most recently employed by the City of Davenport, Iowa as an Assistant City Administrator.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and a Masters of Public Administration from Cleveland State University, and had worked for the City of Davenport since 2006. Her responsibilities included budget development, marketing initiatives and sustainability programs. Briley is a member of the International City/County Manager Association (ICMA) and has chaired several national committees.

"Tanisha Briley brings strong analytical and interpersonal skills to the position, as well as a commitment to diversity and quality of life issues. We are looking forward to working with her on new initiatives for our community," said Mayor Edward Kelley.

Briley was attracted to the position here in Cleveland Heights for both professional and personal reasons. "Growing up in Cleveland, I can remember riding down beautiful streets in Cleveland Heights, admiring the homes, and imagining playing in the playgrounds and athletic fields. I witnessed the excellent quality of life that Cleveland Heights residents enjoyed so I knew it would be a great place to live and raise a family," said Briley.

While receiving her Masters of Public Administration at CSU, Briley became well versed in the challenges facing core cities and especially inner-ring suburbs like Cleveland Heights. "The City's initiative in forming the First Suburbs Consortium was an indication of a progressive approach to problem solving. Professionally, the organization is in an interesting position. The Mayor and Council are eager to build on the progress that has been made and are interested in new ideas and different ways of doing things – that is really exciting for me," said Briley.

The new City Manager is impressed with the residents as well. "It's a wonderful community; Cleveland Heights residents are engaged, loyal and know what they want," she said. Briley is working on getting to know Cleveland Heights' neighborhoods. She has been impressed at how well organized some neighborhoods are, and looks forward to getting out to community events and festivals. The Cedar Fairmount Festival was her first opportunity to do just that. "I took my two nephews, ages 5 and 2, and they had such a great time! Between decorating cupcakes at Luna, giant bubbles and an appearance by Batman and Robin, I was able to meet quite a few Cleveland Heights residents and business owners," said Briley. She has been enjoying our restaurant scene as well. "There are so many great places to eat. I love the authentically local restaurants we have here," she said.

In her leisure time, Briley enjoys spending time with her family. "One of the best parts of this job is coming back to Cleveland where my family lives. It's great to be home again and enjoy things like Sunday dinners and daily activities with my family," she said.

Tanisha Briley would like residents to know that she believes that the City Manager should be what the community needs her to be. "My job is to understand the needs and wants of the community and to prioritize our resources to accomplish them. I must also be flexible and adaptable because every community is unique and priorities will change over time," she said. "We are at an interesting time," she continued. "We are slowly recovering from the Great Recession, but with very limited resources. We will have to be creative and work together to achieve our goals; I look forward to working collaboratively with the Mayor and City Council, staff and the community."

Welcome, City Manager Briley!



● Kids and parents alike enjoyed the new Splash Pad at Cain Park which opened to the public in July.



Remembering Vice Mayor Phyllis Evans

Former Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Phyllis Evans passed away July 31. Evans resigned from Council in June 2012 due to health issues.

As a member of Cleveland Heights Council and as Vice Mayor, Evans was dedicated and committed to the very best for the residents of Cleveland Heights. She had a compassionate understanding of the needs and concerns of her constituents. She served with distinction for over the course of 20 years as Vice Mayor, Chair of Public Safety and Health, Chair of Community Relations and Recreation, and Chair of Administrative Services.

As a member of the community, she supported recreational programs, parks, community outreach and youth programming. She and her husband, Greg, chaired the Recreation Bond Issue in the 1970s that began the upgrade of recreation facilities throughout the city.

She was a dedicated supporter of all sports, and especially enjoyed her time as a "Hockey Mom." Phyllis Evans was intelligent, kind and had a great sense of humor. She was always considerate and supportive of City staff and was a loyal colleague to her fellow Council members.

The City Council, staff and the people of Cleveland Heights offer our profound condolences to her family on the loss of this wonderful woman. We are grateful for the many years she gave in service to our community.

HALLOWEEN IN THE HEIGHTS

Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating Thursday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 pm



Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

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

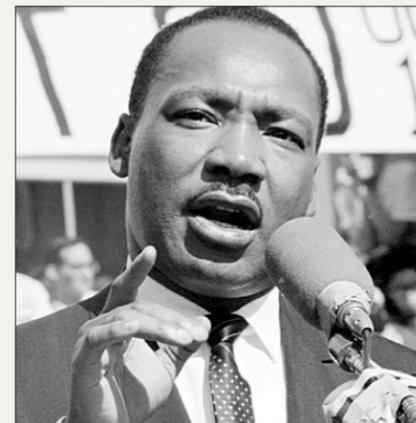
Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 16th annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place:

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road. The event will feature 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 and parochial schools, and home-schooled students.

The entries should address the following:
If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were still with us, what advice do you think he would have for today's young people?



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 or send their entries directly to:

**Community Relations
City of Cleveland Heights
40 Severance Circle
Cleveland Heights, 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 8, 2014. For more information, call **216-291-2323**.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cleveland Heights Council Member **Mary Dunbar**, who recently competed in the National Senior Games, which were held in Cleveland this summer. In her age and gender group, she placed sixth in the 10K cycling time trial and seventh in the 20K cycling road race. In swimming, Dunbar placed 12th in the 200-yard freestyle and 16th in the 500-yard freestyle. To qualify for the National Games, she took part in the Ohio Senior Games last year. Mary Dunbar is also a founder of the Heights Bicycle Coalition.

Twenty-seven Cleveland Heights residents had registered for the games, including **Stephen Robbins**, who won gold in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. We are proud of all the participants!



Councilwoman Mary Dunbar

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magazine is now accepting advertisements.

For ad specifications, cost and to reserve space, contact Jennifer Kuzma at 216-291-2854 or jkuzma@clvhts.com.

Cleveland Heights Strategic Development Plan 2011 - Activity Update

Cleveland Heights Planning and Development staff presented an update to the Planning Commission in August, focusing on the seven goals that were identified that could brand the basic identity of our community, enhance our city's tax base, create outstanding public places and spaces and embody an environmentally sustainable ethic. This update reported activities undertaken since the Strategic Development Plan was adopted that address these seven goals.

GOAL ONE: Substantially increase our tax base by fostering new development and investment consistent with the existing character of the community that attracts new residents and businesses.

Activities:

- New housing development developed in Community Reinvestment Areas are reviewed annually by the City's Housing Council. From 2011 through March 2013, Bluestone sold 21 units with a total value of \$5,550,059.
- New Housing Development Request Proposals were issued for Turkey Ridge, Cedar Coventry, Boulevard Phase III, Noble Road and Meadowbrook Lee.
- Medusa Building, 3008 Monticello Boulevard, is under renovation to become the Headquarters for PDR II dba Share.
- Demolition of the old Medic building, located at 2920 Noble Road, prepares this site for new development.

GOAL TWO: Attract additional persons of diverse economic, racial and religious groups in order to maintain Cleveland Heights' unique community, specifically targeting University Circle institutions.

Activities:

- Planning studies have been completed in conjunction with University Circle, Inc: Missing Link Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) and Circle Heights TLCI.
- Circle Heights Alliance is a working committee with members from Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce, University Circle, Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Shaker Heights, East Cleveland and South Euclid, that is analyzing the feasibility of a shared economic development district across the five suburban cities linked to the University Circle area economic base.

GOAL THREE: Take aggressive action to deal with the effects of a foreclosure crisis on neighbors, neighborhoods and the housing market.

Activities:

- Through the **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** (NSP 1 and NSP 3), 12 single-family homes have been rehabilitated with 10 sold to income-eligible households (120% of median income), two NSP 3 houses are now listed, and 60 houses demolished (NSP 1 funds).
- The City coordinated with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank on housing demolitions funded by NSP 3 and State and County funds, targeting the North Coventry neighborhood.
- A Vacant Parcel Committee has been established to review vacant parcels in order to recommend potential uses. Community development uses may include holding a parcel for future development, offering the parcel to neighbors as part of the City's side lot program, holding the parcel as green space or for a community garden.

GOAL FOUR: Renovate and upgrade the city's neighborhood housing stock and/or develop new housing for target markets.

Activities:

- Cleveland Heights coordinated with East Cleveland to create a North Coventry target area, utilizing demolition funding from County D-TAC and State Moving Forward funds administered by the Cuyahoga County Land Bank.
- Staff implemented various Housing Programs, including:
 - ~ The **HOME** Program, which addresses Low and Moderate Income (LMI) housing:
 - All participants must have a household income at or below 80% of the median income.
 - Single-Family Rehabilitation provides whole house rehabilitation loans up to a maximum of \$35,000. The rehabilitation must address any lead-based paint issues and result in the structure meeting all housing codes.
 - The Down Payment Assistance Program provides a loan up to \$10,000 for owner-occupied single-family or two-family homes.
 - Staff is reviewing ideas/best practices to identify other potential housing activity in which to consider using HOME funds.

~ **Lead Safe Cuyahoga** provides grants of up to \$9,500 to address identified lead-based paint issues in housing for households with children aged five years or younger whose household income is at or below 80% of the median income.

~ CDBG Housing Programs:

- Housing Preservation Office – Paint, Senior Violation Repair Program, Short-Term Deferred Loan, Nuisance Abatement, Code Enforcement
 - Neighborhood Relations
 - Home Repair Resource Center – Deferred Loan Match, ASSIST Programs, Housing Counseling
- ~ Planning staff is a member of the First Suburbs Development Council Housing Committee, which with Mayors, drafted a housing policy recommendation for the County.

GOAL FIVE: Strengthen and upgrade commercial districts to serve as regional draws and enhance surrounding areas. Address the viability and needs of struggling commercial districts and surrounding neighborhoods.

Activities:

- Activity has occurred in all districts, but especially Cedar Lee, Cedar Fairmount, Coventry and the emerging Cedar Taylor districts continue to attract quality restaurants/retail evidenced by Rockefeller's, Sweetie Fry, Luna Bakery & Café, Best Gyros, The Fairmount, The Rib Cage, New Heights Grill, The Bottlehouse, Barlé Soup and Sandwich, Ensemble Theatre, Auto Zone, Family Dollar, The Wine Spot and the Katz Club.
- Storefront Program, Signage Rebate – Heights Arts, Isle of Beads, Rockefeller's, Luna Bakery & Café, Barlé Soup and Sandwich, The Wine Spot, The Fairmount
- Storefront Renovation Projects – Lakewood College, 2231 North Taylor; Another Enemy, 13433-13437 Cedar Road; Taylor Road Discount, 2176 South Taylor Road.

GOAL SIX: Significantly improve the city's infrastructure and its attractiveness to existing and potential residents, businesses and new development.

Activities:

- The Cedar Lee District was awarded \$1.5 million of Transportation Alternative Funds to assist with the implementation of the Cedar Lee Transportation for Livable Community Initiative (TLCI) funded streetscape plan.
- The Cedar Fairmount District was awarded \$1.5 million of Transportation Alternative funds awarded to assist with the implementation of the Cedar Fairmount TLCI funded streetscape plan.
- An application has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Clean Ohio Trail Funds to assist with the creation of a multi-purpose trail along Cedar Glen. If awarded, this state funding can be used toward the required local match, the Cedar Fairmount Transportation alternative funded project.
- The TLCI Missing Link Study is being finalized.
- A Safe Routes to School application to develop Travel Plans was submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

GOAL SEVEN: Encourage sustainable practices for development activities, including energy strategies, green building designs and development practices (such as LEED programs).

Activities:

- Sustainable Zoning Regulations, which were adopted by City Council in May 2012, have resulted in the following:
 - Two adaptive re-use buildings (former Coventry School, former Caledonia Library)
 - Site Plans address sustainable goals, such as Beaumont School
 - Local food production opportunities: farmers' markets, local edible gardens in all yards, community gardens, 24 conditional uses for keeping of chickens issued
- Bicycle rings have been installed on parking meters to encourage bicycling as a form of transportation (The Bike Coalition is also working to raise funds to donate bike racks around town)
- The Cumberland Pool Parking Lot, improved as a storm water management demonstration project, provides an example to the community.

At Your Service

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.

Election Signs

As a courtesy, the City will be providing a drop-off bin at the Service Garage (14200 Superior) for election signs November 5-16. 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 28 and will continue until Friday, November 29, 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.).

Before October 28 and after November 29, 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 after 7:00 am on the collection day.
- During the weeks designated for loose leaf collection – October 28 through November 29– 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

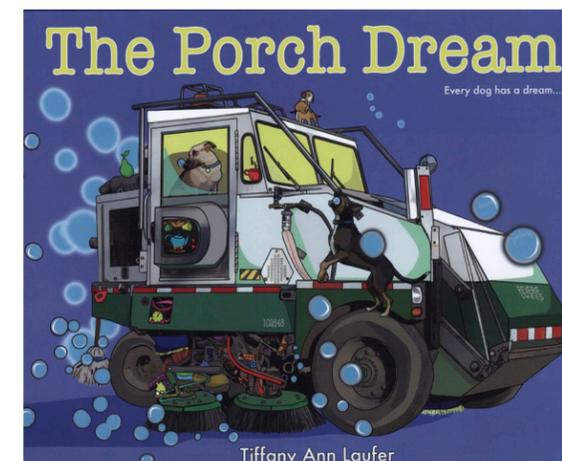
- **Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, is NOT a City holiday.** The regular Monday-Friday collection remains in force.
- **Veterans Day is Monday, November 11; City offices will be closed.** Monday through Friday collection routes will be delayed by one day.
- **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28:** 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 – Wednesday, December 25:** City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25. Monday's and Tuesday's refuse collection will be collected as usual. Wednesday through Friday's collection will be delayed by one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

- **New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1:** City offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. Monday's and Tuesday's refuse collection will be collected as usual. Wednesday through Friday's collection will be delayed by one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 20, 2014:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Friday routes. Friday's collection will take place on Saturday.
- **Presidents Day, Monday, February 17, 2014:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Friday routes. Friday's collection will take place on Saturday.

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 January 31, 2014.**



Even Dogs Dream of Recycling!

Cleveland Heights author and filmmaker **Tiffany Ann Laufer** has written and designed a children's book featuring her dog, Bella, called "**The Porch Dream.**" This delightful book has Bella dreaming on the porch of saving the day in various adventurous ways with her dog friend, Colby. In Bella's dreams, she and Colby deliver packages and birthday cakes, dig for ice cream, and can be seen driving trucks that look very much like Cleveland Heights recycling, snow plow and fire trucks! The cover features a very familiar-looking street sweeper! "**The Porch Dream**" is available online through Bellaboo Books.



According to the County's 2012 Residential Recycling Report, our city diverted 66.98% of our solid waste from the landfill, including our yard waste. We thank those residents who faithfully recycle every week and encourage those who have yet to get started to do so.

We recycle paper, including newspapers, magazines and books; glass bottles and jars; cans and plastic containers. Put the items into a blue recycling bag and place on your treelawn on your regular collec-

tion day. Paper products may be placed in paper grocery bags or tied with twine. Find more information about recycling at www.clevelandheights.com. Also, call Community Relations at **216-291-2323** for a recycling magnet listing items that are recyclable.

CLARIFICATION: In the last issue of Focus, there was a reminder about "Early Trash," stating that if refuse of any type is set out prior to the regular collection day with no arrangement made with the Public Works Department, a fine of \$85+ may be imposed for violation of City ordinances. **Of course, you may set your refuse out the evening before your pick-up day (after 7:00 pm, please).** The reminder was meant for those who may put the refuse out days in advance. We are sorry for any confusion the reminder may have caused.

Recreation

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

Remember that pre-registration is required for all classes. A minimum number of registrants is required to run a class, so sign up early to prevent being shut out. Fall registration is underway; **Winter registration** begins Monday, November 4 for residents and Tuesday, November 12 for non-residents.

- reduced rates for public ice skating sessions and other skating programs;
- reduced rates for tennis lessons and for youth/adults sports programs;
- use of our Community Center track, fitness center and basketball courts. (With a Recreation I.D. card, you may purchase a Community Center Field House pass or pay a daily \$6.00 usage fee for the Field House.)

General Recreation Classes

Looking to get in shape, stay in shape, or just have some fun? Then come to the Cleveland Heights Community Center! We have different types of classes, so look through the Parks and Recreation catalogue to find something you like. One of our new programs this fall is the **Barre Body Total Workout** held on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am. Please note that **Zumba** has moved to a new day and time. Cleveland Heights also offers a variety of programs and classes for kids of all ages from **Ballet to Self-Defense/Karate** and **Kids Kuk Sool Won** (Traditional Korean Martial Arts). Check out the Fall/Winter Recreation catalogue or look online at www.clevelandheights.com (click **Recreation**) to find something for your children. Call **216-691-7373** with any questions.

Our Preschool Open Gym, beginning October 15, has been 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 any preschool equipment that you would like to recycle and donate? Please contact Dee Marsky at 216-691-7372 or 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 are played

on the artificial turf at Denison Park. Call **216-691-7373** to see if space is still available.

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 Teams 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.

Youth Hockey is a long-standing tradition in Cleveland Heights, with children as young as four (ages determined as of 12/31/2013) participating.

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

Adult Sports 2013-14

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 is underway.

- **NEW! CH50HL Hockey League:** This Friday night league is open to male B and C players who are at least 50 years of age by December 31, 2013. Contact Bob Warshawsky at war@ch50hl.com or www.CH50HL.com
- **Women's Hockey:** Interested players should call Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** or go to chwomeshockey@gmail.com to contact the League.

2014 Softball – Sign up for next year's Men's, Women's or Coed Leagues by contacting Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or lshaw@clvhts.com.

2014 Softball Umpire School – Want to be a Softball Umpire? Call Brian Simmons, Umpire-in-Chief, at **216-691-7260**.

It's Skating Season

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

Learn-to-Skate Lessons – Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings, September 23 – November 3, six weeks; Saturday and Sunday, October 5-November 3, four weeks. Ages 3 and up; separate classes for adults.

Home school lessons – Tuesday and Friday mornings, beginning the week of September 23.

Adaptive Skating lessons – Monday evenings beginning November 4.

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

Have a Birthday Party!

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

Heights High School Hockey

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

- Friday, December 6 – Chagrin Falls, 8:45 pm
- Friday, December 13 – Orange, 8:45 pm
- December 27, 28 & 29 – Annual Heights Holiday Classic Tournament
- Saturday, January 11 – Benedictine, 5:00 pm
- Saturday, January 25 – Mayfield, 5:00 pm
- Friday, January 31 – NDCL, 8:45 pm

Special Ice Events

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

- Cleveland Heights High School, Brush High, Benedictine High Varsity, Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Junior Lumberjacks hockey games

● Ohio Flames Girls Hockey Tournament, September 27-29 (All other sessions canceled)

● Building closed for holidays: November 11 and November 28

● Group lesson skip week: November 25 – December 1

● Junior Jacks High School Hockey Tournament, November 29 - December 1 (look for schedule changes all three days.)

● Benedictine High School Hockey Tournament, December 13-15 (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.)

Cleveland Junior Lumberjacks

The Cleveland Junior Lumberjacks, members of the North American 3 Hockey League, now make Cleveland Heights their home ice. Fresh off winning the East Division in 2012-13, their season begins in September. For the full game schedule check www.clejrjacks.com.

Ice schedules and information are available by calling **216-691-7434**, direct to the Ice Rink Desk, and may also be found at www.clevelandheights.com on the City's website - 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 3 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.

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Chili cook-off

Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund Raiser

The Chili Cook-off is returning! Join the delicious fun on **Saturday, November 2, 2013** from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard and Mayfield Road. A variety of Heights eateries will be participating. \$10 person, \$30 for a family of four. Proceeds of the Chili Cook-off benefit the Cleveland Heights Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. For more information or to participate, contact Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or lshaw@clvhts.com.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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

Recreation 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 our lighted tennis courts, our outdoor basketball courts and our skate park;
- use of six outdoor picnic shelters (permit reservations are \$25);
- free use of the Cumberland wading pool;
- free use of the Cain Park Splash Pad;
- reduced rates for all Community Center classes, workshops, programs and field trips;
- reduced admission for swimming and aquatic programs;

Senior Scene

The Office on Aging and the Senior Activity Center are located in the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Monticello Blvd. at Mayfield Road. Hours are Monday through Friday, 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. Also this fall, we are hosting two OSHIP events:

Tuesday, September 17, 11:00 am - **Welcome to Medicare**

Tuesday, November 19, 9:00 am-3:00 pm - **Medicare Open Enrollment** with one-on-one appointments for Part D comparisons and enrollments.

- **Need help with legal issues?**

Call to schedule a half-hour appointment with volunteer Attorney J. Alex Morton.

- **Need transportation?**

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

- **Tired of shopping and cooking?**

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

- **Do you have questions or need services?**

The Office on Aging has two licensed social workers on staff. They are available to you any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Please feel free to contact them at **216-691-7377** for help with any problems, questions, or issues.

At the Senior Activity Center:

Flu Shots – Tuesday, October 1, 9:00 am-12:00 noon, in cooperation with Rite Aid pharmacy, which will bill your insurance company or Medicare for the cost of the shot. No appointment necessary.

Adaptations: From Short Story to Big Screen – Tuesdays, September 17-November 5, 1:00 pm. The course includes the viewing of films followed by a reading of the short stories that inspired the films and a discussion of the transfer from the printed word to the movie screen. Discussion includes: plot development, character portrayal, scenic values and other elements involved in turning short stories into feature films. Discussion leader is Sue Klarreich, PhC, who has experience facilitating group discussions and has lead several film discussion groups. Free

AARP Driver Safety Class – Wednesday, October 23, 12:00-4:00 pm. A four-hour course of classroom instruction that is designed to refine existing skills and develop new, safe driving techniques. Fee: \$12 for those with an AARP member card, \$14 without. Register in advance as space is limited.

Cleveland Orchestra Trip – Friday, September 27, 10:00 am. Travel to Severance Hall on the OOA van to hear the Cleveland Orchestra perform Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 and Prokofiev Symphony No. 3. Preconcert talk and continental breakfast included. Tickets are \$25. Register early, as space is limited.

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. Fall sessions of **Belly Dance, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, Seniorobics, Senior Strength Training, Body Music, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Walking Club** and **Ms. Duck's Walking Warm-Up** are set to begin again. **NEW** to our schedule this fall are **Tai Chi Intensive** and **Zumba Gold**. For information and to register for these and other programs and classes, call the Senior Activity Center at **216-691-7377**. For specific program information, check out the **News for Senior Adults** available online at www.clevelandheights.com, at City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.



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Cedar Fairmount News

Watch for the opening of **Four and Twenty** at 12433 Cedar Road. Currently located on Larchmere Boulevard, the vintage/antique retail shop is relocating to Cedar Fairmount in early October. Owned by Sean Fagan and Kim Scholten, Four and Twenty focuses on Industrial Arts, significant rural pieces and Mid-Century Modern. The owners also design and build custom furniture and lighting for both residential and retail clients. Richard Zingale has joined the group to help evolve the brand with his background that encompasses design from both the Architectural and Interiors perspective, adding contemporary furniture lines as well as unique home furnishings. Combining a variety of furniture and accessories, the new shop will also include small, useful home wares and new handcrafted items.

Cedar Fairmount Festival a Success
This year's August festival drew large crowds and over 100 exhibitors (photo above.) The family-friendly event offered entertainment for all ages and included five musical groups. It was made possible by the generous donations of the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District, Cedar Fairmount businesses, building owners, neighbors, and a matching grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Cedar Fairmount thanks the donors, volunteers, Cleveland Heights Police and Fire departments and Boy Scout Troop 22 for their valuable assistance.

Chef/Owner of Luna Bakery & Café Writes Cupcake Book

Bridget Thibeault, chef/owner of Luna Bakery & Café, has written a new book, *Cupcake Decorating Lab*. This delightful book is filled with easy-to-follow techniques for producing your own cupcake masterpieces, presented in simple steps that take you from the basics through professional techniques, such as making sugar flowers and building a cupcake tower. The new book is available at Appletree Books, Luna, or online at Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com.

Spotlight on Lake Erie Ink

A Writing Space for Youth

Lake Erie Ink, a unique non-profit organization located in the former Coventry School building, 2843 Washington Boulevard, believes that creative writing is not only for youth who already love writing, but also for youth who have something to say and too often feel that no one is listening. Lake Erie Ink provides creative expression opportunities and academic support for youth in Cleveland Heights and beyond.

Fall programming begins this month:

- **The Ink Spot:** after-school homework help and creative expression for 4th through 8th graders, Monday through Thursdays, 3:00-5:30 pm. Staff and volunteers are available for homework help in all subjects. Once homework is completed, a variety of fun and creative writing activities are offered. To register for the Ink Spot, parents and guardians need to attend an orientation or schedule an appointment at **216-320-4757**.

- **Evening Ink Teen Workshops** explore creative writing in all genres, including poetry for performance and publication, fiction (realistic, science fiction and fantasy, adventure and historical), graphic stories and comics, play writing, creative nonfiction, blogging, writing for a purpose (college essays and personal statements) and multi-media projects that integrate images and sound with the written word.

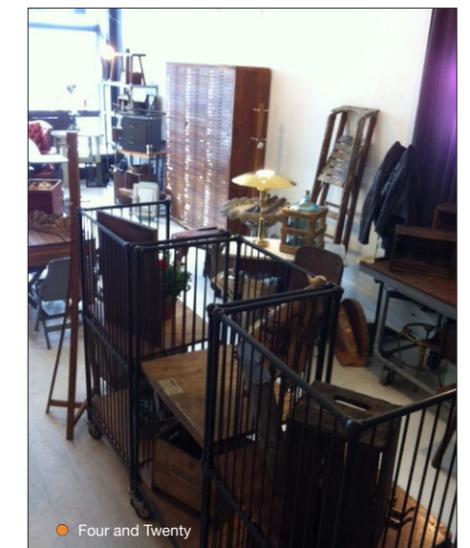
- **Off-site programs** for schools and youth-service organizations

- **Weekend Ink:** Saturday creative expression workshops for K-12th graders – past workshops included college essay writing, play writing, alternative histories, science fiction, chills and thrills, comics, cards and poetry.

Get Involved

Lake Erie Ink welcomes volunteers of all ages. Volunteers may choose to work with youth directly or help with other aspects of Lake Erie Ink, like editing and publications. High school student volunteers are welcomed and celebrated at Lake Erie Ink. They are very popular with the younger crowd and know more about math homework than most of the adults! Teen volunteers are trained to tutor younger youth and to act as writing coaches during workshops and enrichment activities. Applications may be downloaded at www.lakeerielink.org. For more information, call Lake Erie Ink at **216-320-4757** or visit the website.

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Four and Twenty

AroundTown

New Neighbor Welcome October 6

New to the community? Three Heights civic organizations will host a welcoming reception for you and other new residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights this fall at the Lee Road Library. The **New Neighbor Welcome** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 6, 2:00-3:00 pm** at the Harvey & Friends bookstore on the second floor of the library, 2345 Lee Road. All residents who consider themselves new to the community are warmly invited to enjoy light refreshments.

"This is an opportunity for newcomers to learn about the two cities' civic, cultural, educational and commercial assets, meet neighbors and feel at home," said Susan Goldfarb, a volunteer with FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries and coordinator of the event.

The reception's sponsors include the FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries, FutureHeights and Reaching Heights. Civic leaders, including city and school officials, will be on hand to welcome residents and provide information. Area schools, businesses, cultural institutions and other organizations will also have materials available.

For information about participating, call the FRIENDS office at **216-932-3600**, ext. 234, or email to friends@heightslibrary.org.

Candidates' Night - October 8

FutureHeights and the League of Women Voters, Cuyahoga Area will host a forum Tuesday, October 8 to introduce the candidates for local elections who will be on the November 5 ballot. The forum, which will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road, will feature candidates for Cleveland Heights and University Heights City Councils, and the CH-UH Board of Education.

Deanna Bremer Fisher, executive director of FutureHeights, will moderate the forum. The evening will follow the traditional League of Women Voters procedures for nonpartisan forums. Each candidate will give a brief statement, followed by a question and answer session with written questions from the audience. Questions are screened by a league committee for relevance and to avoid duplication. For more information, visit www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org.

FutureHeights and the League of Women's Voters will publish a Voters Guide in the October print issue of the Heights Observer, which is available at the city halls, schools, libraries, religious institutions and local businesses, and online at www.heightsobserver.org.

Maps and information about your voting location, ward, and precinct are available on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website, www.boecuyahogacounty.us or by calling **216-443-3298**.

More FutureHeights News

Best of the Heights Awards

From May through August, Heights residents voted for their favorite Heights businesses in 22 categories, including best new business. Each year FutureHeights, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting civic engagement in the Heights, conducts the Best of the Heights survey to recognize the unique attributes of locally-owned businesses in the Heights, and their contributions to the local economy.

"Heights residents recognize how lucky they are to have such an amazing diversity of independent businesses in our community and want to show their appreciation," said Clare Taft, president of the FutureHeights Board of Directors.

Find out who came out on top at the Best of the Heights awards ceremony on September 23 at the Dobama Theatre. Call **216-320-1423** or visit www.futureheights.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



First Annual Heights Music Hop

FutureHeights will sponsor the first annual Heights Music Hop, scheduled for Friday, October 18 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm in partnership with the Cedar Lee Special Improvement District, Cellar Door Cleveland, and Cleveland Beer Week. During the event, musicians from the region will perform at venues along Lee Road, from Cedar Road to the Lee Road Library and Dobama Theatre. Music genres, ranging from classical to rock, will vary by location.

Heights Music Hop will take place on the first day of the fifth annual Cleveland Beer Week, which attracts attendees from throughout the region. Each year, Cleveland Beer Week aims to draw attention to Northeast Ohio's craft beer industry while encouraging people to patronize local establishments. Heights Music Hop will feature beers from the following brewing companies: Great Lakes, Fat Head's, Buckeye, Hoppin' Frog, Cellar Rats, The Brew Kettle and Thirsty Dog.

While the Heights Music Hop is free of charge, attendees will need a Cleveland Beer Week ticket for the opportunity to sample five exclusive Cleveland Beer Week beers.

Sponsorships for the Heights Music Hop are available. For information, contact FutureHeights at **216-320-1423**. For more information about Cleveland Beer Week or to purchase tickets, visit www.clevelandbeerweek.org.

Click-Bid-Buy Local! for the Holidays
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 November 21 through December 8.

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

Auction proceeds benefit the work of FutureHeights—a nonprofit dedicated to promoting civic engagement in the Heights.

The auction preview begins online on October 18. For more information or to donate an item for the auction, visit www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights or call **216-320-1423**.

Happenings at the Heights Libraries

New Library Card Design

September was National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library celebrated by launching new card designs, seen at right, for both new and current customers.

For those who don't have a card, signing up is easy, and it's free to anyone who lives, works, owns property or goes to school in Ohio. All that's required is a picture identification and proof of Ohio residency. A driver's license will do. A passport or picture ID, along with a personal check or letter you've received, will also work. The form is simple to fill out and you can get your new card right away. Children age 18 and under need their parent or guardian's signature on the form before a card can be issued.

These cards also are emblazoned with the CLEVNET logo on the back, a reminder that Heights Libraries is part of the CLEVNET library consortium, with a membership of more than 40 Ohio library

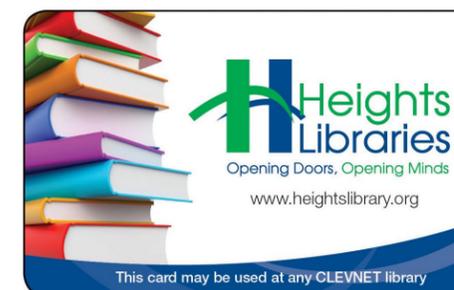
systems offering users access to 10 million items.

Visit www.heightslibrary.org for more information, or call **216-932-3600**.

Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys Programs at Heights Libraries

Beginning in the mid-600s, Islam spread across the world, bringing with it advances in medicine, mathematics, physics, astronomy, geography, architecture, art, and literature. Heights Libraries invites the community to different venues (including all four Heights branches) to explore the history and achievements of Islamic culture. These programs are made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities:

- **Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World** – Monday, October 14, 6:00 pm, University Heights branch.
- **Islamic Art Spots** – Monday, October 21, 6:00 pm, University Heights branch
Islamic Art Spots presents an introduction to Islamic art and architecture in seven illustrated video essays.
- **Quarterly SciFi/Fantasy Book Discussion - The Arabian Nights**, Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 pm, Noble branch
- **The Splendor of Islamic Art** - Cleveland Museum of Art – Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm.
- **Walk Through the Islamic World** – Friday, November 8, 3:00 pm. Registration begins Oct 25. (Date of program is subject to change.) **Please note: program takes place at the Woodling Gym at**



Cleveland State University, 1983 East 24th St., Cleveland.

- **Prince among Slaves: The Cultural Legacy of Enslaved Africans** – Monday, November 11, 7:00 pm, University Heights branch.

Digital Media Lab Offers Public Access to Production Technology

The Lee Road branch's new Heights Knowledge and Innovation Center (HKIC) opened in June, with a new, roomier computer lab, extended Wi-Fi area, and a digital media lab.

Heights Library Digital Media Lab is a one-site production center for audio, video, graphics and photography. The lab expands public access to advanced, costly equipment and software that, according to Nancy Levin, Heights Libraries director, "may be out of reach for most individuals, whether they are freelancers, consultants, students, entrepreneurs, or small business owners."

"The purpose of the HKIC is to provide members of our community with access to technology and work spaces that will help them grow professionally, economically, even personally," stated Levin. "The digital media lab is a big part of that. For example, patrons can make a video for a new business that includes music, create a sophisticated marketing brochure, or record a podcast. They are limited only by their imaginations."

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Workshop Instructors Provide Helpful Tips

Homeowners who attend Home Repair Resource Center's repair workshops benefit from the experience of volunteer instructors. Most instructors are current or retired professionals willing to share their knowledge of the newest tools, materials, and repair techniques – and provide opportunities for attendees to practice using them. This hands-on experience can build confidence in do-it-yourselfers, encouraging them to tackle repairs and keep our community's housing in good condition.

Last spring, Chris Kamis from Absolute Roofing showed workshop participants how easy it can be to use a new "peel & stick" product to re-roof a second floor porch or shed-type garage. Chris says, "Self-adhering modified bitumen roll roofing may be a bit more expensive, but the additional cost is justified by how easy the product is to install and how long it will last."

Jeff Platt from Herb's Plumbing taught attendees about two types of plastic water supply lines approved in recent years for residential use. Jeff warns that the materials must be installed correctly. "No matter which type of plastic tubing you choose, CPVC or PEX, the lines should be secured to a wall stud or joist with a support clamp every 24 to 36 inches to minimize sagging and damage from movement."

Even materials in longtime use can have a new method of installation that makes the job easier. Chris Kamis showed how quickly you can connect aluminum gutter parts using stainless steel Zip screws, instead of traditional pop rivets. "Zip screws have a very sharp point," Chris explained, "so you don't need to pre-drill."

Sometimes you just need to know what to buy. Brian Baumgartner from Brian Baumgartner Painting & Plaster showed a simple "drywall patch kit" that lets people easily repair small holes in plaster or drywall. He also recommended buying a mohair roller or foam roller for applying oil-based paint on flat surfaces, like doors.

HRRC's Project Repair workshops and Home How-To women's repair course are attended by people with all levels of home repair experience. Novices become more comfortable using tools and get a chance to try new repair techniques; more experienced do-it-yourselfers come to learn finer details that can make the job go more easily. Workshop fees are modest, and low-income Cleveland Heights residents are eligible for reduced rates.

For information and class schedule, check HRRC's website: www.hrrc-ch.org.

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Lakewood College Moves to Cleveland Heights

After the extensive renovation of the building at 2231 North Taylor Road, Lakewood College is now open for students. Isaac Haggins, Lakewood College Vice President of Business Development, and his wife Tanya, Lakewood College CEO, purchased the North Taylor property in 2012 when the college was outgrowing its Lakewood location.

The college teaches in a "self-guided distance learning" model. A non-profit organization, Lakewood College offers certificate, diploma and degree level programs in the business, legal and medical fields. It also offers a G.E.D. Preparation course at no cost and is developing a series of free workshops for older adults looking to improve their skills in phone and computer use. The college is also planning a Mediation Training workshop for Cleveland area teachers, designed to help teachers develop skills in effective communication, active listening and neutrality among their student population. For more information on Lakewood College, please call 1-800-517-0857 visit www.lakewoodcollege.edu.

Highlighting our Schools



Community-Designed School Facilities Plan to Appear on November 5 Ballot

A bond issue for the first phase of a comprehensive Schools Facilities Plan will appear on the ballot this November 5. The community, Board members, administrators and teachers spent more than three years working to achieve the plan. The first phase of the overall Plan will completely renovate Cleveland Heights High School (rendering above), and Monticello and Roxboro middle schools. Historic sections of the buildings will be preserved, however. For complete information, go to www.chuh.org.

Dr. NylaJean McDaniel Named New Superintendent

After serving eight years as the CH-UH City School District's director of human resources, six years as superintendent of Fairview Park Schools, and director of curriculum in East Cleveland, Dr. McDaniel thought she was ready to retire – until she was offered the superintendent position of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools. Superintendent Douglas Heuer stepped down this year to help the district transition to Ohio's new standards-based curriculum. She is a long-standing community member, having lived in Cleveland Heights for 36 years. She has seen her own children and now a grandchild thrive in the school system. She will be hosting monthly online lunch webinars from

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm to inform the public on topics such as the facilities plan, the new Common Core Standards, and state report card assessments.

National Merit and Achievement Scholars

Ten students in the Cleveland Heights High Class of 2013 were awarded for their achievement on the national PSAT examination, with a total of 1.5 million students entering into the competition. The National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists were: **Trevor Coble, Thomas Frederick, Carter Hastings, and Ian Kraus**. The National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist was **Kyra Schoonover**; and the National Merit Commended students were: **Carolyn Holt, Sarah Klein, Shoshana Klein, Natasha Madorsky and Katherine Miller**. Congratulations to these students and good luck to the entire CHHS class of 2013 as they begin college, enter the military or begin new jobs.

Our Outstanding Musicians

The Heights High Symphony Orchestra with Music Director Daniel Heim was awarded the top rating by the Ohio Music Education Association's State Orchestra Adjudicated Event for the Northwest Region this spring.

- Cleveland Heights High seniors **Mary O'Keefe, Kate Miller, Carolyn Holt, Shoshana Klein, and Sara Friedberg** showcased extraordinary ability in their senior solo performances.
- For this year's "Music in the Parks Competition" at Cedar Point, the Heights High Women's Barbershoppers won a "Superior Rating" and trophy for the "Best Vocal Group." Photo on back cover.
- For Roxboro Middle, the Chamber Singers won 1st place and "Best Middle School Choir" award, the Boys Choir won 1st place, and the 8th grade strings placed 1st, 6-8th grade strings placed 2nd, and Concert Band placed 3rd.

Noteworthy Cleveland Heights High School Athletes

Our athletic teams brought us seven Lake Erie League (LEL) championships: six athletes were LEL Player of the Year, four coaches were LEL Coach of the Year, four teams advanced to the sectional finals and 16 athletes qualified for state-level competition. And this spring, Lady Tiger Softball's two years of fundraising made the opening of their new home field possible.

Other Tiger News:

- Fairfax Elementary won the \$20,000 BigLots! playground competition – which will help upgrade its playground for the school and surrounding community.
- Cleveland Heights High School senior **Antonio Harper** was the big winner at Hathaway Brown School's iImagine Film Festival in April.
- **Sarah Klein**, Heights Class of '13, was recognized at the May 5 Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Awards Banquet.

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● Congratulations to the National Merit and Achievement Scholars

Home to the Arts

Apollo's Fire

Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, proudly announces its 22nd season under Music Director Jeannette Sorrell. Hailed as the "USA's hottest baroque band" (Classical Music Magazine), Apollo's Fire has enjoyed enormous growth over the past three years both at home in Northeast Ohio and abroad. Four of the group's most recent CD releases have become Billboard Classical Chart Bestsellers – three of these have hit the Top 10 Chart! Upcoming fall concerts in Cleveland Heights are:

- **Virtuoso Orchestra**, Friday, October 11, 8:00 pm and Saturday, October 12, 8:00 pm – Fairmount Presbyterian Church
 - **Tangos & Fandangos**, Friday, November 15, 8:00 pm and Saturday, November 16, 8:00 pm – Fairmount Presbyterian Church
- For the complete schedule, visit www.apollosfire.org.

Dobama Theatre

Dobama Theatre, 2340 Lee Road, has announced its 54th season, which includes six Mainstage productions, partnerships with MOCA Cleveland and Verb Ballets, various offerings from Dobama's Playwrights' GYM, the 5th season of the Dobama Emerging Actors Program (DEAP) and the 36th annual Marilyn Bianchi Kids' Playwriting Festival. For more information, visit www.dobama.org. The 2013-2014 Season will include five regional premieres and one world premiere by today's established and emerging playwrights starting with these fall productions:

TIME STANDS STILL

By Donald Margulies, through October 6, 2013, Directed by Nathan Motta

Nominated for two Tony Awards, the play focuses on Sarah and James, a photojournalist and a foreign correspondent who return to Brooklyn and find themselves trying to find balance and happiness after being scarred - physically and emotionally - while covering conflicts in the Middle East.

COCK

By Mike Bartlett, October 25 - November 23, 2013 (Preview on October 24), Directed by Corey Atkins

When John takes a break from his boyfriend, he accidentally meets the girl of his dreams. Filled with guilt, confusion and indecision, he decides there is only one way to straighten things out... British playwright Mike Bartlett's punchy drama takes a playful, candid look at the difficulties that arise when you realize you may have a choice of who you love.

Verb Ballets at Dobama – October 11-12:

Dobama is thrilled to partner with Verb Ballets this season, presenting a new collaborative work between Verb Ballets and the Inspired Veterans Action Campaign (IVAC). Christian Dollwet, a war veteran and founder of IVAC, will facilitate and co-create the piece that tells the stories of five wounded warriors dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. More information may be found at www.verbballets.org

Ensemble Theatre

Ensemble Theatre, located in the former Coventry School building, 2843 Washington Boulevard, is dedicated to the production of modern American classics as well as other significant contemporary plays. Its 2013-14 season promises to be an exciting one. Ticket information and the complete line-up can be seen at www.ensemble-theatre.org. This fall's production:

ANIMALS OUT OF PAPER

By Rajiv Joseph, September 27 – October 20, 2013, Directed by Celeste Cosentino

When a world-renowned origami artist opens her studio to a teenage prodigy and his school teacher, she discovers that life and love can't be arranged neatly in this drama about finding the perfect fold.



● Yumiko Goto in her studio

Heights Arts

Heights Arts launches its fall season under the leadership of recently appointed executive director Rachel Bernstein. With a passion for the arts, Rachel brings her expertise as an arts administrator (and a professional cellist!) to the organization after a long tenure at the Music School Settlement.

Now going on, Heights Arts presents a landmark exhibition, "All Ohio Ceramic Invitational," organized by Tom Huck, curator of University Hospital's art collection. The All Ohio Ceramic Invitational showcases ceramic works from artists in northern Ohio and throughout the state that explore the diversity of clay. Tom states: "Artists have been invited whose works exhibit contrasts in scale, clay bodies, firing ranges, glazing techniques, and execution. The show will feature sculptural works, vessel inspired pieces, and functional works."

In addition to six annual special exhibitions, Heights Arts presents year-round the works by many of northeast Ohio's top artists including glass, ceramics and jewelry. Help us to support our region's artists by giving gifts of art!

Upcoming events include Heights Arts' first **Close Encounters chamber concert** on Friday, October 11. Visit www.heightsarts.org for more information.

Friday, November 1, 6:00 – 9:00 pm: The **Holiday Store Members' Preview Opening** is Friday, November 1. It will be open to the public Saturday, November 2 through Saturday, December 28, 2013 – so be sure to do some holiday shopping right here in Cleveland Heights at 2173 Lee Road!

The Western Reserve Chorale

The Western Reserve Chorale, under the direction of David Gilson, will present three concerts, including *'Tis the Season* on Sunday, December 8 at **Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road** in Cleveland Heights. The program will feature songs of thanksgiving and praise, including songs for Chanukah, settings from *Anniversary Carols* arranged by Mannheim Steamroller's Jackson Berkey, and Conrad Susa's *Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest*, a suite based on traditional Spanish carols scored for choir, harp, guitar, marimba, and vibraphone. For more information and the complete season, visit www.westernreservechorale.org.



● Western Reserve Chorale

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- **Soli Collins**, an 8th grader at Roxboro Middle, won the annual "Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out!" essay contest held by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage.
- The **Girls' Science and Engineering Club** at Monticello Middle School began its second year, thanks to Case Western Reserve University's Women in Science and Engineering Roundtable program.
- Fourth and fifth grade students at **Canterbury Elementary** wrote and performed the production "Hearts for Haiti," about a Cleveland Heights family that adopted a child from Haiti.
- Heights High Senior **Ellen Posch** (below) qualified for the UDA Swimming and Diving Nationals held August 9, diving alongside Olympians.



Coming Up: Hello Dolly!

Cleveland Heights High Vocal Music Director Craig McGaughey will produce the musical *Hello, Dolly!* With 17 principal student roles, the musical was selected for the Heights Choir to showcase student talent. Wednesday, October 30, Friday, November 1, and Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 3, at 4:00 pm.

Recreation

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The demand and need for assistance from our Youth Recreation Fund continues. 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:

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Donate Blood

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Cleveland Heights Community Center (South Atrium) from 2:00 to 7:00 pm on Mondays, November 4, January 6 and March 3.

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Production tools now available during regular library hours include:

- an Apple Mac Pro computer with Adobe Creative Suite 6, Final Cut Pro (video), iLife (iPhoto, iMovie, and Garageband), Aperture 3 (photo), and Logic Pro 9 (music);
- a Sony HDR-CX220 Video Camera;
- a Sony PowerShot SD1300 IS Still Camera;
- M-Audio Axiom 64 musical keyboard;
- two condenser microphones;
- an Audio Axiom 61 Midi Controller;
- a Bamboo tablet

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