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Dates to Remember

- Thursday, April 14** Home Buying Seminar, 7:00 pm, Cleveland Heights City Hall
- Saturday, April 16** Spring Egg Hunt - new time: 10:30 am Forest Hill Park
- Wednesday, April 20** Earth Day Run/Walk, 6:45 pm, Forest Hill Park
- Monday, May 2** American Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 pm, Cleveland Heights Community Center South Atrium
- Wednesday, May 25** Safety Town registration, 6:00-8:00 pm, Cleveland Heights City Hall (Lower Level)
- Saturday, May 28** Cain Park Ticket Office opens for Cleveland Heights residents only, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Monday, May 30** Memorial Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed
Memorial Day Ceremony, 10:30 am
Veterans Memorial, Cumberland Park
- Saturday, June 4** Cain Park Ticket Office opens to the public, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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



Dear Cleveland Heights resident,

Economic conditions continue to affect our community and communities all across the country. At this time, we are still awaiting news from the federal and state governments on possible budget cuts that will affect our City programming. As you know, we have already eliminated over 100 job positions and cross-trained our employees in many divisions. However, we as a Council and staff have been looking at creative ways, through grants and reorganization, to continue to strengthen our City into the future. We intend to be in a good place when the economy begins to turn upward. These are some of the things to be accomplished in 2011 without impacting the general fund budget:

- After studying the economic ramifications of in-house income tax collection and revenue recovery versus the use of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), we have decided to contract with RITA. Beginning July 1, the City of Cleveland Heights joins 185 other municipalities throughout the State of Ohio that currently are part of the Regional Income Tax Agency. More information will come to each household over the next few months, but be assured that this was decided after much thought and knowing that it would be a cost-saving measure.
- Using Issue 27/recreation facility funds, the Denison Park soccer and all-purpose field will be renovated with artificial turf. This will allow varsity games as well as youth sports to be played on the field in all weather conditions with minimum maintenance. In addition, on the site of the Denison pool area, a picnic shelter, renovated bathrooms in the old pool locker room, improved pathways and green space will be added.
- Economic Development continues to be a top priority. The City has entered into a partnership with the Cleveland State University Nance College of Business to have a Small Business Development Center at City Hall. A counselor will be available to assist small business owners with their business plans and advise on available financing.
- The City has made good use of the federal funds that were granted in 2010. The Department of Energy project at the Community Center is nearing completion and it is hoped that this will impact utility costs. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds of \$2.3 million have been put to good use with 12 vacant, foreclosed homes to be renovated. Two are completed and have been sold and four are about to be listed for sale.
- The City, through the use of grants, is also in the process of incorporating aspects of "green" zoning into the Zoning Code. The City is also in the process of completing the Strategic Development Plan with the Planning Commission. In addition, a sustainability grant is being used to convert the Cumberland pool parking lot into a water quality demonstration project.

All of these new initiatives are being implemented with a solid look to a vital future for our City. As always, we look for your comments and suggestions on ways to continue to make Cleveland Heights the strong, competitive community it has always been.

Sincerely,

Mayor Edward J. Kelley

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS COUNCIL

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Community Improvement Award Winners

The City of Cleveland Heights held its 35th Annual Community Improvement Awards in the fall, recognizing individual homeowners, business owners, and organizations that have worked to improve their properties and contribute to the vitality and beauty of our city. The winners were chosen from properties nominated by community members. The following homes and businesses were given awards:

Residential Winners

Alexander Residence
Kenilworth Road

Applegate Residence
Crest Road

Borski Residence
Pembroke Road

Ceska Residence
Washington Blvd.

Clough Residence
Clarendon Road

Dietrich Residence
Tudor Drive

Ferguson Residence
Tremont Road

Freer Residence
Queenston Road

Gaynier Residence
Berkshire Road

Gedeon Residence
Edgehill Road

Hopkins Residence
Cambridge Road

Jahn Residence
Glenwood Road

Jenks Residence
Wellington Road

Karem & O'Connell Residence
Mayfield Road

Klenotic Residence
Hillstone Road

Mahoney Residence
Cleveland Heights Blvd.

Morrison Residence
Somerton Road

Novak Residence
Superior Road

Peshl Residence
Inglewood Drive

Reaves Residence
Oxford Road

Sanders Residence
Cambridge Road

Spence Residence
Washington Blvd.

Steinhart Residence
Inglewood Drive

Szekelyi Residence
Euclid Heights Blvd.

Wilkinson Residence
Yellowstone Road

Commercial Winners

The Bluestone Community
3505 Mayfield Road

Horizon Montessori School
3175 Mayfield Road

Isle of Beads
2499 Lee Blvd.

Clyde's Bistro & Barroom
1975 Lee Road

Melt Bar and Grilled
13463 Cedar Road



● Community Improvement Commercial Winners with Council



● Tender Loving Care Winners with Council



● Historic Preservation Winners with Council



● Sustainability Award Winners with Council

● For more Community Improvement Awards photos, visit www.clevelandheights.com/gallery.asp

Tender Loving Care Awards

In addition, Tender Loving Care Awards are given to properties that are meticulously maintained year after year or that have been extensively relandscaped. The following properties received TLC Awards:

Anthony Residence
Randolph Road

Hutch Residence
Carver Road

Ash Residence
Hanover Drive

King Residence
Bainbridge Road

Brody Residence
Demington Drive

Lai Residence
Pennfield Road

Camper Residence
Brewster Road

Lapeyrolerie Residence
Chatfield Drive

Fuller Residence
Rossmoor Road

Marshall Residence
Edgell Road

Grant Residence
Northampton Road

Mitchell Residence
Rossmoor Road

Harns Residence
Randolph Road

Nelson Residence
Woodridge Road

Houston Residence
Meadowbrook Blvd.

Petipas Residence
Woodridge Road

Street Awards

Berkeley Road (Compton to S. Taylor) and St. Abans Road were recognized by the Community Improvement Awards for 2010.

Historic Preservation Awards

Each year, the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission presents Historic Preservation Awards to properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions. The 2010 winners are the **Lockett & Corpora Residence** on Euclid Heights Boulevard and the **Salkind & Gill Residence** on Harcourt Drive.

Sustainability Awards

The 1st Annual Sustainability Awards went to:

Gus & Jan Kous for their incredible new "green" home on Cedar Road; **Michael Prokop** of Helmsdale Road, for going "above and beyond" in caring for a vacant lot across from his home; and to **Ruffing Montessori School**, 3380 Fairmount Boulevard, for its LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified redevelopment project.

City News

City to Join Regional Income Tax Agency

As a cost-saving measure, the City of Cleveland Heights will join the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) beginning July 1, 2011 and will no longer have in-house tax collection and revenue recovery. Each household will receive information over the coming months about this change, but collection of 2010 City income taxes will remain the same until that time. Please see important information below concerning 2010 taxes.

City Income Tax Return Forms Due by April 15

While the City of Cleveland Heights will be transitioning to the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA - see story above), the City will be processing 2010 income tax returns as usual. All residents over age 18 must file a tax return form (I-8) or exemption form (I-6) by **April 15, 2011**. If you did not receive income tax return forms in the mail in January, copies are available online at www.clevelandheights.com, and at City Hall, 40 Severance Circle.

Calculate your taxes online with estimated payment information. Go to http://www.clevelandheights.com/citydept_finance_incometax.asp and click on:

CALCULATE YOUR TAXES ONLINE
You may then log in with your Social Security number and the pin code that is printed on the income tax form you received in the mail. You will be guided to an online Cleveland Heights tax form I-8 (variable pdf) that will calculate your tax due. Some of your personal information will download into the form after you log into the system. As you enter your income information, this electronic tool will calculate your taxes. After you complete the return, please print and sign it and send it to the City of Cleveland Heights along with supporting W-2, 1099s and Federal Schedules, as well as remit the balance due. For more information, call Cleveland Heights Income Tax at **216-291-3978, option 2**.



NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM NEWS

In 2009, the City of Cleveland Heights received \$2.3 million in federal funding to conduct a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The program was created to improve four priority neighborhoods by allowing the City to purchase vacant, foreclosed houses. At this time, the City has renovated 12 homes, listing them with PRO Agents in the City's Preferred Realty Office Program. In a win-win situation for all, great old houses are being given new life, some lucky buyers will have homes combining all new systems with the character found in older architecture, neighbors will see attractive alternatives to abandoned houses and increased market value will be reflected in neighborhood home values. Proceeds from the sales of these houses will be put back into the program and back into our neighborhoods.

Recently, a renovated home on Cleveland Heights Boulevard was sold - the first one. Some others have been completed and are now on the market, and more will be ready for sale in the next few months. Houses on Allston, Bluestone, Brunswick, Delmore, Dresden, East Overlook, Greyton, Helmsdale and Nelaview will all benefit from this program.

NSP homes can be purchased only as owner-occupied properties, and buyers must qualify and agree to residency and income stipulations. Watch our website, www.clevelandheights.com, for listings of open houses as work is completed at each property. Call our Relocation Services Office, **216-291-5959**, to inquire about buying an NSP house. You may be more ready to be a homeowner than you think you are!



Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 30, 2011 – 10:30 am

The annual Cleveland Heights Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the **Veterans Memorial in Cumberland Park** (on Mayfield Road, across from the Community Center). As always, veterans are our special guests and will be recognized. Residents are encouraged to attend. Call **216-291-2323** for more information.

Home Buying Seminar: You're Invited!

Is a new home in your future? Cleveland Heights has inviting houses of all styles and all price ranges just waiting to welcome you home. Are you a first-time buyer? An empty nester? Looking for a larger home? Getting ready to downsize? We have what you're looking for, all within our vibrant, eclectic and historic community.

The City of Cleveland Heights and Cleveland Heights Relocation Services invite you to attend a Home Buying Seminar on Thursday, April 14, at Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Find out about how to get ready, how to select a Realtor and how to begin your search. Learn about mortgages and special loan programs. Our panel of real estate and lending professionals will answer your questions and help you get started on your way to a new home. Representatives from Home Repair Resource Center will also be available to answer questions about their programs.

The seminar is free of charge, but R.S.V.P. to **216-291-5813** or **relocationservices@clvhts.com**, as seating is limited.

Walk to School Day

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Spring is here and it's time to get out and walk! The Cleveland Heights Bicycle Coalition asks you to encourage your child to take part in "Walk to School Day" in Cleveland Heights and University Heights. The benefits of walking are many, including increased fitness, higher energy and greater ability to focus on schoolwork.

To help you get started, try covering the route to school ahead of time, noting presence of crossing guards. Organize a group of students from your neighborhood to walk or bike together. If your child is very young, walk or bike with him or her. You'll have fun too!

Planning and Development Update

Strategic Development Plan

In August 2009, the Cleveland Heights Planning Commission embarked on an update of the City's Strategic Development Plan. Members of the Planning Commission felt it was time to revisit the plan and reprioritize as needed. The Planning Commission, in several work sessions, and with City staff help, made recommendations to City Council in the form of the 2010 Strategic Development Plan. The plan focuses on specific challenges and opportunities and has been prepared as a guide for action for the Planning Commission, Administration, City Council and all who invest and develop in Cleveland Heights.

The document provides perspective on how best to plan for, encourage and prioritize future development and community initiatives in conjunction with private investments. As a management strategy, the plan is envisioned to:

- Establish goals and tactics;
- Identify community and development issues;
- Prioritize these issues;
- Provide a vehicle for progress measurement and process monitoring; and
- Establish a time line and initiatives to move the city forward.

City Council is in the process of reviewing the Planning Commission's draft and discussions will be held concerning moving the plan forward. Visit the City's website, **www.clevelandheights.com/whatsnew.asp?id=786** to view the draft of the Planning Commission's Strategic

Development Plan. For questions and comments concerning the Plan, email **devplan@clvhts.com**.

Sustainable Development Practices/ Green Zoning Update

The City of Cleveland Heights has recently undertaken an assignment to make development regulations more sustainable. The project is not a re-write of the zoning ordinance, but rather a way to supplement current regulations to make them more sustainable. An initial public meeting was held on September 29. The City's zoning consultant, Camiros, Ltd., completed an analysis and evaluation of the Cleveland Heights Zoning Code. Camiros presented its technical report to citizens and Council at a public meeting on January 10.

City Council is reviewing the audit to determine which suggestions to pursue and to what extent. Additional research into particular topics may be needed after which Zoning Code amendments will be drafted and sent to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments before approving or disapproving them and sending the amendments back to City Council for final approval. For more information, visit **www.clevelandheights.com/citydept_dev_sustainabledevelopmentpractices.asp**, or contact Karen Knittel, Cleveland Heights Planning and Development, at **216-291-4855** or **kknittel@clvhts.com**.

Meet Your Police

The Cleveland Heights Police Department begins a new community outreach program this month. **Starting March 10, every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall,** residents can talk in an informal setting on any topic with a ranking member of the Department. It will provide the opportunity for community residents to meet and interact directly with their police officers.

Cleveland Heights City Council and the Police Department realize that community relations and problem solving in our city requires two-way communication between our citizens and their police force. The "Meet Your Police" program will help to strengthen that partnership.

Police Chief Jeff Robertson

City Manager Robert C. Downey appointed Captain Jeff Robertson Chief of Police, replacing Chief Martin G. Lentz, who retired in December after 51 years as a Cleveland Heights Police Officer. "Captain Jeff Robertson represents the very best in the leadership and innovation that we as a community have come to expect in our Police Chief," said Downey. "I am confident that Captain Robertson will continue to uphold the high standards set by Chief Lentz for our police department."

Robertson, a 29-year member of the force, has had a variety of duties during his career. Beginning as a Basic Patrol Officer in 1981, Robertson moved up through the ranks and was promoted to Captain in 2009. The son and grandson of police officers, Robertson is known to be a dedicated officer with attention to detail and to open communication between the police and the residents.

Martin G. Lentz Police Academy

Cleveland Heights City Council has named the Cleveland Heights Police Academy "Martin G. Lentz Police Academy," in honor of former Police Chief Martin G. Lentz, who retired in December.

For over 30 years, the Police Academy has educated not only Cleveland Heights police officers, but also provides basic training for more than 130 police agencies across Ohio. The Academy trains more officers than any other police academy in the state, and its graduating classes consistently post high scores on the Ohio Peace Officer examination.

"We are confident that the men and women who are educated at the Martin G. Lentz Police Academy will continue to become the highly trained, professional police officers for which the academy is known," said Mayor Edward Kelley.



● Retired Police Chief Lentz with photo of the Martin G. Lentz Police Academy

Home Remodeling Fair • Saturday, April 9 at City Hall

Don't miss the 16th Annual Community Home Remodeling Fair, to be held Saturday, April 9 at Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. Doors open at 9:15 am, with presentations from 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

Attendees at this year's Fair can take advantage of several exciting opportunities to learn about ways to update older housing:

- Professionals from a variety of specialties will be available to give one-on-one advice and information. Representatives from companies specializing in roof replacement, furnaces and boilers, insulations, electrical and plumbing work, basement waterproofing, concrete, asphalt, masonry, exterior painting and door and window replacement will staff an expanded array of "Advice Tables" throughout City Hall.
- Representatives from the City, the County Health Department and area banks will provide help with such things as

researching the history of a house, assessing the threat of lead-based paint contamination, and learning what loans and grants might be available to help finance a remodeling project.

- One-hour presentations will be given on kitchen and bathroom remodeling and window and door replacement.
- Architects will provide free 25-minute consultations to help prepare homeowners for their remodeling projects. (Register for "Ask an Architect" after March 21 by calling 216-381-6100.)
- Attendees can look through contractor evaluation forms submitted by Cleveland Heights homeowners who have rated the work done on their houses.

This FREE event, open to residents of all communities, is sponsored by Home Repair Resource Center (HRRRC) and the City of Cleveland Heights. The complete schedule is posted on HRRRC's website, www.hrrc-ch.org.

Free and Affordable Housing Repair Programs

The City of Cleveland Heights has various housing repair, rehabilitation and safety programs that you can use to make improvements to your home. The income limits for the following programs are as follows: Family of 1: \$36,300, Family of 2: \$41,500, Family of 3: \$46,700. For more information, call Lori Sanford at 216-291-4869.

| Program | Purpose | Requirement | Loan/Grant Limit | Term |
|--|--|---|------------------|---|
| Deferred Loan (Repayment options available) | Home Rehabilitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner for at least 5 years • Disabled or at least 62 years of age • One time use only | Up to \$35,000 | No monthly payment. Loan is repaid upon title transfer or when home is sold. |
| Emergency/Short Term Deferred Loan | Emergency Repairs that correct Health & Safety violations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner for at least 5 years • One time use only | Up to \$7,500 | No loan repayments required for the initial 1 st two years. A maximum of eight years provided for loan repayment |
| Violation Repair Program Grant | Correction of exterior home violations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner for at least 5 years • Must be permanently disabled or at least 62 years of age | Up to \$2,000 | No repayment required. \$3,000 lifetime limit |
| Exterior Paint Grant | Preparation and painting of house and garage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner for at least 5 years • Must be permanently disabled or at least 62 years of age | Up to \$3,500 | No repayment required. Use once every 7 years |
| Senior Safety Program | Installation of grab bars, handrails to remove trip/fall hazards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner for at least 5 years • Must be permanently disabled or at least 62 years of age | Up to \$3,500 | No repayment required |

The City is once again partnering with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to implement the **Lead Safe Cuyahoga Program**. This program is for homeowners with children under the age of 6 years that meet Federal Income Guidelines. We anticipate program funding by May, 2011 with applications accepted at that time. Call 216-291-4869 for more information.

Home Repair Resource Center Helps with Home Repairs!

If you need help with home repairs, check out Home Repair Resource Center - the nonprofit organization right here in Cleveland Heights. HRRRC's programs are designed to help residents maintain their most important asset.



HRRRC provides grants and deferred payments that reduce the amount low- and moderate-income homeowners must finance in a bank loan for home repairs - making the project more affordable. The Challenge Fund can often help homeowners unable to qualify for conventional bank financing borrow for necessary repairs to their homes. *continued on page 21*



● Rockefeller's

Commerce

Highlighting Our Business Community

Cleveland Heights – A Great Place to Dine!

Cleveland Heights is known for its vibrant, independent restaurant scene and the list has grown in recent months. When you are looking for a great dining experience, look no further than our own city. **NEW:**

A Phiner Bistro

The Cedar Lee commercial district's new restaurant, A Phiner Bistro, is located at 2199 Lee Road. A Phiner Bistro, which has fresh ingredients brought in daily, features international cuisine, including Nigerian, French, Italian, Brazilian, Asian, American and Mediterranean. Visit www.aphinerbistro.com for more information.

Club Sober Juice Bar & Grill

Club Sober Juice Bar & Grill, located at 2214 Lee Road, is the latest addition to the Cedar Lee restaurant scene, serving up burgers, sandwiches and breakfast (served all day). True to the restaurant's name, owner Michael Waddy serves juice, smoothies, and coffee, but not alcohol. The restaurant opens at 8:00 am every day and stays open until 4:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

Clyde's Bistro and Barroom Open for Sunday Brunch

Clyde's, located at 1975 Lee Road, is now open for Sunday brunch, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Bloody Mary bar is sure to be a hit. Clyde's is also open Monday through Saturday, 5:00-10:00 pm (bar stays open late). Visit www.clydesbistrocleveland.com for more information.

Fracas, an American Gastropub

The old Centrum Theatre building at 2781 Euclid Heights Boulevard has a new life once again, in the form of this exciting new restaurant. Chef/owner Phil Romano is serving up "comfort and bar food taken to the next level," and the menu proves him right! You'll find appetizers, salads, soups, sandwiches, entrees, steaks and desserts. Beer lovers will have 16 domestic draft beers on tap from which to choose, as well as 30 bottled beers. Check out the menu at www.fracascleveland.com.

High Thai'd

In the space formerly occupied by Mint Café, High Thai'd, 1791 Coventry Road, seems to have kept the same décor and the same general menu. While under new ownership and with a new chef, Thai food fans will not be disappointed.

Luna Bakery & Café - coming soon!

John Emerman and Tatyana Rehn, of The Stone Oven Bakery & Cafe, along with local pastry chef Bridget Cavanaugh Thibeault, of Flour Girl, are joining together to bring a specialty bakery and café-style dining

to the Cedar-Fairmount district. Luna Bakery & Café is the result of their shared commitment to locally produced foods and locally owned businesses. All items in the bakery and café will be made fresh daily on-premises, using the best quality ingredients. Luna Bakery & Café opens this spring at 2482 Fairmount Boulevard in the Heights Medical Building.

Rockefeller's

Cleveland Heights lawyer turned restaurateur Michael Adams found the perfect location for his new venture, right in his own city. A majestic space in the historic Heights Rockefeller Building at Mayfield Road and Lee Boulevard has a new life as Rockefeller's, a restaurant/lounge. The new dining spot is in the space that for many years was home to the Cleveland Trust, an original tenant in the building. Executive chef Jill Vedaa brings her experience from working at Lola, Flying Fig, Mise and Saucy Bistro.

Fairmount Taylor News

Wool and Willow Needlepoint

The small, but charming Fairmount Taylor commercial district has a new shop, Wool and Willow Needlepoint, located at 3475 Fairmount Boulevard. The shop's expert staff will help you in all phases of your needlepoint project. The store carries a full range of needlepoint items and threads arranged by color palette. Wool and Willow also offers classes for all levels. Find it online at www.woolandwillow.com.



● Wool & Willow Needlepoint

Cedar Fairmount News

Isabella & Company, CPAs

Raymond Isabella announced Isabella & Company, CPAs, an accounting firm, is opening a third location, in Cleveland Heights. The firm offers individual and business tax planning and financial management services. The office is located in Suite 29 of the Heights Center Building at 12429 Cedar Road.

North Star Acupuncture & Massage Suite

North Star Acupuncture is opening an office in Suite 324 of the Heights Medical Building at 2460 Fairmount Boulevard. Professionals Ed Dee M.A.C.,L.A.C. and Joie Hill, M.A.C.,L.A.C. will be available by appointment.

10th Annual Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival

Discover Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival & Discover the Arts will be held on Sunday, August 14, 12:00 noon-4:00 pm. Crafts people, artists, and musicians are being sought. For more information, phone 330-472-1821 or go to www.cedarfairmount.org.

Cedar Lee Looks to Summer

Rock the Block Customer Appreciation Parties

The Cedar Lee Special Improvement District wants to let us know that its popular Rock the Block parties will be returning to Cedar Lee beginning in June, with complimentary appetizers, soft drinks, bands, door prizes and more. Watch for details at www.cedarlee.org.

Best of the Heights Awards

Almost 700 votes were cast in the Best of the Heights Awards, which recognizes businesses in Cleveland Heights and University Heights. The Awards program is sponsored each year by FutureHeights.

"Best of the Heights recognizes the many unique businesses that contribute to our quality of life in the Heights," said Gina Cheverine, president of the FutureHeights board of directors. Congratulations to the following businesses:

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At Your Service

News from Public Works

Spring Reminders

Leaves must be bagged

Just a reminder: There is **no collection of loose leaves** in the spring. **All leaves must be bagged in paper lawn bags.** Brush should be cut into lengths no longer than four feet and tied with rope or twine and set out on your tree lawn on your regular collection day.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday, May 30 is Memorial Day. City Hall and the Community Center will be closed. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday for those whose normal collection day is Monday through Thursday. Friday's route will be collected on the regular day, Friday, June 3. There will be no Saturday collection.

Monday, July 4 is Independence Day. City Hall and the Community Center will be closed. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday for those whose normal collection day is Monday through Thursday. Friday's route will be collected on the regular day, Friday, July 8. There will be no Saturday collection.

Please continue to recycle!

Recycling has become a way of life for many Cleveland Heights households; because of residents' participation in the recycling program, the City has been able to reduce the amount of waste that goes to the landfill. If you are not currently recycling, please do so! If you are recycling, here are a few reminders and suggestions:

Paper material - Place junk mail, magazines, newspapers, telephone books, school papers, computer paper, books, catalogs and boxboard material (cereal or macaroni and cheese boxes, paper tubes, etc.) in a designated spot in your home. You can prepare the paper for collection by stuffing it into an empty cereal box, shoebox, beer or pop carton, or twined together for collection. It can also be placed in a brown paper bag or small cardboard box. It too will be recycled! However, not all boxes and paper containers are recyclable. Wax-coated boxes and pizza boxes are NOT recyclable.

Glass, metal and plastics - Place bottles, cans and plastic containers (#1-5 & #7) together in a see-through blue bag and place all your recyclables on your tree lawn by 7:00 am on your collection day. For more information on recycling, visit our website, www.clevelandheights.com/citydept_works_refuse_recycling.asp. For a refrigerator magnet with recycling guidelines on it, call Community Relations at 216-291-2323 to have one mailed to you.

cain park 2011 season

Ticket Office Opens May 28 for Residents Only!

A special block of seats to all events will be available for purchase at Cain Park – in person by Cleveland Heights residents only – on Saturday, May 28 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with a photo ID (e.g. driver's license) plus two proofs of current residency (e.g. utility bills) or a current Cleveland Heights Recreation ID. No phone or fax orders will be accepted.

On the day the Cain Park Ticket Office opens, residents will register with Cain Park staff outside the Main Ticket Office by showing their proof of residency and photo ID. They will receive a number that represents their place in the ticket-buying line at one of three windows. Cain Park staff will call out numbers. Residents can choose to sit and wait their turn or they can leave, in which case they will receive a hotline number to call for number-processing updates.

The Cain Park Ticket Office will open to the general public one week later on June 4 (in person, by phone, mail or fax). The special Cleveland Heights seats cannot be purchased through Ticketmaster and are only available at Cain Park on May 28.

Discounted DREAMGIRLS Opening Weekend Tickets

(\$15 for Friday, June 11 & Saturday, June 12 evening performances) WILL BE SOLD ONLY ON MAY 28. When the Ticket Office opens June 7, DREAMGIRLS (June 9-26) tickets are \$22/20 advance, \$24/22 day of show. Discounts will still apply to these full-price tickets (student, senior, Patron Series, military, WKSU member). Tickets for the June 9 Preview & Sunday matinees remain at \$15; no additional discounts will be applied to these tickets.

DREAMGIRLS

June 9 (preview)-June 26, Alma
Thur-Sat 7:00 pm, Sun 2:00 pm

BÉLA FLECK AND THE ORIGINAL FLECKTONES

Sat, June 11 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.flecktones.com

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE YIDDISH CONCERT

Thu, June 23, Evans

RENNIE HARRIS PUREMOVEMENT

Fri, June 24 at 8:00 pm, Evans
Kids Matinee 1 pm
www.rhpm.org

CAIN PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

July 8-10, Fri 3-8:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-8:00 pm, Sun 12:00-5:00 pm
www.cainpark.com/arts.asp

THE RIPPINGTONS

Fri, July 15 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.rippingtons.com

GAELIC STORM

Sat, July 16 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.gaelicstorm.com

DALA \$2 Tuesdays

Tue, July 19 at 8:00 pm, Evans
http://dalagirls.com

"PETER AND THE WOLF"

Wed, July 20 at 1-2:00 pm, Alma
www.pushcartplayers.com

SONGS OF SUMMER The Musical Theater Project Cabaret

Thurs, July 21 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.musicaltheaterproject.org

LONG ROAD

Sat, July 30 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.longroadsongs.com

SINGING ANGELS

Sun, July 31 at 4:00 pm, Evans
www.singingangels.org

ÓRLA FALLON

Fri, Aug 5 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.orlafallon.com

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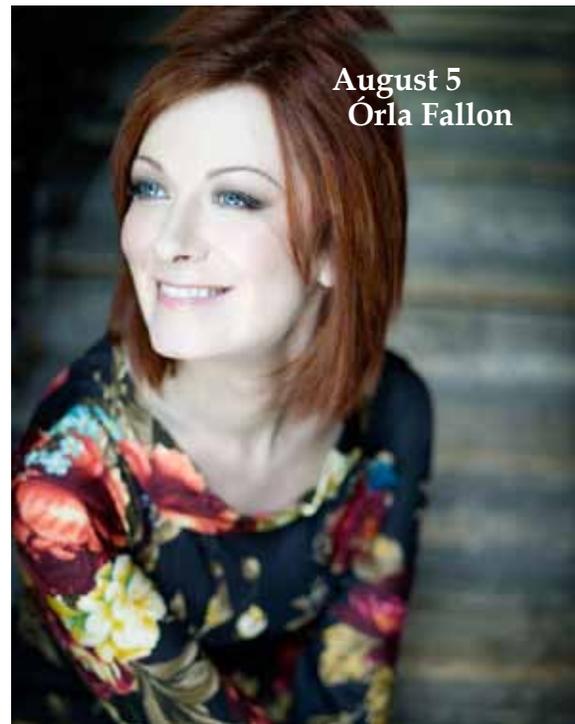
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● All events subject to change.

www.cainpark.com



June 11
Béla Fleck
and the Original Flecktones



August 5
Orla Fallon

2011 Cain Park Ticket Office hours:

June 7-26, July 12-August 13

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00-9:00 pm
Wednesdays & Sundays
12:00-5:00 pm
Fridays & Saturdays
12:00-9:00 pm

June 28-July 1, July 5-7

12:00-5:00 pm

During Arts Festival July 8-10

Friday 3:00-8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Sunday 12:00-5:00 pm

Closed on Mondays and July 2-4.

Senior Scene

Are you ready to expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new? Try attending a Senior Center activity. The Office on Aging and the Senior Activity Center are located in the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Call **216-691-7377** or check the calendar page in the monthly newsletter *News for Senior Adults* (also available at www.clevelandheights.com, City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks) for specific program information.

Take Advantage of Office on Aging Services

- The Office on Aging has two licensed social workers on staff, who are available any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Please feel free to contact them at **216-691-7377** for help with any problems, questions or issues.
- Need information about **Medicare** or **Managed Care** or help with insurance forms? Call to make an appointment for a free consultation with our Ohio Senior Health Insurance volunteer.
- Have **health questions**? The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is at the SAC at 1:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays and second and fourth Mondays of the month to take blood pressure and answer questions. No appointment necessary.
- Need help with **legal issues**? Call to schedule a half-hour appointment with volunteer attorney J. Alex Morton.
- Wonder what **benefits** you might be entitled to? Call to schedule an appointment to receive confidential help via an online questionnaire from volunteer Gale Hessler or log on to www.benefitscheckup.org.
- **Need transportation**? Our medical van runs Monday through Friday, 8:45 am-4:20 pm transporting residents age 60 and over to medical appointments, on shopping trips and some errands. Call **216-691-7194** for more information and/or a brochure.
- **Tired of shopping and cooking**? 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. Call **216-691-7377** for more information and a social worker will return your call.

Don't feel left out because you don't know how to use the computer! Classes designed especially for seniors begin in March and continue through the spring and summer. Volunteer tutors are available to answer questions. The computer center is open from 9:00 am-4:30 pm with 12 state-of-the-art computers available for your use.

In honor of **Older Americans' Month in May**, the Cleveland Heights Commission on Aging holds an annual forum that explores a variety of topics of interest to seniors. This year's topic is "**Recycling**" on Thursday, May 26 at 1:00 pm. The program includes informative presentations, a question and answer session, and a social hour with light refreshments. This event is free and open to the public.

America's Renowned Song Stylists, a series presented by Tri-C, explores the lives and music of selected artists considered to be some of the greatest singers of America's popular music. Tuesdays at 11:00 am: March 29, **Nat King Cole**; April 26, **Barbara Streisand**; May 31, **Ella Fitzgerald**. Box lunch from Stone Oven follows the May 31 class. Bring \$7 to the SAC by May 27 to reserve your lunch.

Join us for an April get-away when we head to Toledo to see the delightful comedy of Carl Hurley and Jeanne Robertson on April 26. Enjoy a delicious lunch before the show and relax on board a luxury motorcoach. Fee is \$85. Register early.

AARP Driver Safety Class — Wednesday, April 20 or Thursday, August 18 from 12:00-4:00 pm. Classroom instruction is designed to refine existing skills and develop new, safe driving techniques. Fee \$12 AARP members, \$14 all others. Register in advance as space is limited.

- The Senior Activity Center also offers exercise classes for seniors of all fitness levels. Spring/summer sessions of Fun with Weights, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, Seniorobics, Slow Flow Tai Chi, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Tap Dance, Walking Club, Walking Warm-up and more are set to begin again. The SAC also offers classes in art and Spanish, lectures on health-related topics, free movies and so much more. Call **216-691-7377** for information.

Our Schools

News from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights District

National Merit and Achievement Scholarship Programs Recognize Heights High Seniors

Four Cleveland Heights High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program and 47th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. The National Merit semifinalists are **Rachael Collyer**, **Troy Friedman** and **Mairi Mull**. The National Achievement Scholarship semifinalist is **Carlin Jackson**.

In addition, four seniors have been named National Merit Commended students and National Achievement Outstanding Participants. National Merit Commended students are **Rachael Lindsay** and **Natalie Sperl**. **Shannon Jeffries** and **Christopher Lanton** are National Achievement Outstanding Participants.

The semifinalists have earned the right to compete to become National Merit and National Achievement Finalists

and scholarship winners. They also have the opportunity to continue in the competition for awards worth \$36 million, along with Achievement Scholarship semifinalists eligible for awards worth over \$2.5 million.

Spring Calendar Events

April 11

Reaching Musical Heights at Severance Hall, 7:30 pm

April 29

Gospel Choir Spring Concert Heights High, 7 pm

May 4 & 6

Instrumental Music Concert Heights High, 7:30 pm

May 13

Jazz Nite Concert Heights High, 7:00 pm

May 20

Vocal Music Concert Heights High, 7:30 pm

May 21

Barbershop Concert Heights High, 7:30 pm



The musical talents of more than 500 students from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights public schools will be on display April 11 at Severance Hall at the third Reaching Heights concert. Tickets are on sale now for this celebration of musical excellence featuring instrumental and vocal performances from every level of our district's music program.

Reaching Heights, an independent, non-profit citizen organization that supports excellence in our community's public schools, produces this concert to celebrate the crucial role of music as part of a balanced education. This unique event provides students an unforgettable educational experience; showcases the remarkable talents of our students and skills and dedication of our music faculty; unites our diverse community and deepens its appreciation for the arts in public education; nurtures a love of music in the next generation of arts patrons; and generates funds through a pre-concert benefit dinner for Reaching Heights to invest in musical and academic excellence in our schools. Tickets are available at www.clevelandorchestra.com.



● National Merit and Achievement Semifinalists Troy Friedman, Rachael Collyer, Carlin Jackson and Mairi Mull

Recreation

Upcoming Spring Events

- **The Annual Spring Egg Hunt** for children ages 1-9 will take place **Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 am sharp (please note time change)** at Forest Hill Park in the open field near the playground. Although the event is free, families are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Heights Emergency Food Center. Please call **216-691-7373** to register. Children should wear old clothes and boots in case of inclement weather. Families must bring their own bags or egg baskets.



Earth Day Run & Walk

The Third Annual Earth Day 5K Run and Walk is April 20 (rain or shine) at 6:45 pm entirely in Forest Hill Park. It is a fundraiser for the Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. The entry fee for those who pre-register is \$14; day-of-the-race entry fee is \$18 (cash and checks only). Pre-registration deadline is April 19 with checks made out to HMA Promotions and mailed to: City of Cleveland Heights Earth Day Run, 40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Those interested may also register at www.hmepromotions.net.

- **The Forest Hill Nature Walk** will take place (rain or shine) at 7:00-8:00 pm on Thursdays – May 19, June 16, and August 18. Participants should be dressed to hike with sturdy shoes or boots. Meet in front of the Community Center. Angelec Hillsman from the North Chagrin Nature Center will lead the walk.
- **Safety Town** information may be found on page 18 (The Early Years).

Swimming

The City of Cleveland Heights is happy to announce year-round swimming! New this year are annual swim passes, extended Saturday hours at Cumberland Pool and the extension of the swimming season through Labor Day (September 5).

Registration/Admission

Registration for all spring indoor swimming programs and pool passes is now underway. Registration for all outdoor swimming programs and pool passes begins April 25 at the Community Center. Pool passes purchased on or before June 10 are available at a discounted rate. A current Recreation ID card (residents only, preschoolers exempted) is required for use of the pool and must be presented before entering the facility. Fall indoor swimming program registration begins August 1. For more information contact Chris Kendel at **691-7347** or ckendel@clvhts.com.

Important Phone Numbers:

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

“Sea Serpents” Swim Team

Registration for the Sea Serpents summer swim team (ages 8 & under, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15-18) begins March 28. Cost is \$44 for residents with a Recreation ID and \$60 for all others eligible in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. The Sea Serpents will be coached by Paul Wagner. Contact Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** or ckendel@clvhts.com for more information or to receive a registration packet.

Ice Skating

Call the Community Center at **216-691-7373** for an up-to-date schedule of spring and summer ice skating. The spring schedule on the North Rink takes place March 14-May 1; the North Rink reopens for summer ice skating on June 6. Registration for summer Learn-to-Skate lessons begins April 25 and lessons begin the week of June 13. Classes for preschoolers, youth and adults are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

2011 Spring Ice Show

After hosting the hugely successful Tri-States Figure Skating Competition last spring, the Pavilion Skating Club is once again producing "Celebrating the Heights" Spring Ice Show. Mark your calendars so you and your family are able to enjoy the fun and excitement of this spectacular event on **Saturday, March 26 (7:00 pm)** and **Sunday, March 27 (1:00 pm)**. The Ice Show will highlight the nationally ranked talents of the Pavilion Skating Club and skaters from several other ice programs. Tickets go on sale March 14; discounted tickets are available for seniors and children under 11.

Celebrate Your Birthday on Ice!

Birthday party dates go quickly so call **216-691-7373** to reserve your summer party! Residents pay \$6.00 per person (maximum 25 children per party). Parties include tables, chairs, admission and skate rental.

Summer Day Camps

Registration is underway for the Summer Day Camps. Pavilion Fun Day Camp for children entering grades K-5 (as of fall 2011) will take place June 13-July 1 and July 5-22 (no camp July 4). Camp activities include swimming, arts and crafts, special events and a lot of fun! A maximum of 100 children can be accepted for each session. Camp is held at the Community Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Discounts of \$10 are available for a second and third

child per family. Parent Orientation will be on June 9. Before- (7:30 am-9:00 am) and After-Camp Care (4:00-6:00 pm) is available the same dates as the Fun Day Camp. Contact Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383** or mdiscenzo@clvhts.com with any questions.

Summer Sports Programs

Adult Softball Leagues – Men's, Women's and Coed weeknight leagues are accepting registrations for play that begins the week of April 18 at Forest Hill Park. Contact Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260**.

Tennis Programs – Group lessons for tots (ages 4 and up) through seniors (ages 55 and up), private lessons, adult teams, Racquettes Women's Doubles Program, developmental youth camp (July 25-29), junior skills clinic. Call **216-691-7373** for details.

Picnic at Your Park

Cleveland Heights residents with current Recreation ID cards can reserve a picnic shelter from May 1-October 15 at five park sites. Registration fee is \$25. Call **216-691-7373** for information.



Give Blood - The Gift of Life

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the **Cleveland Heights Community Center, (Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road)** on **Mondays, May 2 and June 27 from 2:00-7:00 pm** in the South Atrium.

Change in Field House Hours & Passes

Spring (now through May 29) hours for the gym, track and fitness center are Monday-Friday 6:00 am-9:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am-6:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am-6:00 pm. Summer/Fall hours are Monday-Friday 6:00 am-8:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Call **216-691-7373** with questions.

Field House Passes for individuals are now available for the following non-resident groups: adults 18 and older who live within the boundaries of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, have children in the Community Center ice programs or are employed within the boundaries of Cleveland Heights (must present recent pay stub). **NEW:** Field House Passes for families are now available for non-residents who live within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District.

The Early Years

News for families with young children

Safety Town

Safety Town, a traffic safety program sponsored by the Division of Parks and Recreation, is open to children who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall and who live in Cleveland Heights or within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District. Each session is four days in length and is limited to 20 children on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mass Registration

Date: Wednesday, May 25

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Place: Cleveland Heights City Hall
40 Severance Circle (lower level)

No early registration will be accepted.

There is a \$25 fee for this program. Please pay with cash or checks - **no credit cards accepted.**

Safety Town will be held at the **Cleveland Heights Community Center**, One Monticello Boulevard, at the following dates and times:

Session 1: June 20-23, 1:00-3:00 pm

Session 2: June 27-30, 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Session 3: July 18-21, 1:00-3:00 pm

Session 4: July 25-28, 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Teens and 'tweens interested in volunteering for this program should contact Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372**.

Kindergarten Registration & Open House

Kindergarten Registration and Open Houses will occur at each CH-UH elementary school during the month of April. If your child is eligible for Kindergarten in the fall of 2011 (age 5 by September 30, 2011), you may make an appointment to register your child during the registration open house by calling the Registration Department at **216-371-7430**. All open houses are from 5:00-7:00 pm.

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| April 5 | Fairfax Elementary School |
| April 7 | Gearity Professional Development School |
| April 12 | Noble Elementary School |
| April 14 | Canterbury Elementary School |
| April 19 | Boulevard Elementary School |
| April 21 | Roxboro Elementary School |
| April 28 | Oxford Elementary School |

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio's family literacy programs focus on helping parents build their children's early literacy skills to both improve school readiness and strengthen parent involvement in their child's education.

Family Connection's family support programs prevent family problems by strengthening the parent-child relationship and offering supports that helps parents be good nurturers and providers.

- **Baby & Me:** Resources and sharing for parents and caregivers of children from birth-12 months
- **Parenting Classes:** 8 weeks of parent education offered periodically at Family Connections.
- **Little Heights** at the CH-UH Library is free, and open to all families with young children (0-5). Play with your child while building important school readiness skills.
- **The Family-School Connection**, in all CH-UH elementary schools, promotes children's literacy skills and helps parents partner with the school.

● **Family Playroom at Taylor School:** Join us in our toy-filled playroom with your child from birth to age five for a fun, relaxing and resource-filled play session! Meet other families with children the same ages.

Stay tuned for more information regarding our third annual **CH-UH Summer Blastoff**. Families from all of the District's elementary and middle schools are invited. Call our Cleveland Heights office at **216-321-0079** or visit www.familyconnections1.org for details.



● Safety Town classroom



● Winners of the MLK essay, poetry and poster contests with Council members. To see more photos of the event, go to www.clevelandheights.com/gallery.asp.

MLK CONTEST WINNERS

As part of the City's annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., hundreds of students entered our essay, poetry and poster contests. Students were asked "What can I, as an individual, do to further the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr? What can we do together?" Their entries were thoughtful, well done and very impressive. The winners are:

Essays: **Aleysia Ann Brooks**, Gearity School, Grade 4; **Joshua Borders**, Oxford School, Grade 4; **Senna Perelman**, Roxboro Elementary School, Grade 4; **Courtney Foerg**, Communion of Saints School, Grade 5; **Aynia Johnson**, Roxboro Elementary School, Grade 5; **Thomas Weil**, Communion of Saints School, grade 5; **Ryan Hertz**, Communion of Saints School, Grade 6; **Peyton Hastings**, Monticello Middle School, Grade 8; **Emma Bartz**, Cleveland Heights School, Grade 9; **Oleaser Johnson**, Heights High, Grade 9; and **Saisha White**, Heights High, Grade 9.

Poetry: **Sylvie Crowell**, Gearity School, Grade 4; **Paris Lee**, Wiley Middle School, Grade 7; **Aisha Brown**, Monticello Middle School, Grade 8; **Jonathan Jackson**, Monticello Middle School, Grade 8; and **Amelia Williams**, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 8.

Posters: Gearity fourth graders **Samajah Abburi**, **Raufeal Brown**, **Myles Coleman**, **Kamryn McCrory**, **Garrett Gulden** and **Raymond Scarlett**. A **Special Council Award** was presented to Roxboro Elementary students **Demetrius Frett**, **Daevon Crenshaw**, **Dreshyne McKinney**, **Johnny Vaughn**, **Quashawn Thomas**, **Darquez King**, **Raheim Walton** and **T'Ijzhion'a Williams** for the poster they made together.

We Salute You

Remembering "Zeke" Burrows

Cleveland Heights lost a true friend and supporter in December, when resident Ezekiel "Zeke" Burrows passed away. Zeke was a leader in Cleveland Heights as the city became integrated, and his thoughtful and moral approach to people helped to make us the diverse community we are today. He served faithfully as a member of the City's Planning Commission for 12 years. His thorough and intelligent approach to suggested projects led to positive outcomes for our city. Zeke Burrows exemplified the very best qualities as a citizen: serving others, supporting the community and, in a positive manner, making the community of Cleveland Heights a better place. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Blue Ribbon School: Communion of Saints

Congratulations to Communion of Saints School on being recognized as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education. Communion of Saints, formerly St. Ann School, was one of 304 schools - 254 public and 50 private - to receive this coveted award. Communion of Saints also holds the distinction of being ranked in the top 10% of all Catholic schools in the United States.

Heights High School Soccer Team Wins Award

We are proud of the Cleveland Heights High School Boy's Soccer Team for winning the All Greater Cleveland Team Sportsmanship Award. The award, voted on by more than 50 Greater Cleveland Division I coaches, goes to the team that best exemplifies the spirit of good sportsmanship and positive values on and off the field. Varsity team members are: **Lucas Gonzalez**, **Eli Wildey**, **Gabe Brown**, **Erik Theim**, **Luke Dumm**, **Aaron Tyson**, **Ryan Perlic**, **Wil Sharon**, **Jared Alcorn**, **Nicholas Bernard**, **Evan Lanese**, **Cornelius Pewu**, **Danny Pease-Kerr**, **Ciaran Coen**, **Bennett Wildey**, **Solly Flox**, **Kyle Finnegan**, **Desi Pelligree** and **Cyrus Pelligree**. Junior varsity players are: **Mike Heard**, **Devin Johnson**, **Alexsi Kuuri**, **Bryan Kent**, **Trevor Coble**, **Kevin Lissemore**, **Noah Benson**, **Gabe Shutt**, **James Smith**, **Jarrold Robinson**, **Matthew Carlisle**, **Eric Jackson**, **Brendan Alcorn** and **Eli Shoop**. The team is coached by Head Coach **Sean Sullivan** and Assistant Coaches **Kyle Gisser** and **Peter Eckendorf**.

Commerce *continued*

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Nighttown – Best Fine Dining, Best Outdoor Dining, Best Live Entertainment

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Tavern Company –

Best Pub, Bar or Tavern

Washington & Lee Service –

Best Auto Service

Heights Hardware –

Best Home Repair or Maintenance

Fairmount Cleaners –

Best Dry Cleaner or Tailor

Heights Arts –

Best Gallery or Antique Shop

Revive – Best Clothier or Gift Shop

Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park –

Best Place to Take the Kids

Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Heights-Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce (HRCC), which serves the cities of Cleveland Heights, Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights, offers businesses opportunities and support to the business community. Members enjoy networking and marketing opportunities, professional development events and more. HRCC events coming up this spring include its **Business Breakfast**, to be held Thursday, April 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Mayfield Village. The Topic will be "The Real State of Real Estate."

The popular **Business Expo 2011** has a new location. It will take place **Thursday, May 12, 3:00-7:00 pm at 700 Beta Banquet & Conference Center** (adjacent to Hilton Garden Inn/Mayfield East. Visit www.hrcc.org for more information.

Boards & Commissions

Are you looking for an opportunity to become involved in your city? Serving on a Cleveland Heights board or commission is a good way to use your time and talent to help keep our community strong! City Council appoints board and commission members and encourages citizens to apply for open positions, which occur from time to time. For an application and a description of each board, visit www.clevelandheights.com/citygovt_boardscommissions.asp.

Commission on Aging

Cleveland Heights City Council recently made the following appointments to this commission: **Orman (Erma) Gordon, Ann B. Hunter, Shirley Bingham LeCompte** and **Carol Whitlach**. Gordon, who lives on Overlook Road, is the Owner/Operator of Gordon & Gordon Advocacy & Consulting Services. Hunter, of Blanche Avenue, has been involved in the community for many years. LeCompte, a retired teacher, lives on Chelsea Road. Whitlach is a gerontologist and serves as the Assistant Director of the Margaret Blenker Research Institute at the Benjamin Rose Institute. Other Commission on Aging members are: **Jane Crawford, Pat Dillard, Gale Hessler, Wilma Kasper, James O'Brien, David Schatzman, Judith VanKleef** and **Harold Williams**.

Landmark Commission

The Landmark Commission has three new members: **Mazie Adams, Mark Souther** and **Thomas Veider**. Adams lives on Inglewood Drive and is the Executive Director of the Lakewood Historical Society. An active community volunteer, she has also served on the board of the Cleveland Heights Historical Society. Souther, Associate Professor of History at Cleveland State University, lives on Lincoln Boulevard. He also prepared the National Register of Historic Places nomination for his neighborhood, Grant Deming's Forest Hill Allotment. Veider, an Essex Road

resident, is Project Manager for Burt Hill Inc. (Architects and Engineers). Also serving on this commission are **James Edmonson, Marjorie Helen Kitchell, Charles Miller** and **Christopher Roy**.

Planning Commission

Cleveland Heights City Council recently announced two new appointments to the Planning Commission: **Craig S. Cobb** and **Cassandra L. Johnson**. Cobb, who lives on Berkshire Road, is Managing Attorney with Farmers Insurance Exchange. He previously served on the Fair Housing Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee. Johnson lives on Fenley Road. An architect, she is the Director of Construction at University Hospitals, where she manages University Hospitals' in-progress \$700 million hospital design/construction program. Other members of the Planning Commission, which makes recommendations to Council and the City Manager on matters affecting the physical development of the City, are: **James Cull, Diana Woodbridge, Michael Ungar, Alex Pesta** and **Leonard Horowitz**.

Recreation Advisory Board

Council appointments to this board are: **Alissa Branford, Carl Campbell, Jr.** and **Susan Ford**. Branford is a Somerton Road resident, actively involved in the community as a volunteer youth soccer and softball coach. A lifelong Cleveland Heights resident who lives on Glynn Road, Campbell is a Credit Officer at PNC Bank. He has been involved in youth sports programs for many years and is the Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at Fuchs Mizrahi School. Ford, who lives on Mayfield Road, has lived in the city for 25 years. Her family is active in the City's recreation programs, and is a firm believer in exercise and fitness. Also on the board are **James Costello, Ted Esborn, James Moore** and **Jeff Rink** and **Sean Sullivan**.

Home to the Arts



Home Repair Resource Center *continued*

HRRC also offers repair workshops where homeowners who want to do repairs themselves can get hands-on practice with tools and repair techniques. Upcoming workshops through the Project Repair program include classes on building countertops, repairing plaster, framing and installing new windows, refinishing hardwood floors, installing laminate flooring, hanging gutters, and replacing flat and shingled roofs. HRRC's annual course for women heads of house will start again this spring, with classes on basic carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs.

Homeowners with low and moderate incomes can borrow needed tools from HRRC's tool loan for just a modest fee, and all homeowners can consult with HRRC's Repair Instructor for advice on do-it-yourself and contracted repairs.

Don't forget HRRC's Resource Library when you need information on repairs! You'll find evaluations of contractors by Cleveland Heights homeowners, contract specifications for most major repairs, and how-to books, handouts, and videos on do-it-yourself and contracted projects. The library is open weekday mornings (call for other times).

HRRC also offers financial education and counseling, home buyer classes, and foreclosure prevention and intervention. HRRC's annual Community Home Remodeling Fair is coming on April 9th (story on page 9).

For additional information about HRRC's services and upcoming classes, please call **216-381-6100** or check the schedule on HRRC's website, www.hrrc-ch.org.

Dobama Theatre

932-3396 www.dobama.org

A Steady Rain through March 20

Directed by Joel Hammer

One night on a routine call, two Chicago cops (played by Scott Plate and Jeremy Kendall) begin a journey over three harrowing days that will change their lives forever. What begins as a domestic disturbance call snowballs into an avalanche and the longtime partners/best friends are eventually forced to offer their differing accounts of what happened. *Variety* described Keith Huff's play as "action-packed storytelling."

Circle Mirror Transformation

April 22-May 15

Directed by Juliette Regnier

Five small-town Vermonters take a community acting class and learn more about each other than they bargained for. Annie Baker's new play, extended four times at the off-Broadway Playwrights Horizon, is a beautifully crafted diorama where the antic sadness of a motley quintet is seen with hilarious detail and clarity.

Heights Library Arts Building
2340 Lee Road

Ensemble Theatre

321-2930 <http://ensemble-theatre.com>

Huck and Holden

May 6-29 *Cleveland premiere*

Directed by Celeste Cosentino,
artistic director

Huck and Holden is a coming-of-age tale of an immigrant Indian student who meets an alluring African-American woman while researching two American literary icons. His traditional values begin to crumble in his newfound American "home." This hilarious and sexy play was written by Cleveland native and Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph.

**Studio One Theatre at
The Cleveland Play House**
8500 Euclid Avenue

Heights Arts House Concerts

In this sixth season of chamber music concerts performed in homes and other unique settings, attendees are thrilled to be able to see and hear internationally known professional musicians play up close in an informal and personal space. Advance reservations are a must since seating is limited and the concerts sell out quickly. Each concert is \$40 (\$35 Heights Arts members), followed by a dessert reception. Call **216-371-3457** or register@heightsarts.org.

• Sunday, April 3

Time and location TBA

Tanya Ell, guest Artistic Director
The Omni String Quartet (Amy Lee and Alicia Koelz on violin, Joanna Patterson on viola, Tanya Ell on cello) and Roxanna Patterson on viola and Mark Kosower on cello
String Quartet in F Minor Op. 20, No. 5, Franz Joseph Haydn
String Quartet No. 1, "Kreuzer Sonata," Leos Janacek
String Sextet No. 1 in Bb Major, Op. 18, Johannes Brahms

Heights Chamber Orchestra and Western Reserve Chorale

216-321-3315

www.heightschamberorchestra.org

Anthony Addison, conductor
216-791-0061

www.westernreservechorale.org

Artistic Director Dr. J. D. Goddard

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May 22, 3:00 pm

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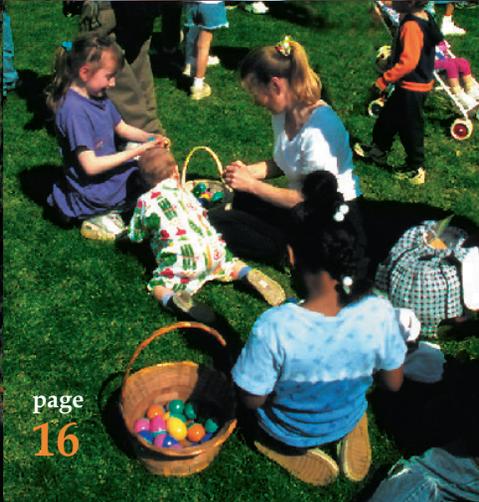
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