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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thursday, October 22 | Community Improvement Award Ceremony, City Hall, 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, October 31 | Halloween Trick-or-Treating 6:00-8:00 pm |
| Monday, November 2 | American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00-7:00 pm, Community Center South Atrium |
| Tuesday, November 3 | Election Day |
| Wednesday, November 11 | Veterans Day City Hall and the Community Center closed |
| Thursday, November 26 | Thanksgiving Day City Hall and the Community Center closed |
| Friday, November 27 | City Hall closed |
| Saturday, December 12 | Holiday Stroll on Coventry Cedar Lee and Cedar Fairmount |
| Friday, December 25 | Christmas Day City Hall and the Community Center closed |
| Friday, January 1, 2016 | New Year's Day City Hall and the Community Center closed |
| Monday, January 4 | American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00-7:00 pm, Community Center South Atrium |

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city council

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 Jeff Coryell
 Mary Dunbar
 Kahlil Seren
 Jason S. Stein
 Melissa Yasinow
 Tanisha R. Briley, City Manager

council meetings

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

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city news



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Monticello Middle School eighth graders **Jalen Boyd** and **Chandler Rowell**, who, as members of The National Basketball Academy (TNBA) Elite, ranked ninth in the country at the 2015 AAU Basketball National Championship held in July.

Paramedics Deliver and Save Baby

Kudos to Cleveland Heights firefighter/paramedics **Manoj Das**, **Tim Cicero**, and **Cody Klein**, who not only delivered a baby en route to the hospital but also saved her life. Seven minutes into the ambulance ride, Carrienne was born to Jaukarra Harris with the umbilical cord wrapped twice around her neck. Das, a nine-year firefighter/paramedic who had never before delivered a baby, had to hold his fingers against the baby's throat and pull the cord away so the baby wouldn't choke. He was glad to have fellow firefighter/paramedic Klein present to ensure a healthy birth while Cicero was driving. Cleveland Heights Fire Department Chief Dave Freeman is proud of his men and said that this delivery shows the importance of having three paramedics per squad as opposed to a two-man squad that some had suggested would be a good cost-cutting measure. Mother and baby are doing well while the firefighter/paramedics count that day as a high point of their year.

Council Appoints Master Plan Steering Committee

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission chose Cleveland Heights as one of four cities they will be working with to develop a City Master Plan. The goals of the county program are "to bring older plans up to date, encourage regional collaboration and focus on action plans that have a strong potential for implementation." Cleveland Heights joins University Heights, Parma Heights, and Olmsted Falls in this program.

A Master Plan outlines a community's vision for the future and then describes specific action steps that can be undertaken to accomplish them. It allows the City to assess whether policies and actions currently undertaken are addressing needs and accomplishing long-term goals.

Residents appointed by City Council at its July 6 meeting to serve on the eleven-member Master Plan Steering Committee are: **Michael Ungar**, Planning Commission chair; **Howard Maier**, Transportation Advisory Committee co-chair; **Jeanne Diamond**, Commission on Aging member; **Ken Dowell**, Recreation Advisory Board member; **Allison McCallum**, Citizens Advisory Committee member; **Bill Mitchell**, owner of Mitchell's Fine Chocolates in the Cedar Lee Business district; **Saroya Queen-Tabor**, CH-UH City School District parent and chair of the district's Strategic Planning Committee; **Julia Kious Zabell**, FutureHeights Board of

Directors member; **Kristen Hopkins**, CT Consultants principal planner; **Yovan "Lou" Radivoyevitch**, RAD Graphics vice president of sales; and **Chuck Miller**, principal with Doty & Miller Architects.

The County Planning Commission staff introduced the master planning process to the Steering Committee on September 2. The process involves six steps:

Plan Initiation

Initial meeting to introduce the process and gather ideas;

Current Conditions

Demographic, land use, housing, and other data to develop a community profile. This includes a review of existing plans and surveys;

Community Vision

Broad goals for how the community wants to grow and develop in the future;

Policy Development

Action steps to achieve community's desired future;

Implementation Plan

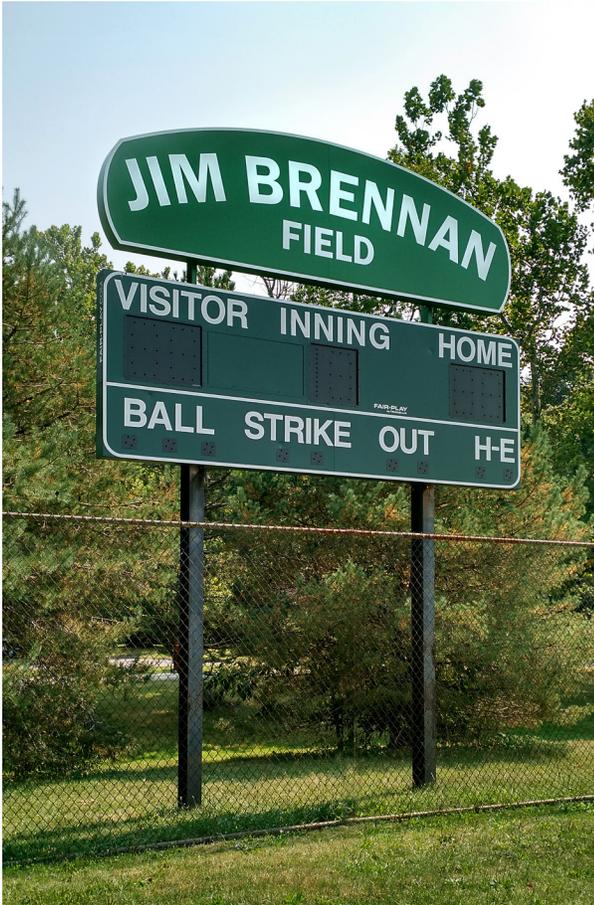
Timelines, priorities, responsibilities, and potential funding sources for undertaking action steps; and

Draft Master Plan

Combined and completed Master Plan document.

The process includes three public meetings. Information will be posted and updated on www.clevelandheights.com/master-plan where residents also will be able to provide comments and ideas.

The drafting of the Master Plan is expected to take 10-12 months and committee members receive no financial compensation for their service.



Brennan Field Dedicated

Ball Field #5, the main field at Forest Hill Park, was dedicated in honor of Jim Brennan on July 11 prior to the All-Star softball games. It was also announced that henceforth, the second weekend in July will be called the Brennan All-Star Weekend.

“Jim Brennan was an enthusiastic supporter of our recreation programs for over 20 years,” stated Mayor Dennis Wilcox. “He sponsored softball teams and held many an after-game celebration at The Colony. This dedication celebrates and honors the energy and commitment Jim brought to our Cleveland Heights community.”

The former owner of Brennan’s Colony on Lee Road was inducted as a member of the Cleveland Heights Softball Hall of Fame in 1999 for his sponsorship of many softball teams over the years. Brennan also contributed to the Barden Benner Carter Memorial Youth Hockey Fund and the Raymond A. Robinson Memorial Youth Hockey Tournament.

Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Larry Shaw spoke about his close friend: “Jim made Forest Hill Park a destination for all who participated in Cleveland Heights sports in all capacities.”

Funds for the sign designating Ball Field #5 as Jim Brennan Field were raised by the We Are A Colony committee in partnership with the Cedar Lee Special Improvement District and the City of Cleveland Heights.

SNOWPLOWING



The Building Department would like to remind you that when you hire a snowplow operator, be sure they are registered with the City of Cleveland Heights Building Department. The snowplow operator must have a Snowplow Operators Bond and a Certificate of Liability in order to be registered with the City. The snowplow operators must keep the plowed snow at the property where they are snowplowing. Registration information may be found at www.clevelandheights.com/building-permits.

Coventry Village dedicates Pekar Park

The northwest corner courtyard of Coventry Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard was a treasured spot for longtime resident Harvey Pekar, who often referenced the Coventry neighborhood in his work as an underground comic book writer. On July 25, that area was renamed Pekar Park in a public dedication made possible by The Coventry Village Special Improvement District, the City of Cleveland Heights, Jakprints and the Harvey Pekar Estate. Street banners depicting some of Pekar’s life in comic form were commissioned and are permanently hanging on light poles throughout the new park area.

The day’s events included a celebration of Pekar’s work and that of other Greater Cleveland comic book writers and graphic novelists, live jazz, storytelling, and the viewing of *American Splendor*, the 2003 film based on Pekar’s life and work.

POLICE NIGHT OUT

2nd Annual Police Night Out a Success

The 2nd Annual Cleveland Heights Police Night Out on August 4, held in conjunction with the Police National Night Out, was a big success. Families were able to meet the police, get a close-up view of police vehicles and learn how to protect themselves and their property from crime. Kids were able to learn about bike safety and maintenance, register their bikes, hear from Eddie Eagle about gun safety, and have their fingerprints taken. Adults were able to gather information on protecting and securing their homes & vehicles and protecting against cyber crime.

The K-9 Unit was there; the dogs are trained to detect drugs, do building searches, and track for suspects or lost children and adults. There were also demonstrations by the Police Swat Team and the Bomb Squad Robot.

Meet Your Police

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

Help Prevent Crime

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

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

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

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

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



recreation

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 please check out our fall and winter program offerings. **Pre-registration** is required for all classes. A minimum number is required to run a class, so sign up early to prevent being shut out. **Online registration** is available for the general recreation programming: www.clevelandheights.com/parksandrec

Youth Sports Programs

Youth Soccer Academy is for boys and girls in grades K-6. Games are played on the turf field at Denison Park. Call **216-691-7373** to see if space is still available.

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

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

Travel Basketball tryouts will take place Monday, October 12 through Thursday, October 15. Four teams will be offered: Boys grade 4 & under, Boys grade 5 & under, Boys grade 6 & under and Girls grade 6 & under. Contact Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383** or mdiscenzo@clvhts.com.

Youth Hockey is a long-standing tradition in Cleveland Heights, with children as young as three participating (ages determined as of 12/31/2015).

Tot Hockey (ages 4-7) for those who have passed Snow Plow Level 2. Helmet and hockey stick provided. Saturday classes begin October 24.

Learn-to-Play Hockey (ages 10 & under) for new hockey players who have completed Tot Hockey. Session One began 9/ 21.

Cleveland Heights

Youth Hockey Association - Travel Hockey (ages 6-14). www.heightshockey.com Scholarship assistance is available. Contact Chris Kendel at ckendel@clvhts.com.

Adult Sports 2015-16

Fall/Winter Basketball League

Men's & Women's Leagues offered. Play begins in mid-October. Contact Chris Kendel at ckendel@clvhts.com.

Ice Hockey Cleveland Heights Senior Hockey League – www.eteamz.com/chshl

NEW CH50HL Hockey League

Friday night league open to male B & C level players who are 50+ years of age as of 12/31/2015. Contact Bob Warshawsky at war@ch50hl.com, www.CH50HL.com.

Women's Hockey League

Interested players should contact chwomenshockey@gmail.com.

2016 Softball Season

Register your team for Men's or Coed Leagues by contacting Chris Kendel at ckendel@clvhts.com.

2016 Umpire School

Those interested in becoming a softball umpire should contact Brian Simmons, Umpire-in-Chief at **216-691-7383**.

new!

New Additions to our programs are the **Drums Alive** classes for preschool, youth, and adults. Participants pound on an exercise ball using drumsticks for a great cardio and core workout! Our **Yoga** classes are divided into beginner and intermediate levels. An **Evening Barre** class has been added to the schedule on Monday nights. We've also added a **Parent & Tot Dance** class for ages 18 months to 3 years. Please see the fall/winter brochure for a complete listing of programs.

Pre-School Open Gym

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

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



it's skating season!

Skating

Join the fun! To find out more about these ice programs, call **216-691-7374**.

- **Learn-to-Skate Lessons** – Fall Session 2. Registration begins October 5, classes begin October 19. Evening and weekend classes available for ages 3 and up; separate classes for adults.
- **Home School lessons** – Tuesday and Friday mornings
- **Adaptive Skating lessons** – Monday evenings
- **Learn to Speedskate** – Thursday, October 22. New skaters should contact Barb Rosenbaum at bk@therosenbaums.net or call **216-401-9392**.

Special Ice Events

Please understand special events will change the regular skating schedule.

- Cleveland Heights High School, Brush High School, and Benedictine Varsity (see www.shut.out.com for schedules) and Case Western Reserve University
- Building closed for holidays: November 11 & 26
- Group lesson skip week: November 23-29
- Junior Jacks High School Hockey Tournament: November 27-December 2
- Benedictine High School Hockey Tournament: December 11-13 (look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Building closed for holiday: December 25
- Heights High School Holiday Hockey Tournament: December 26-28 (look for schedule changes all three days.)



party!

Have a Birthday Party

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**.

Schedules and information are available by calling **216-691-7434** or www.clevelandheights.com/recreation



**GIVE BLOOD
THE GIFT OF LIFE**

**The American Red Cross
will hold blood drives at the
Community Center
November 2, January 4
and February 29 from 2:00-7:00pm
in the South Atrium**

AT YOUR SERVICE



Holiday Collection

- **Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, is NOT a City holiday.** The regular Monday-Friday collection remains in force.
- **Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11; City offices will be closed.** Wednesday through Friday collection routes will be delayed by one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.
- **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26:** 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 – Friday, December 25:** City offices will be closed. Refuse collection on Monday through Thursday will be as usual. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.
- **New Year's Day, Friday, January 1:** City offices will be closed. Refuse collection on Monday through Thursday will be as usual. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 18, 2016:** City offices will be closed. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Friday routes. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.
- **Presidents Day, Monday, February 15, 2016:** City offices will be closed. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Friday routes. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

Collection of Loose Leaves

- Autumn is here in our “city of trees” and it's time for raking and/or blowing leaves. **Loose-leaf collection will begin on Monday, November 2 and will continue until Monday, 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. Refer to map at www.clevelandheights.com/loose-leaf-collection for your street schedule. Saturday leaf collection (if needed) will be used to return to heavy areas or to make up for holidays or bad weather.
 - **Kraft bags** will also be collected at this time.
 - Leaves and yard waste will **NOT** be collected in plastic bags.
 - Trucks will not return for material that is set out late.
 - **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET** where they become a safety hazard or block storm drains.
 - It is **ILLEGAL TO BURN LEAVES** in Cleveland Heights.
 - Brush, tree and hedge trimmings must be cut and tied into bundles no larger than four feet in length and two feet in diameter in order to be collected on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. Brush that is too large to be tied into bundles can be picked up for an additional charge; arrangements must be made in advance — call **216-691-7300**.
 - **Use caution** when approaching the leaf vacuum machines or the front-end loader. These vehicles back up frequently and may block the lane of travel. Please drive slowly and cautiously in these areas.
 - Also, please keep small children and pets away from leaf piles near the street at all times to avoid an accident!

Rx Drug Drop-off Program

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

Styrofoam Recycling Container Information

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

Please note the following materials that can and cannot be placed in the container.

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

business



Motorcars' Green Expansion

Motorcars Honda and Motorcars Toyota are on the fast track to sustainability thanks to their most recent \$6 million renovation project, \$1.7 million of which went toward a solar installation.

The huge canopy you see above, covering Motorcars Cleveland's 24,000 square-foot Honda parking lot at 2953 Mayfield Road, is actually "the largest single covered solar structure at any auto dealership in the nation," Motorcars President Chuck Gile proudly states. Similar solar canopies will be built across the street at the Toyota dealership by the end of 2016.

Not only has this canopy been generating about 70 percent of the dealership's electrical needs, it is tied to the Illuminating Company's distribution grid, thereby lessening the utility-generated demand, and actually feeding power back to the utility at times. General Manager and co-owner Trevor Gile states that the panels' output for the next seven to nine years will totally offset the emissions released by new cars sold at the dealership.

Ohio-based Dovetail Solar and Wind designed the canopies that were hand crafted of steel rolled from 60 recycled cars. One thousand two hundred forty (1,240) solar panels generate up to 270 watts of power and have turned the parking lot into a brightly lit indoor showroom with 90 flat 32-watt LED lighting fixtures that evenly illuminate each vehicle for years to come while saving money.

High-tech gutters on the canopy are electrically heated and will carry melted snow trickling from the panels into a sewer line in the full basement below the parking lot. In addition, a new special-purpose building at the rear of the Honda

dealership features a new "conveyor belt" maintenance wing that will speed up services and allow a customer to watch auto technicians perform routine maintenance on their car. The building's floor and driveways leading to and from it are heated with a network of hot water from compact gas-fired broilers so no salt will be necessary this winter.

Ohio Business of the Year

Going green is not only environmentally sound but a wise business decision as well. The cost of solar technology has dramatically dropped over the last decade and Motorcars is eligible for a federal tax credit equal to 30% of the project cost. Add in a ten-year ultra-low interest rate from Key Bank and Gile was convinced that money would be saved in the long run.

Renovations also include the installation of LED lighting throughout the dealership and a new children's play area that will have a little service department and showroom where children can design their own cars. And rather than waiting for their vehicle maintenance to be completed, customers can get some exercise by checking out a bicycle and riding around the neighborhood.

Motorcars' green practices have not gone unnoticed; they were named Ohio Business of the Year by Green Energy of Ohio in the spring. They hope to qualify for LEED Gold rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Motorcars has always been a great community partner: they've served as a Cain Park season sponsor over the years, providing free parking shuttle services for the large concerts. They've also sponsored youth baseball teams and served as a sponsor for last year's Gay Games. With this green renovation project, they can add Corporate Solar Installation leader to their list of accolades.

New Business "Trapped" on Coventry

Cleveland Heights is on the cutting edge of the latest family-friendly, fun and entertaining experience. **Trapped!**, the real-life escape room that opened on Coventry in July, is based on video games where players are locked in a room and must use critical-thinking skills in order to escape. Its owners are Cleveland Heights resident Alan Applegate and his brother, Scott Applegate.

Trapped features five different themed rooms: the Cell, a prison from which participants need to escape; Apocalypse, which is described as "a zombie lab"; Pirate Tavern based on *Pirates of the Caribbean*; Chainsaw, geared toward horror fans, will be open by Halloween; and a still-to-be-determined final room will open in December. Players (maximum eight in each game) are given a back story and a set of rules and have one hour to solve the mystery of each room. Cameras and audio in each game room provide clues for the players.

Applegate says "It's something different to do with your family. And it's also great for corporations who want to build relationships among their employees. And it's not scary."

Real-life escape rooms first opened in Japan in 2008 spreading quickly across Asia. The first North American escape room opened in 2012 in San Francisco, then New York and Toronto. Trapped! is the Cleveland area's first fully interactive and immersive group gaming experience.

Trapped is located at 1796 Coventry Road. It's open Mondays through Thursdays 12:00 noon-9:30 pm, Fridays through Sundays 9:00 am-12:30 am. The cost for one game is \$28 adult, \$25 student, and \$22 ages 12-15. For more information visit www.trappedcle.com.

New Buddhist Center on Lee Road

The SGI-USA Buddhist Center opened in August at 2255 Lee Road in a portion of the space previously occupied by Petland. Part of a worldwide Buddhist organization called Soka-Gakkai International, SGI focuses on various peace activities including human-rights education, abolishing nuclear weapons, and promoting sustainable development.

SGI-USA Vice-National Women's Leader Barb Jenkins, who spent much of the 1970s and 1980s in Cleveland Heights, still considers the city her "stomping ground." She said the organization looked at more than 100 locations before focusing on Lee Road. "And we are so excited about what we have here: the diversity of the community, all of the things on the street, including restaurants and shops. And the people are so wonderful," Jenkins commented.

Activities include a world-peace prayer session at 10:00 am on the first Sunday of the month; monthly introductory meetings on Thursday evenings; discussions about various Buddhist topics featuring guest speakers; book club meetings and youth activities. There are four chanting rooms at the Center and a bookstore that carries Buddhist-related books and materials. For more information, call 216-320-0402.

Wicked Tacos Found on Mayfield Road

The Wicked Taco Shoppe serves "authentic Mexican street food" at 3108 Mayfield Road, formerly the location of The Pizza House. It is the first sit-down restaurant for the Wicked Chafer, a corporate catering business. Owner Kevin Spring moved his catering business to Cleveland Heights and catered meals this past summer for concert performers at Cain Park. The Wicked Taco Shoppe also serves vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free dishes and boasts of being the "Home of the Largest Breakfast Burrito" in Cleveland. Hours are Sunday-Thursday 7:00 am-10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 7:00 am-11:00 pm. For more information call 216-932-1200 or visit www.thewickedtacoshoppe.com.



REMEMBERING LOUIS STOKES

Our community remembers, with gratitude, the leadership and support of Congressman Louis Stokes. Although he was a renowned national figure, for those of us in the City of Cleveland Heights, he was one of our own – a responsive and accessible leader. As a part of his Congressional District, our community saw first hand his unique ability to reach out to individuals and to resolve issues. He genuinely cared about the community and its residents.

The Congressman's local District office was in the Douglas Building at Cedar and Lee roads. His energetic and responsive staff was a reflection of the man himself – quick to respond and resolve a constituent's concerns. When he first took office in the 1970s, his leadership on the importance of diversity and fair housing was of great support to the City of Cleveland Heights as we made a commitment to be a diverse and integrated community.

Congressman Stokes was devoted to the needs of veterans and appreciated their service to their country. He instituted support groups and the distribution of information regarding veteran benefits. It is so fitting that the VA Hospital right down the hill from our City is named in his memory.

Above all, Congressman Stokes reacted with enthusiasm every time he met with a young person. For many years, his Congressional District Student Art Competition was held in our City Hall Atrium. The Congressman would speak to every student not just about their art, but about their dreams and hopes for the future. He warmly congratulated proud parents and grandparents, often asking them if they needed anything themselves.

Congressman Stokes was a genuine and inspiring man. We were fortunate to benefit from his leadership and his wisdom.



KEEPING
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
STRONG

THE CHALLENGE

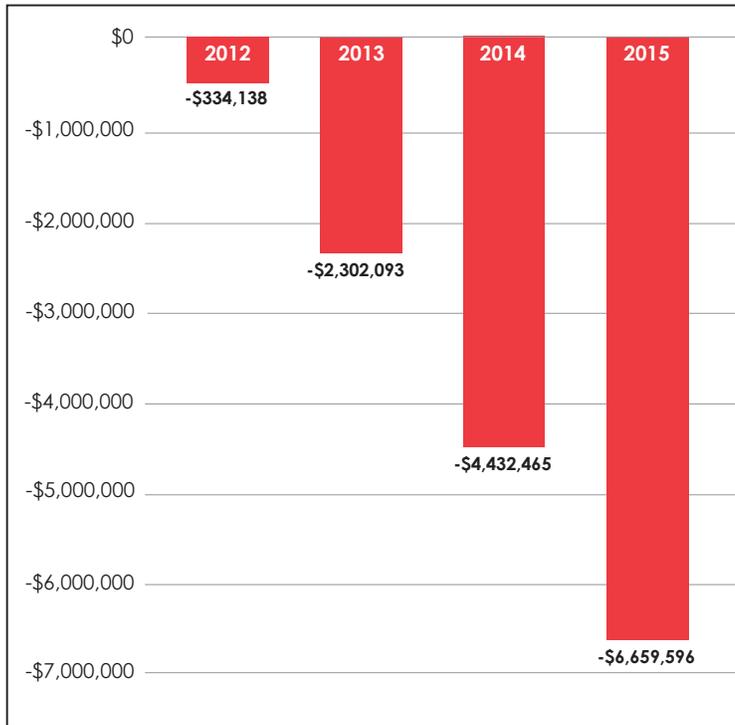
Since 2011, the State of Ohio has cut nearly \$7 million in funding from our budget. We have taken all the steps we can to offset these cuts in State funding while still delivering quality services.

We cannot continue to maintain quality public services without replacing this lost State revenue. Critical basic services will be cut and everyone in our community will feel the consequences of the shortfall. The cuts will slow response time for police, fire and EMS and reduce services like leaf pickup, grass cutting, curb/apron repair and snowplowing.

That is why we have placed a 0.25% income tax rate increase on the ballot this November, the first increase in 36 years.



Accumulated State Revenue Losses



The chart above illustrates the nearly \$7 million (cumulative) cut in funding from our budget. Moving forward, the State will not replace the \$2.5 million per year that it has cut, leaving us with a continuing hole.

What We Have Done

We have tightened our belt to manage within our means during the housing crisis and the economic downturn. Just as we were beginning to see signs of recovery, the State of Ohio took away nearly \$7 million in funding, forcing us to make more cuts and find other ways to further reduce costs. Over the years we have:

- Frozen wages
- Instituted furlough days
- Downsized our workforce by 19%
- Increased employee share of healthcare, saving \$500,000 yearly
- Joined Regional Income Tax Agency, saving \$400,000 yearly
- Joined Cuyahoga County Health Care consortium, saving \$400,000
- Leveraged \$1.2 million in grants to pay salaries for 6 firefighters
- Taken a regional approach for partnerships, cost & service-sharing
- Spent down our operating reserve

The income tax does not apply to pensions, investments, social security or interest income.

0.25%
INCOME TAX
INCREASE

Get The Facts

- Income tax increase from 2.00% to 2.25% on the November ballot
- First income tax increase in 36 years
- Will generate just enough revenue to overcome State cuts to our budget
- Prevents severe cuts to critical services
- Will only cost \$11.00 per month on wages of \$50,000 per year
- The income tax does not apply to pensions, investments, social security or investment income.
- The City is not responsible for the CH-UH school district budget.
- The .5% credit for residents working in another city will not be eliminated.

Without replacing revenues, our community will face the following

We cannot cut our way to strength. Excellent services are critical to keeping us strong. Cleveland Heights faces a \$2.6 million shortfall in 2016. The cuts necessary to meet our budget shortfall will hurt all of us and will put our community's future at risk.

Income Taxes vs. Property Taxes

The City and the schools are funded differently. Most of the dollars we receive to fund critical city services like public safety, street repair, and snowplowing come from revenues generated by the income tax. Over half of our revenue comes from income tax while we receive just \$0.11 per dollar of property taxes paid in the community.



CH-UH Schools
65¢

County
17¢

City
11¢

Library
7¢

The City's total share of property taxes would cover just 70% of the police department's budget and no other services.

What We Need To Do

Local income taxes in Cleveland Heights have not increased since 1979. This first tax increase in 36 years will cost about \$11.00 per month on wages of \$50,000 a year.

Raising taxes is not easy. Residents must choose between debilitating cuts and maintaining quality services.

Neighboring communities have also felt the impact of revenue losses and have increased income tax rates over the past several years. To date, we have avoided raising our tax rate.

proposed CUTS

in all Departments including:

FIRE

Eliminate 12 firefighters leading to:

- Taking an ambulance out of service resulting in slower EMS response
- Taking two ladder trucks out of service diminishing fire rescue abilities
- Limited ability to handle multiple calls for service at once

POLICE

Eliminate 8 police officer positions leading to:

- Slower response times to calls for service
- Reduced car, foot and bike patrols
- Elimination of most community-based programs
- Elimination of school crossing guards

PUBLIC WORKS

Eliminate 10 positions leading to:

- Elimination of recycling program
- Elimination of special pickups for garbage removal
- Elimination of curbside bulk waste pickups
- Reduction of leaf and yard waste collections
- Delayed snowplowing on side streets, sidewalks on main streets and city-owned property
- Reduced grass cutting on abandoned property and city-owned property

HOUSING

- Reduced housing inspection and enforcement services



Investing in our future and protecting our quality of life.

In order to delay a tax increase as long as possible, Cleveland Heights has lived within its means, cut costs and tightened its belt despite decreasing revenues. However, the State cuts, coupled with the elimination of the estate tax, has forced us to spend our reserve funds just to maintain basic services.

We have taken a regional approach and saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by joining RITA, partnering with the county and coordinating services such as waste hauling and fire dispatch with other communities. We will continue to explore other efficiencies with surrounding communities and the county. But that alone is not enough.

The real question is how to ensure that the residents of Cleveland Heights continue to receive quality safety and city services and maintain their quality of life in the face of millions of dollars in cuts from the State of Ohio.

This proposal is essential to protect our future, enable us to continue high quality services like police, fire and safety, and keep our community strong.

In November you will decide whether we should invest in our future, protect our quality of life, and ensure that Cleveland Heights remains a premier community.



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For more information visit www.clevelandheights.com/get-the-facts

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

senior scene

A Few of the Office on Aging Services:

Do you need information about Medicare or Managed Care or help with health insurance forms?
Call to make an appointment for a free consultation with an Ohio Senior Health Insurance volunteer.

Need help with legal issues?

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

Need transportation?

Our medical van runs Monday through Friday 8:45 am-4:20 pm transporting residents 60 and over to medical appointments and shopping trips. 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. 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. Please feel free to contact them at 216-691-7377 for help with any problems, questions, or issues.

Of Special Interest

Silver Sneakers At The Community Center!!

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

Senior Activity Center

Don't let any more time pass feeling left out because you don't know how to use the computer. Classes designed especially for seniors continue through the fall and winter. Volunteer tutors are available to answer questions. The computer center is open 9:00 am-4:30 pm with 12 computers available for your use.

Are you ready to expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new?

New sessions of Arthritis Exercise, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Seniorobics, Senior Strength Training, Tango, Body Music, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Walking Club and Ms. Duck's Walking Warm Up are set to begin again. We also offer a variety of art classes, classes in Spanish, lectures on health-related topics, free movies and so much more. For information and to register for these and other programs and classes, call the Senior Activity Center at 216-691-7377. For specific program information, check out *News for Senior Adults* available on line at www.clevelandheights.com, at City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.

our schools



Gearity Showcases Outdoor Learning Space

Students at Gearity Professional Development School are blending learning inside and outside the classroom with their advanced Outdoor Learning Space. Over the summer, staff, volunteers and student workers enhanced the school grounds by constructing a pizza cob oven, a hoop house, a nature trail and garden beds to the Outdoor Learning Space.

The project received generous donations, including a \$2,500 check from Chartwells School Dining, that helped pay for the construction of the oven. The CH-UH District, private funds and Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) also contributed to the project. **Glenn Odenbrett**, a CH-UH parent with the Western Reserve Resource Conservation and Development Council, facilitated the project's partnership with YOU. Teachers **Joe Mendes** and **Steve Warner** and resident gardener **Heather Quinones** also contributed greatly to the project.

Monticello 7th Grader is Kid Reporter for National Publication

Monticello Middle School student **Maple Buescher** is one of 10 Kid Reporters nationwide for *Time for Kids*, a weekly classroom publication and a division of *Time Magazine*. She will hold the position during the 2015-16 school year.

As a Kid Reporter, Maple will have the opportunity to conduct interviews and write articles that may appear in the print edition or website of *Time for Kids*, www.timeforkids.com. Many Cleveland Heights-University Heights school teachers and teachers across the country use *Time for Kids* in their classroom.

Monticello Student Makes Presentation at Cleveland Clinic

Freshman (then Monticello eighth-grader) **Aleysia Brooks** made a presentation in front of 500 people in early August at the Intercontinental Hotel at the Cleveland Clinic. The audience included students, specialists, surgeons, educators and Cleveland Clinic administration and management. Aleysia presented her research and development on color blindness to colored lenses. The results of her research and presentation will be posted online by the Cleveland Clinic. Aleysia was one of about a dozen Monticello eighth graders, who got the opportunity to either volunteer at Main Campus Cleveland Clinic or were selected for the coveted paid internship at Cleveland Clinic Healthcare + Pathways.

Heights High Student Attends Summer Program at Cornell University

Heights High senior **Linden Wike** spent three weeks this summer at Cornell University in New York, taking a course called *Genius and Madness in Literature*.

For this experience, Linden received two scholarships - a \$3,000 scholarship from the Joyce Ivy Foundation (Michigan), which awards money to Midwest high school girls to pursue study at a college or university in the summer. Cornell University matched this with a \$3,000 Deans Scholarship, to cover the whole amount.

District Moving Forward with Five-Year Strategic Plan

The CH-UH Board of Education approved the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, specifically the Aspirations and Implementation documents, at its August 4 Board meeting.

The Aspirations include the District's Mission, Vision, and Core Values, along with five measurable and achievable goals. The Implementation section details the objectives, strategies, performance measures, responsible parties, timetables and relevant partners that will be utilized to achieve these five goals.

The plan was developed by the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) with input from around 1,800 stakeholders through community meetings, facilitated discussions, online public surveys, ad-hoc sessions and ongoing work with a strategic planning expert, consultant Amy Main Morgenstern, president of Main Stream Enterprises, Incorporated.

The five-year plan was crafted to guide the district in strategic decision-making www.chuh.org.

Heights High Transformation

The two-year demolition (above) and construction process at Heights High has begun. The original 1926 core portion of the building will not be demolished, but rather will be renovated and new additions will be added. The design of the new additions will be compatible with the historic style of the original building.

Before demolition began, the salvage crew removed architectural elements for use in the new building. Some material was removed for use in other CH-UH buildings, including kitchen equipment, the library desk, gym wall pads and athletic lockers.

Demolition began in the summer and will be completed in mid-October. In

the early years

late September, construction of new additions began on the east and west sides of the front of the building.

The renovated all-weather athletic field on the west side of the school was opened in the spring of 2014 and will remain open during the school's construction.

Parking for patrons attending games at the stadium will be offsite until the school is completed in the fall of 2017.

During the two-year construction period, Heights High students will attend the Temporary Heights High on the Wiley campus in University Heights.

The Temporary Heights High is Open

Wiley Middle School in University Heights has been transformed into the temporary Heights High, a larger school, with modular units that increased the capacity to accommodate approximately 1,600 high school students. The additional classrooms, gymnasium and office space are connected to the original building and will house the high school for two years while the original school at Cedar and Lee roads is renovated.

In August, students, families and neighbors attended events to tour the school. Ninth-grade students attended a day-long *Freshmen Inauguration* that was led by staff and trained *Agents of Change*, older students, who helped the entering high school students learn about school success. Sophomores, juniors and seniors attended half-day events to receive their schedule and locate their lockers and classrooms.

Also in August, the University Heights Mayor and City Council hosted a Community Open House that was attended by school neighbors, CH-UH families and retired teachers.

Heights High students will return to the newly renovated building at Cedar and Lee roads in the fall of 2017.

Family Connections

of Northeast Ohio
2843 Washington Blvd
www.familyconnections1.org
216-321-0079

Family connections offers early literacy, parenting support and school-readiness programs for families with young children, ages 0-6, at various locations throughout the community. Programs are designed to offer parents a variety of opportunities to enhance their parenting experience, build confidence as parents, and provide resources for them to become the parents they strive to be. Although parenting can be difficult, it can also be fun! Play is the best way for kids to learn, grow, and develop all of the important early skills. Play is also a great way for parents to enjoy their kids!

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

- **Baby & Me:** Parents and caregivers of infants, 0-12 months, meet every Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am and get acquainted, share experiences and gain information and support from each other and a parent educator. Your first visit is free!
- **Family Playroom:** Parents and caregivers play and learn with their young children and share with each other in the family playrooms. Knowledgeable staff provide information and resources on parenting issues and child development.
- **Large Muscle Room:** A great space for developing coordination and confidence, as well as burning off energy. Families can play with their kids while they romp, roll, jump and slide. Taking turns, making new friends and trying new things are all part of learning through play.
- **Birthday Parties:** Call for details.

Family Literacy Playroom at the Heights Main Library 2345 Lee Rd

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

The School-Readiness Program is offered in families' homes or other community locations. The following programs are 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.



around town

App-enhanced Coventry Village Walking Tour

Saturday, October 10, 10:00-11:45 am
Meet at Coventry Arch, Coventry Library for a tour by Professor Mark Souther and a team of Cleveland State University graduate students.

Coventry Village developed along Coventry Road in 1919, saw the migration of Jews between the 1920s and 1950s, and emerged as Cleveland's own Haight-Ashbury in the late 1960s. Bring your iPhone or Android phone — or a friend with one — to discover more colorful history on an old-meets-new twist on the familiar walking tour, utilizing the Cleveland Historial app. Presented by the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, the Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Heights Library, and Cleveland State University Center for Public History + Digital Humanities.



Home Repair Resource Center

During the fall months, many people find themselves scrambling to complete repairs before “Old Man Winter” arrives. Home Repair Resource Center urges homeowners to take sufficient time to check out a contractor’s credentials, make sure proper code requirements will be met, and inspect the written contract before signing it, to ensure that everything you’ve discussed is included. Doing your “homework” ahead of time will require some effort, but can help prevent problems down the line. Even responsible contractors can fail to understand your wishes, if they haven’t been thoroughly discussed – and less-than-scrupulous contractors can take advantage of a homeowner’s desire to get a job done right away. Despite the pressure of a “ticking clock,” it’s up to you to protect yourself and your money!

If you need information on what should go into a quality repair or want to review contractor evaluations shared by community residents, visit Home Repair Resource Center’s Resource Library any weekday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm (evening hours by appointment). If you want to tackle the project yourself, you can enroll in HRRC’s how-to repair workshops, held weekly on Monday evenings. HRRC’s Teaching Center is located at 2520 Noble Road (two blocks north of Monticello); class schedules and additional information can be found on HRRC’s website, www.hrrc-ch.org or call 216-381-6100.

Candidates Night and Voters Guide

FutureHeights and the League of Women Voters (Cuyahoga Area) will host a forum on Wednesday, October 14 to introduce the candidates for local elections on the November 3 ballot. The forum, which will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center (One Monticello Blvd.), will feature candidates for Cleveland Heights City Council and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights 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. Visit www.lwvgreatercleveland.org for more information.

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

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



CHHS Students Beautify Library Bookshop

Under the guidance of Heights art teachers **Laura Skehan** and **Claire Raack**, Heights Arts Club students designed, crafted, and painted a three-dimensional mural (above) depicting the Cleveland skyline, Cleveland Heights, and the Heights Libraries on a newly constructed wall in the Harvey & FRIENDS Bookshop at the Lee Road Library. Funding for the project came from the FRIENDS' Rachel Nelson Art Fund.



HALLOWEEN IN THE HEIGHTS

The Cedar Lee Candy Crawl offers a safe Halloween experience on Friday, October 23 at 5:00 pm by offering Trick-or-Treating for children on Lee Road. This event is presented in partnership with Lee Road merchants and FutureHeights.

The Cedar Fairmount Halloween/Fall Festival is set for Wednesday, October 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There will be Trick-or-Treating at the Cedar Fairmount stores and restaurants, games at the India Community Center, a costume contest, balloon clown, live music and more. This event is sponsored by the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District, City Architecture, and Cedar Road Buffalo Wild Wings.

The second annual **CovenTREAT**, sponsored by the Coventry merchants, will be held on Friday, October 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Children will receive treats from participating merchants.

Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating on Saturday, October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

- For safety, a parent or guardian should accompany young children on rounds.
- For additional safety, carry a flashlight.
- Make sure costumes are safe, fireproof and with eye holes (if wearing masks) large enough to allow good peripheral vision.
- Only go to houses with lit porch lights 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 are offered.
- For those distributing candy, eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walk way. 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.

CLICK BID BUY LOCAL

Begin your holiday shopping with Future-Heights's annual Online Auction and the *Heights Observer's* Holiday Gift Guide. The auction, which runs from Friday, November 6 through Saturday, November 22, enables residents to shop for products and services from local merchants, unique pieces from local artists, and one-of-a-kind experiences from the comfort of their homes. The 2015 *Heights Observer* Holiday Gift Guide, which will be published in the November issue of the paper, will highlight some of the unique items Heights businesses are featuring this holiday season. Residents can preview auction items online now and begin bidding on November 6 at www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights.

There are some amazing bargains on gift certificates to local restaurants and shops, handmade jewelry, tickets to sporting events, and unique getaways. For more information about the auction or the gift guide, call FutureHeights at 216-320-1423.

And if a Holiday Stroll on Coventry, Cedar Lee and Cedar Fairmount for shopping, specials and good cheer is more to your liking, mark Saturday, December 12 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm on your calendar.





at the Library

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Turns 150

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the publication of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Heights Libraries is offering programs for all ages that allow customers to experience the magic of this immortal classic. Is it a clever satire of Victorian England, a fantasy for children, or something else altogether? Whatever it is or isn't, the story has been charming both children and adults alike for over a century. For more information about programs, and branch locations, visit www.heightslibrary.org.

FOR ALL AGES:

Alice (For the Rest of Us) featuring WCPN's Dee Perry

Monday, November 2, 7:00 pm

Dobama Theatre, 2350 Lee Road, 216-932-6838

We know Alice's story, but what is the story behind the story and the sense behind the nonsense? What exactly is a Cheshire Cat? Why is a raven like a writing desk? And most importantly—*who are you?* These questions may be answered in a spirited and dynamic reader's theatre presentation. Register in advance.

FOR CHILDREN:

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 pm

Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by taking a fun-filled, interactive trip through Wonderland! Listen to a story under a giant mushroom. Families register for a 30-minute time slot. List the number of people in your party. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

The Mad Hatter Artist

Monday, October 19, 4:00 pm

Lee Road Branch

2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Slop and scribble, scrabble and babble, and let your inner Mad Hatter loose during this free-form family art night.

Down the Rabbit Hole

Monday, November 16, 4:00 pm

Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Stretch your imagination and your engineering skills while we build towers, mazes, and marble runs.



FOR TEENS:

Unbirthday Party

Fri, Oct 16, 3:30 pm

Noble Branch, 2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

A very Merry Unbirthday to you! We will play games, eat, and read together. Learn how nonsense makes the most sense in literature.

Mad Hatter Haberdashery

Sat, October 24, 2:30 pm

Noble Branch, 2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

Families will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Alice in Wonderland by creating silly Mad Hatter hats. Registration begins October 10.

FOR ADULTS:

The Creative Imagination of Lewis Carroll

Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 pm

Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, is filled with characters that delight a young person's dreams. But did the author have more in mind than a delightful fantasy for children? Dr. Lynn Zimmerman of Notre Dame College will explore Carroll's visionary work.

Altered Alice: A Drop-in Art Experience

Sat, October 17, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

HKIC Art Gallery, 2345 Lee Road

Make mini-books or collages based on the whimsical poems and classic Tenniel imagery from *Alice in Wonderland*. We'll supply simple instructions, and art materials; you supply creative spark.

Curiouser and Curiouser: Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 pm

Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

We'll discuss *Hiding in the Mirror: The Mysterious Allure of Extra Dimensions, from Plato to String Theory and Beyond* by Lawrence M. Krauss on parallel universes and alternate realities.

Bad Art Night: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm

Noble Branch, 2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

Have you ever felt the need to make some interesting collages to hang in your home? If so, we can help you! Join us for a night of Alice in Wonderland themed "bad art" creating.



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Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus*
Sunday, November 22, 7:30 pm
at Disciples Christian Church
(3663 Mayfield Road), led by music
director Martin Kessler.

Dobama Theater

2340 Lee Road • 216-932-3396
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THE CALL by Tanya Barfield
Midwest Premiere
October 23–November 15
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THE CALL is an intimate portrait of cul-
tural divide, casting global issues into the
heart of an American home.
Directed by Matthew Wright.

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
by Rick Elice
with music by Wayne Barker
Cleveland Premiere
December 4, 2015–January 3, 2016
Winner of five Tony awards, this “Grown-
up’s Prequel to Peter Pan” will feature 13
actors playing more than 100 characters
directed by Artistic Director Nathan Motta
with music direction by Jordan Cooper.

Ensemble Theatre

2843 Washington Blvd • 216-321-2930
ensembletheatre.cle.org

DEATH OF A SALESMAN
by Arthur Miller
Through October 11
Ensemble embarks on its 36th consecu-
tive season, “A Rebirth of Wonder,” with
this Pulitzer Prize-winning play directed
by Artistic Director Celeste Cosentino.

AGES OF THE MOON
by Sam Shepard
November 13–December 6
Stephen Vasse-Hansell directs this gruff,
affecting and funny play about old friends
reuniting out of mutual desperation and
putting fifty years of love and rivalry
to the test.

Young Actor’s Workshops
Winter Session January 25–March 5, 2016

Acting OUT! (Grades K-3)
Mondays 4:00–5:30 pm

Curtain UP! (Grades 4-6)
Mondays 4:00–5:30 pm

Professional Training Incentives
(Grades 7-12) Saturdays 10:00–11:30 am
In collaboration with Heights Youth The-
atre, Ensemble’s education wing is now
The Heights Performing Arts Collabora-
tive. For more details, call 216-309-2287,
email classes@ensemble-theatre.org or
click on the “Young Actor’s Workshops”
tab under “Plays/Events” on the website.

Heights Arts

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heightsarts.org

IN THE GALLERY through October 17
Emergent 2015

A new annual exhibition at Heights Arts,
Emergent 2015 features works by recent
graduates from Northeast Ohio art insti-
tutions. Painting, mixed media, prints,
sculpture, and works in fiber and glass
by rising artists **Joanne Arnett, Jerry
Birchfield, Abbey Blake, Robert Coby,
Matthew Gallagher, Clotilde Jiménez,
Joshua Maxwell, Bridget McGuire,
Joseph Minek, Nicholas Skowron, and
Shawn Watrous** are on view.

Spotlight: Brenda Fuchs
Seven paintings by Brenda Fuchs (1939–
2011), noted Cleveland Heights artist and
former Murray Hill gallery owner.

14th Annual Heights Arts Holiday Store
Opening Reception Friday, November 6,
7:00–9:00 pm. Runs through December 30.
More than 80 regional artists are repre-
sented with works ranging from industrial-
inspired jewelry, clutches created from
repurposed paintings, to innovative glass-
ware. Open 7 days a week.

Haiku Death Match
Saturday, October 10, 7:00 pm at Dobama
Theater (2340 Lee Road)
It’s back! Former champions and new chal-
lengers—including one member of Cleve-
land Heights City Council—will read their
best Haiku poems in a fierce competition
for the title of 2015 Haiku Master.

Close Encounters
Chamber Music Concerts
Tickets for Season 10 of *Close Encounters*
chamber music are now on sale through
Heights Arts or online: www.heightsarts.org.
The series of four concerts will be held in
a distinctive array of locations in Cleveland
Heights, Midtown, and downtown Cleve-
land from November 2015–May 2016.

Lake Erie Ink

2843 Washington Boulevard • 216-320-4757
(former Coventry Elementary School)
lakeerieink.org

Ink Spot (grades 4-8) – after-school
program runs through December 10.
Evening Ink (teens) – drop-in writing
workshops each Wednesday 7:00–8:30 pm.
Weekend Ink (all ages) – Saturday
workshops 10:30 am–12:30 pm providing
creative expression and exploring genres
such as mask-making, storytelling, and
comics.

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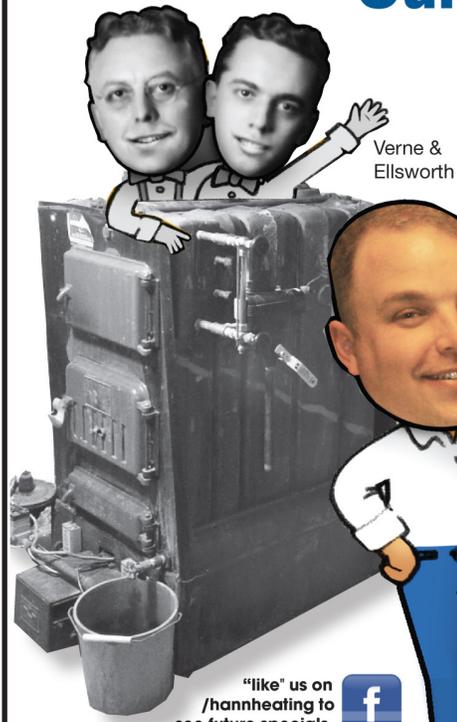
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