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## Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, July 4** City Hall and the Community Center closed  
Cumberland Pool open 12:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, July 7** Adult Softball Leagues All-Star Games; Hall of Fame Induction
- July 13, 14, 15** Cain Park Arts Festival: Friday, 3:00-8:00 pm;  
Saturday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00-5:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 7** Cumberland Water Show, 8:30 pm
- Monday, September 3** City Hall and the Community Center closed for Labor Day  
Cumberland Pool open 12:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, September 23** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Heights Heritage Home & Garden Tour  
12:00-6:00 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](http://www.clevelandheights.com).



On Monday, May 21, 2012, Cleveland Heights City Council passed the Sustainable Zoning Code amendments. The zoning code amendments provide our residents with a framework to incorporate sustainable practices into their daily lives through projects that are completed at their homes - from gardening to laundry to energy reduction and creation to permeable driveways, to the way we travel around town.

The code makes it clear that local food production is important. Edible/vegetable gardens are permitted in any yard of a residence. Egg-laying hens may be kept after residents receive a conditional use permit from the Planning Commission. Community Gardens have a strong foundation in Cleveland Heights and the Zoning Code reinforces this commitment by conditionally permitting community gardens in all districts of the city. Farmers' markets also are conditionally permitted in any of our zoning districts in the city and will provide another access to locally grown food for our residents.

Energy production from solar, wind and geothermal is addressed in the code and energy reduction by drying our clothes on rear-yard laundry clothes lines is permitted. Managing storm water is addressed on residential properties by permitting rain barrels and by permitting pervious materials to be used in the construction of driveways. Parking lot landscaping will be designed to accept storm water and parking spaces not immediately needed by a development can be kept green or landbanked until the parking spaces are needed. The code also makes it clear that bicycling is an important mode of transportation by establishing parking requirements for bicycles.

City Council is grateful to the members of the Planning Commission, the Planning staff and especially to the residents who attended Community meetings and offered their comments, either in person, by mail or email.

The complete Sustainable Zoning Code may be found on the City's website, [www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=520](http://www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=520). This code provides our residents with opportunities to enhance their lives and assists in maintaining Cleveland Heights as a viable and desirable community.



# City News

## Arbor Day 2012

It was a beautiful spring day, perfect for planting a tree at Communion of Saints School. Cleveland Heights Forester Dan Krizner and his crew prepared the site in advance, so that the tree, a Celebration Maple, was already in place. Councilwoman Bonnie Caplan, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, talked with the students about Arbor Day's history and the importance of trees to our environment.

A special highlight of the Arbor Day Ceremony was the blessing of the tree by Father John McNulty, pastor of Communion of Saints Parish. Student Council members then took turns with the shovels. The kindergarten class gathered in front of the tree for a photo, and they plan to return to the same spot for another picture when they are ready to graduate. For more photos of the event, visit [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

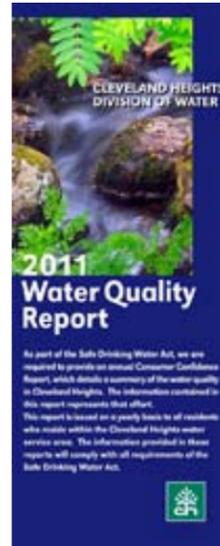
## Tree City USA Designation

The City of Cleveland Heights is proud to have been recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. It is the 34<sup>th</sup> year Cleveland Heights has earned this national designation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Associations of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To be awarded the designation, cities must meet certain standards, including having a comprehensive community forestry program.

## Water Department News

### Water Quality Report Available

A part of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of Cleveland Heights is required to provide a yearly Consumer Confidence Report, which details a summary of the water quality in Cleveland Heights. The 2011 report is now available, at no cost, in the Division of Water office at City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. This report may also be found on the City's website, [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com). If you have any questions concerning the report, call 216-291-5995.



### Service Fees to Increase

Water Department customers will see an increase in water service fees on their July water bills. The monthly water service fee has been increased to \$10. The fee was instituted in 2005 at \$4 per month and has not increased since that time. In addition, those who are covered under the homestead exemption rate (residents with disabilities and low-income seniors over the age of 65), will not be charged, as has been the practice since 2005. The increase will enable the City to continue to provide the prompt customer service that residents deserve.

## Plan a Block Party!

Summer is a great time to plan a block party or event for your street! Some Cleveland Heights streets form committees to plan for games, activities, food and entertainment, others just get the grills out and chat while the kids ride bikes and play volleyball.

Having a block party, whether it is highly organized or very casual, is a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and renew old friendships. The City will provide

street barricades and a volleyball and net for your use at your block party. We'll even print your flyers and street newsletters free of charge.

We will also provide you with a recycling receptacle for all the pop cans. The City recently received a recycling grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District; the block party receptacles were purchased as part of this award. To reserve your barricades or get ideas for your block party or special street event, call Community Relations at 216-291-2323 or check out the City's website at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

## Community Improvement Awards Accepting Nominations

**Your input is needed!** Please take the time to nominate a deserving homeowner for a Community Improvement Award or a Tender Loving Care Award. If you've worked hard to improve your property, nominate yourself. To qualify, the improvements must be visible from a public right-of-way and must make the area more attractive. You may nominate a property for: restoration, renovation, an addition, outdoor furniture or sitting areas, lighting, new construction, signage and painting and excellent maintenance.

Call Community Relations at 216-291-2323 for a nomination form, which should be completed and returned to the City of Cleveland Heights by August 15, 2012. Nomination forms may also be found on the City's website, [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com). The winners will be honored at the CIA Ceremony to be held in the fall.



## HOUSING EXTERIOR INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2012

The exteriors of all owner-occupied single-family homes are inspected on a street-by-street basis on a five-year rotation. Properties that had a Point-of-Sale conducted within the preceding five years are not subject to a new exterior inspection. There is no fee for these inspections. Homes on the following streets will be inspected this year:

Allston	Hillstone	Parkhill
Ardmore	Keystone	Pomona
Atherstone	Langton	Quarry
Beverly	Lecona	Quilliams (612-969)
Bluestone	Lowell	Randolph
Brinkmore	Maple	Renfield
Burbridge	Mayfield (3748-3945)	Reyburn
Cambridge	Medford	Roanoke
Clarence	Montford	Rosemond
Clifford	Monticello (3851-4063)	Runnymede
Crest	Mt. Laurel	Stoneleigh
Delmore	Navahoe	Sylvania
Edgerly	S. Noble	Vineshire
Elmwood	Nobleshire	Wilmar
Englewood	Northampton	Wood
Erievew	Oakwood	Woodview (769-836)
Fenley	Orchard	Yellowstone (883-920)
	Oxford (951-989)	N. Woodland

For an inspection checklist, visit the City's website: [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com)

## Historic Preservation Awards

The Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission is accepting nominations for the annual Historic Preservation Awards. They are looking for properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions. For a nomination form, call 216-291-4885 or download a form at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com). Nominations must be received by August 15, 2012. Awards will be presented at the Community Improvement Awards ceremony in the fall.

## FOCUS

magazine is now accepting advertisements.

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

● Councilwoman Bonnie Caplan and Forester Dan Krizner with Communion of Saints Student Council.

# What's On The Web

## Cleveland Heights Introduces a New Website

The new Cleveland Heights website – [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com) – has been given a fresh, new look and has been reorganized with easier navigation to help you find the information you need. Here are a few highlights:

- **Additional sites for Cain Park, Parks and Recreation and the Police Department.** These sites can be accessed through the graphic buttons on the Cleveland Heights home page.

**Cain Park's** site has been redesigned and reorganized as well. Be sure to take a look at Cain Park's exciting lineup for the 2012 summer season!

**Parks and Recreation** has so much to offer, they deserved their own sub-website! You'll be amazed by our recreation facilities - from picnic areas to Cumberland Pool and ball fields and tennis courts to the Community Center! In addition, online registration for recreation classes is now available.

Having their own sub-website is a step toward **"Putting the Police closer to the community they serve."** The Police Department site contains important links, frequently called numbers, historic photos and useful information.

- **The Fire Department** expanded their pages and also have a unique new look. Of particular note are the Home and Fire Safety page and a page with kids' fire safety tips. Be sure to check it out.
- **Agendas and minutes** are now available not only for City Council, but also for the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee. Council meetings may also be seen on video.
- **How Do I?** is a new section offering you easy access to information you need, such as applying for a job, paying a water bill, registering for classes, reporting a violation, etc. The website will continue to be a work in progress and we welcome feedback. Email us at [publicrelations@clvhts.com](mailto:publicrelations@clvhts.com) with your comments or suggestions.



Cleveland Heights

## CAIN PARK ARTS FESTIVAL JULY 13-15

Friday 3-8pm FREE.  
Saturday 10am-8pm,  
Sunday 12noon-5pm,  
\$5 per person.  
12 and under FREE.  
Park at City Hall  
Saturday & Sunday  
and take  
a free shuttle.



[www.cainpark.com](http://www.cainpark.com)

# At Your Service

## News from Public Works



### Yard Waste Reminder

Yard waste (grass, leaves, twigs, branches, etc.) **must be disposed of in paper yard waste bags. Please do not overfill the Kraft bags – they must weigh no more than 40 pounds to be collected.** Branches too long or too large for Kraft bags should be tied into bundles no longer than four feet long and no larger than two feet in diameter. If you have any questions, call 216-691-7300.

### Recycling

Ever wonder what the recycling symbol signifies? It represents the three steps that complete the recycling loop: **collection** (when the material is collected), **manufacturing** (when the recyclables are processed into raw materials and are manufactured into new products), and **buying recycled** (goods produced from recycled materials).

Make recycling more than just a logo or slogan – make it a part of your lifestyle. For complete information on the Cleveland Heights recycling program, visit [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

### You have asked us:

**Can blue grocery store bags be recycled?**  
We have been advised that the recycling facility does not recycle plastic bags (grocery store, dry cleaning, bread wrappers, etc), which present multiple problems with the recycling machinery (*You can still place your recyclables in the plastic bags from the grocery, you just can't throw empty plastic bags in with your plastic, aluminum, glass and mixed paper*).

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District tells us that **Giant Eagle** has a plastic bag recycling program. According to their website, Giant Eagle accepts the following items:

- Plastic shopping bags number two or four on the bag
- Clear shrink wrap & stretch film
- Clean and dry plastic produce bags
- Plastic newspaper sleeves
- Dry cleaner bags

For additional plastic bag recycling locations, check with local grocery stores, like **Dave's, Heinen's, Whole Foods and Zagara's**.

### What about "Styrofoam?"

Heinen's (Green Road near Cedar) will accept egg cartons and **clean** bottom trays from food (i.e., meat, cheese), but does not recycle Styrofoam cups or carry-out containers.

**The City is now collecting used cooking oil for recycling.** The oil should be put in its original container, if at all possible, or another similar container (two-liter bottle) that can be securely sealed. Then set that container near the other recycled material (blue bags and paper), but not in a plastic bag. The container should be visible from the street for collection.

### City receives recycling grant

Through a generous Community Recycling Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District, the City of Cleveland Heights has received eight new recycling bins, which will be placed in Cain Park. Block party recycling receptacles were also purchased as part of this award. If you wish to have a receptacle at your summer block party, please let Community Relations know (216-291-2323) when you call to register your party (see Block Parties, page 4). The receptacles will be dropped off with the cones and barricades by the Service Department. Two great new ways to keep recycling a priority in Cleveland Heights!

### Holiday Collection Schedule

The refuse and recycling collection holiday schedule for the summer is as follows:

- **Independence Day is Wednesday, July 4.** Monday and Tuesday collections will remain the same. The Wednesday collection will be delayed by one day. Thursday and Friday collection routes will be collected on Friday, July 6. There will be no Saturday collection.
- **Labor Day is Monday, September 3.** Monday through Thursday collection routes will be delayed by one day following the holiday. Friday's route will be collected on the regular day, Friday, September 7. There will be no Saturday collection.

# Recreation

## Start With A Recreation ID

Make sure your Cleveland Heights Recreation ID card is current. Cards may be purchased at the Community Center, Monticello Boulevard and Mayfield Road. (Proof of residency is required; call **216-691-7300** for more information). For \$5 for a full year, here's what having a Cleveland Heights Recreation ID card offers you:

- Use of the Community Center track, fitness center and basketball courts (Note: Residents must first purchase an ID card in order to purchase a Community Center Field House (annual or 30-day) pass or pay a daily usage fee for the Field House.)
- Free use of lighted tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, and skate park
- Use of six outdoor picnic shelters (permit \$25 plus a \$50 refundable security deposit)
- Free use of the Cumberland wading pool
- Reduced rates for all Community Center classes, workshops, programs and field trips
- Reduced rates for public ice skating sessions and other skating programs
- Reduced rates for swimming and aquatic programs
- Reduced rates for tennis lessons and youth and adult sports programs.
- Also available: 30-Day Passes at the Community Center

## Summer in Cleveland Heights

Have some fun this summer right here in our community. Enjoy summer festivals, beautiful parks for walking, performances at Cain Park (see page 12), an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, and an indoor ice rink for those hot summer days. Also, check out the new Parks and Recreation website at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

## Planning a Picnic!

If you're planning a party, reunion or just a summer cookout for your family, there are five picnic shelter sites in our parks you may reserve from now until October 15 on a space-available basis. Reservations are available only to those with Cleveland Heights Recreation ID cards. Call **216-691-7300** for more information.

## Pavilion Fun Day Camp

Children entering grades K-5 (as of Fall 2012) will have a fun time at our day camp, with activities like swimming, arts and crafts, ice skating, sports, and a lot more! Camp will take place at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello and Mayfield. Camp cookouts will be held the last day of each session. Session 1 takes place June 11-29; Session 2 is July 2-20. Discounts are available for second and third child in a family. For information, contact Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383** or [mdiscenzo@clvhts.com](mailto:mdiscenzo@clvhts.com).

## Stay Cool at the Pool!

The Cumberland Pool season runs from Saturday, June 9 through Labor Day, Monday, September 3. Holiday hours for Wednesday, July 4 are 12:00 noon-6:00 pm; please note that there will be a reduced schedule the week of August 27-31. Get your pool passes at the Community Center, Monticello and Mayfield. For more information, contact Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347**.

Special pool events to note are Family Fun Night, Friday, June 22, 5:00-8:00 pm; Learn-to-Swim Splash Party, Friday, July 13, 5:00-8:00 pm; Carnival Night, Friday July 20, 5:00-8:00 pm; and the free Cumberland Pool Water Show, Tuesday, August 7, 8:30 pm.

## Summer Ice Skating

You can also stay cool at the ice rink! The summer skating season runs from June 11 - August 12. Beginning August 15, we begin the transition towards the busy fall, two-rink schedule. Registration for the six- or seven-week summer Learn-to-Skate lessons is on-going and group lessons began the week of June 11. Classes for preschoolers, youth, and adults are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

### Birthdays on Ice

Birthday parties dates go quickly! Reserve your summer party today. Parties include tables, chairs, admission, and skate rental. Residents pay \$7.00 per person—maximum of 25 children per party.

### Direct Ice Line

The Ice Rink phone number puts you in direct contact with rink staff: **216-691-7434**. Call for most up-to-date summer ice skating, Learn-to-Skate lesson schedules and birthday parties.

Other contact information:

<b>Youth Hockey</b>	216-691-7347
<a href="http://www.heightshockey.com">www.heightshockey.com</a>	
<b>Pavilion Skating Club</b>	216-691-7349
<a href="http://www.pavilionfsc.com">www.pavilionfsc.com</a>	
<b>Hourly rentals</b>	216-691-7395
<a href="mailto:ktaylor@clvhts.com">ktaylor@clvhts.com</a>	
<b>Speedskating</b>	216-401-9392
<a href="mailto:barb@cmhn.org">email: barb@cmhn.org</a>	

The Ice Rink will be closed July 4 for the holiday, as will the Community Center.

### Ice Hockey - A Cleveland Heights Tradition

Youth Hockey is a program for both boys and girls - make it part of your family's tradition!

- Heights Developmental Hockey Camp, August 15-20

- Tot Hockey (ages 4-7, prerequisite: must have passed Snow Plow 2)
  - Learn-to-Play Hockey (Ages 10 and under, 9 & 10)
  - Travel Hockey - Cleveland Heights Hockey League (ages 6-14 as of 12/31/11)
- Mites (8 and under), Squirts (9 & 10), PeeWees (11 & 12), Bantams (13 & 14). Scholarships and financial assistance are available. Contact Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** or [ckendel@clvhts.com](mailto:ckendel@clvhts.com) for more information.

### Pavilion Skating Club

The Pavilion Skating Club (PSC) was well represented at the 2012 Prudential US Figure Skating Nationals held in San Jose, California earlier this year. In fact, **Holly Moore** and **Daniel Klaber** are now the 2012 Novice Ice Dancing National Champions! They skated their way to gold with a jazzy, sophisticated freedance set to "Le Jazz Hot" that not only earned them an impressive 62 points, but also brought the crowd to its feet! PSC's **Hannah Rosinski** and **Jacob Jaffe** were also at the Championships and brought home third place! Congratulations to our skaters!

## Youth Sports

Keep your child busy this summer (and fall) with our youth sports programs. Call **216-691-7373** to find out more about the following:

### Basketball

Boys' Camp, Grades 3-7 and 8-12

Girls' Camp, Grades K-8

Boys' Leagues, Grades K-12

Girls' Leagues, Grades K-8

### Tennis

Lessons continue until July 20 (Tots 4-6, Youth 7-12, Teens 13-17)

Competitive Skills clinics for Juniors

Camp for ages 9-18, July 23-27

### Independent Programs

Baseball Camp, July 2-6

Tackle Football and Cheerleading, July 2-6

**Soccer** - Fall League, grades K-6, September 8 - October 27

**Flag Football** - ages 5-8, September 8 - October 27

## Thank You, Team Sponsors!

Our summer sports programs are underway, and quite a few teams are sporting the names of their sponsors. We are grateful to the following businesses and individuals who are sponsoring our youth sports teams and showing their support to the youth of Cleveland Heights:

**Ken Montlack**

**Logos on Lee**

**Nela Florist**

**Graffiti**

**Dr. Dworkin Orthodontics**

**Severance Town Center**

**Mayor Ed Kelley**

**Vice Mayor Dennis Wilcox**

**Betsy Warner State Farm Insurance**

A sponsorship donation will help keep recreation programs affordable by helping to cover the costs of uniforms, caps, equipment, officials' fees and trophies. If you are interesting in sponsoring a youth sports team, contact Jennifer Kuzma at **216-291-2854**.

## Adult Sports

• The Adult Softball Leagues Hall of Fame Ceremony and All-Star Night at Forest Hill Park will take place Saturday, July 7.

• Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues play from October - March.

Registration begins in August.

• Hockey programs are available for both men and women and there are tennis lessons for adults and seniors. Call **216-691-7373** for more information.

## Thank You, Thank You!

To those who participated in the Earth Day Run/Walk: THANK YOU! Your participation helped the Cleveland Heights Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. Our participation numbers increased this year, which means more money went into the fund, which helps children take part in programs. We look forward to seeing you next spring!

THANK YOU to **Zagara's Marketplace** for donating a case of bananas for the run/walk and to **Bremec's Heights Garden Center** for donating seeds as part of the Earth Day 5K Run/Walk awards. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

And THANK YOU to those who volunteered at the Spring Egg Hunt!.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for some of our programs and special events. Safety Town Counselors are also needed. Contact Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372** or [dmarksy@clvhts.com](mailto:dmarksy@clvhts.com).

## Forest Hill Park Nature Walk

Enjoy the beauty that is Forest Hill Park on nature walks. A naturalist will guide us through our gem of a park on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, July 21, July 26 and August 23. Dress to hike with sturdy shoes or boots. The hike will take place rain or shine. Meet outside the Community Center and see what a natural wonder we have in our own back yard!

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give blood, the gift of life, on July 2 and September 10, 2:00-7:00 pm in the South Atrium.

## General Recreation Program

Preregistration is required for all programs. Registration for classes should be a week in advance. Please do not wait until the class is scheduled to begin. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment. Fall/winter registration will begin on Monday, August 13 for residents and Monday, August 20 for non-residents. Be sure to visit the Parks and Recreation website at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

# AroundTown

## ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT? WELCOME!!

Three Heights civic organizations will host a welcoming reception for new residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights this summer at the Lee Road Library. The **New Resident Welcome and Open House** is scheduled for **Sunday, July 1, 2:00-3:00 pm** at the Harvey & Friends bookstore on the second floor of the library, 2345 Lee Road. All residents who consider themselves new to the community are warmly invited to enjoy light refreshments.

"This is an opportunity for newcomers to learn about the two cities' civic, cultural, educational and commercial assets, meet neighbors and feel at home," said Kirsten Radivoyevitch, a volunteer with FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries and coordinator of the event. The reception's sponsors include the FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries, FutureHeights and Heights Community Congress. Civic leaders, including city and school officials, will be on hand to welcome residents and provide information. Representatives from the cities' business districts will host tables featuring literature and menus from local businesses. Area schools, cultural institutions and other organizations will also have materials available. For information about participating, call the FRIENDS office at **216-932-3600, ext. 234**, or send an e-mail to [friends@heightslibrary.org](mailto:friends@heightslibrary.org).

## Heights Community Congress

### HCC celebrates 40 years of service to the community!

In 1972, the Heights Community Congress (HCC) was formed in the city of Cleveland Heights, as one of the first fair housing agencies in the country. Forty years later, HCC still works to eliminate housing discrimination and promote diversity and equality in our community. Over the last four decades, HCC's work and accomplishments have contributed to what makes Cleveland Heights such a special place to live, work and play. On April 16, the Cleveland Heights City Council presented HCC with a proclamation, commemorating their service since 1972. The Council Chambers was filled with citizens and residents. If you missed this occasion, it's still not too late to celebrate with HCC throughout the summer. HCC will be celebrating with three events to commemorate 40 years of fair housing, community building, civil rights and social justice work in Cleveland Heights:

### HCC's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in the Park!

Bring your family and friends and your picnic basket to Cain Park on Tuesday,

July 17 at 6:30 pm, as we sing "Happy Birthday to HCC..." and celebrate with birthday cake and punch. After the party, stay and rock out with the 70s' rock show, "Hotel California," a tribute to The Eagles. A suggested donation of \$5 each gets you birthday cake and punch (while it lasts), and admission to the concert.

### Ruby Red Wine Tasting

Did you know that rubies are the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stone? And HCC is hosting its "Ruby Red Wine Tasting" to celebrate. Join HCC on Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at The Wine Spot, 2271 Lee Road, for a hip and chic experience. The party will feature jazz violinist Obie Shelton, who will perform and serve as our host. Ticket price is \$40 per person and reservations must be made in advance.

### Cleveland Heights Gems

#### SNEAK PREVIEW PARTY

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual **Heights Heritage Home & Garden Tour Preview Party** will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Details of this benefit party for Heights Community Congress will be available soon. This is a unique opportunity to take a sunset tour on Lolly the Trolley and view the homes that will be featured on the next day's Tour. Then return to a fun-filled cocktail party that will feature

delicious food and drink, dancing and entertainment and a good time!

### Cleveland Heights Gems

#### The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Heights Heritage Home & Garden Tour

HCC will end the summer, as it always does - with a bang! Join the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Home & Garden Tour, which will be held on **Sunday, September 23, 2012 from 12:00-6:00 pm**. The Tour will showcase the beautiful homes and gardens that may only be found in Cleveland Heights. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information about HCC and its events, please call **216-321-6775** or visit [www.heightscongress.org](http://www.heightscongress.org).



## FutureHeights News

### Vote for the Best of the Heights

Residents can vote for their favorite Heights businesses in the annual FutureHeights "Best of the Heights" awards program. The 2012 survey runs through August 31. Ballots for Best of the Heights awards are available on the back page of the June, July and August issues of the *Heights Observer*, at one of the many Heights independent businesses and at [www.futureheights.org](http://www.futureheights.org). Since 2005, FutureHeights has conducted this public opinion survey to recognize the unique attributes of locally-owned businesses in Cleveland Heights and University Heights, and their contributions to the local economy. FutureHeights will announce the winners at an awards ceremony in the fall, at a date and time to be determined. The name of one lucky survey respondent will be drawn at random at the awards ceremony to receive a FutureHeights gift package. Participants need not be present to win. For more information, call FutureHeights at **216-320-1423** or visit [www.futureheights.org](http://www.futureheights.org).

### Cleveland Historical mobile phone app to feature four Heights neighborhoods

Four Cleveland Heights neighborhoods will be featured in a Cleveland Historical mobile app tour. FutureHeights, together with Cleveland State University's Center for Public History and Digital Humanities and the Cleveland Heights Historical Society, is creating the tours to showcase the unique and well-preserved historic neighborhoods and cultural assets that make Cleveland Heights a desirable place to live and work. Through the Cleveland Historical app, visitors are encouraged to explore the Heights at their own pace by using their smart phones. The app can be downloaded at the App Store (for iPhone) or Android Market and at <http://clevelandhistorical.org>.

The project is funded by a grant from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and support from Cleveland Heights Mayor Kelley, the Coventry Village SID, Vice

Mayor Dennis Wilcox, Verne & Ellsworth Hann and others. The neighborhoods selected for the project are Coventry Village, Noble Road, Dugway Brook and Euclid Golf/Cedar Fairmount. Each tour consists of eight to ten historic sites that are linked to tell the story of the neighborhood. Community volunteers have worked with the project team to research each site and tell the neighborhood's story through historic photographs, interviews and other documents.

### Thunder Run at Forest Hill Park

Forest Hill Thunder Run 2012 will take place at 8:00 am, on Saturday, July 21 in Forest Hill Park. This year's 5k run/walk will benefit FutureHeights. The event, which is organized by Heights residents Jim Roosa and Jed Koops, benefits a different Heights-based nonprofit every year. The inaugural run took place on July 18, 2009 and drew 60 registrants from throughout Northeast Ohio. Proceeds were donated to the Heights Emergency Food Center. In 2010, the event drew even more participants and proceeds were donated to Reaching Heights. After a hiatus in 2011, the event is back.

Thunder Run starts near the east parking lot of Forest Hill Park and loops through the trails, around the lagoon and past the overlook on the west side of the park before returning to the finish line next to the softball fields. Participants then receive refreshments while prizes are awarded for overall winners, masters-level winners (over age 40) and winners in each age group. Runners and walkers can register for this year's event by visiting [www.thunderrun.org](http://www.thunderrun.org) and clicking "Register." For information about sponsorship, e-mail [info@thunderrun.org](mailto:info@thunderrun.org) or call **216-789-5357**.

## Summer Fun at Heights Libraries

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library has fun summer programs for all ages at every branch: Coventry Village, Lee Road, Noble Neighborhood, and University Heights! Below is just a sample. Visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org) and check out their full events calendar to learn more.

### Summer Reading Programs for Kids and Teens

Over the summer, kids can lose crucial academic skills that they learned during the school year. But the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library has fun ways to beat summer learning loss with its Summer Reading programs for kids and teens. Summer Reading programs encourage kids and teens to read during the summer with weekly raffle drawings and prizes for reading books all summer, and special programs like book clubs, movie screenings, a magic show, crafts, and more! Summer reading registration began June 1. Stop in and sign up at any branch or check our website for details, [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org).

### Between the Covers!

#### Summer Reading for Adults

Grown-ups have a summer reading program, too! Join us this summer for our adult summer reading program, "Between the Covers," with great prizes, weekly drawings, and a grand prize drawing on August 20. Complete an entry form for every book you read this summer and deposit it in the entry form boxes at any branch. Good luck, and start reading!

### Free Summer Lunches

The Summer Lunch Program is back at Lee Road! From July 2 to August 10, Heights Libraries will be offering a free healthy lunch for kids under age 18. The program is made possible through a partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank. For the week's menu, visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org).

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2012 season

# Cain Park



Counting Crows



Verb Ballets



Macy Gray



Tower of Power



B. Beam



Fiona Apple



NewFound Road

**June 14-July 15: "Varied Uses of Color"**—Mary Ann Boysen, Jeff Coryell, James Ruby, Mary Ann Sedivy Audrey & Harvey Feinberg Art Gallery

**June 14-July 1: AVENUE Q**

Thursday-Saturday 7pm, Sunday 2pm, Alma Theater  
Wine Tasting June 23, 5:30-6:45pm, \$10, call 216-371-3000

**June 16: Jake Shimabukuro** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm  
Wine Tasting for concert ticket holders only, 6:30-7:45pm, \$10, call 216-371-3000

**\*June 18: The Outlaw Roadshow featuring Counting Crows**  
plus special guests, Evans Amphitheater, 6:30pm

**June 19: \$2 Tuesdays—The Floorwalkers** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**June 21: Dar Williams with Rachael Sage** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**June 22: Two Part Invention** Tracy Silverman & Philip Aaberg Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**June 23: Newfound Road & Mountain Heart** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**June 26: A Night of a Thousand Stars** in honor of Paul Gurgol Alma Theater, 7pm

**June 26: \$2 Tuesdays—The Fighting Jamesons** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**June 27: Kids Matinee—HAPPILY EVER AFTER...A CINDERELLA TALE**  
Evans Amphitheater, 1-2pm

**\*June 28: Tower Of Power with Average White Band** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**June 29: The Jazz Ambassadors** America's Big Band Evans Amphitheater, 8pm FREE

**June 30: Circo Comedia** Evans Amphitheater, 7pm

**\*July 6: Fiona Apple with Blake Mills** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**July 13-15: Cain Park Arts Festival**

Friday 3-8pm, Saturday 10am-8pm, Sunday 12-5pm  
Wine Tasting July 13, 6-7:15pm, \$10, call 216-371-3000

**July 17: \$2 Tuesdays—Hotel California** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**\*July 19: America with Long Road** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**July 19-Aug 19: "Shadows & Light"**—Barbara Breen, Richard Wolf, Judy Maruszán  
Audrey & Harvey Feinberg Art Gallery

**July 20: \$5 Fridays—Jonathan Kingham with Ryan Shea Smith** Alma Theater, 7pm

**\*July 20: Carolina Chocolate Drops** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**July 21: Full Folk Saturdays—Wild Carrot** Alma Theater, 7pm

**\*July 21: Seal—Soul 2 Tour with Macy Gray** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**July 22: Jazz in the Afternoon—Marilyn Holderfield Quartet** Alma Theater, 1-4pm FREE

**July 25, 26: Inlet Dance Theatre** Kids Matinee 1-2pm July 25,  
8pm July 26 Evans Amphitheater FREE

**July 26: Cabaret—"So Many Songs... Liz Rubino & James McClellan"** Alma Theater, 7pm

**July 27: \$5 Fridays—Darrelle London** Alma Theater, 7pm

**\*July 27: Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes with Vance Gilbert**  
Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**July 28: Full Folk Saturdays—Eve 'n' Stephen** Alma Theater, 7pm

**July 28: The Underwater Tour 2012—Joshua Radin with Tristan Prettyman, My Name Is You**  
Evans Amphitheater, 8pm Wine Tasting for concert ticket holders only, 6:30-7:45pm, \$10, call 216-371-3000

**July 29: Jazz in the Afternoon—Laura Varcho Quartet** Alma Theater, 1-4pm FREE

**July 31: \$2 Tuesdays—JD Eicher & the Goodnights** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**\*Aug 1: Happy Together Tour 2012** The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, The Monkees Lead Singer Micky Dolenz,  
Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, The Grass Roots, and The Buckingham's Evans Amphitheater, 7:30pm

**Aug 2: Cabaret—"Feeling Good: Swingin' Broadway & More," Paul Hoffman** Alma Theater, 7pm

**Aug 3, 4: Verb Ballets** Kids Matinee 1-2pm Aug 3, 8pm Aug 4 Evans Amphitheater

**Aug 3: \$5 Fridays—Attack Cat / The Modern Electric** Alma Theater, 7pm

**Aug 4: Full Folk Saturdays—Trout Fishing in America** Alma Theater, 7pm

**Aug 5: Jazz in the Afternoon—Barbara Knight Quartet** Alma Theater, 1-4pm FREE

**Aug 5: The Singing Angels** Evans Amphitheater, 4pm FREE

**Aug 9: Cabaret—"A Tribute to Mickey Katz," Yiddishe Cup** Alma Theater, 7pm

**Aug 9: Pointe of Departure** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm  
Wine Tasting for concert ticket holders only, 6:30-7:45pm, \$10, call 216-371-3000

**Aug 10: \$5 Fridays—Ashley Brooke Toussant** Alma Theater, 7pm

**Aug 10: The Good Lovelies** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**Aug 11: Full Folk Saturdays—Long Road** Alma Theater, 7pm

**\*Aug 11: Legends of Country Rock—Firefall, Pure Prairie League, Poco**  
Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**Aug 12: Jazz in the Afternoon—Larry Patch Quintet** Alma Theater, 1-4pm FREE

**Aug 14: \$2 Tuesdays—Mojoflo** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**\*Aug 15: Jackson Browne with Sara Watkins** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

**Aug 17-19: GroundWorks Dancetheater** Fri & Sat 7pm, Sun 2pm Alma Theater  
Wine Tasting Aug 18, 5:30-6:45pm, \$10, call 216-371-3000

**\*Aug 18: The Doo Wops** Evans Amphitheater, 8pm

### \* FREE PARKING SHUTTLE SERVICE

Park at Cleveland Heights City Hall (40 Severance Circle) and take the Motorcars shuttle to/from Cain Park. Pickups begin one hour before the event (shuttle stops once concert begins) and up to one hour after the concert ends. Sponsored by Motorcars Honda Toyota Scion.

for additional information on Cain Park performances go to:

216-371-3000 cainpark.com

# Commerce

## Highlighting Our Business Community

### The Open Office Open for Business

Andrew Auten, founder of The Open Office, knew he had the right space in the right community of Cleveland Heights to attract professionals to the new co-working operation that he started recently.

"We knew that the concept of The Open Office would attract solo-entrepreneurs, freelancers, and mobile workers looking for a different, yet unique work space. We want to be the space where they really want to work," said Auten.

The Open Office is a full-service coworking space located in the former Coventry School, 2863 Washington Boulevard. The Open Office allows individuals to access quiet workspace, conference rooms, a coffee bar, wifi and printing on either a per-use or monthly membership basis. The Open Office can also accommodate events, training sessions and meetings for groups up to 100 people.

"The Open Office is a unique way for people to come together and contribute to our economic growth," said Cleveland Heights Mayor Ed Kelley.

FST21 Ltd., an Israeli security and automation technology company has expanded its regional operations to the Open Office. A delegation of executives from Cuyahoga County recently visited Israel on a mission to attract firms and establish more business relationships. County Executive Ed FitzGerald stated, "This is just the start! When we met with FST21 in Israel, we knew that they would be a great fit for The Open Office space in Cleveland Heights. We know that there are other companies that will look at this partnership, and decide this is the right location for them to grow their business."



The Open Office remodeled 5,000 square-foot of the facility in collaboration with Steven Tatar Studios, which has given the former Coventry School a hip, modern, professional image. "I love the way the space turned out," said Auten, "it really has a great feel, with lots of truly unique features. I love working here."

The building, now called Coventry Commons, is being repurposed into a center of creative enterprise and arts through a partnership with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District and the City of Cleveland Heights. Coventry Commons is now also home to a host of active local groups: Lake Erie Ink, Family Connections, and Ensemble Theater.

Business hours for The Open Office are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Tours available on a drop-in basis. Call 216-320-6890 or visit [www.theopenoffice.net](http://www.theopenoffice.net).

### Cedar Fairmount News

#### Six musical groups at Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival

Plans are complete for the entertainment at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Discover Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival on **Sunday, August 12 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm**. Six musical groups will perform: Olde Boys, Karma Kings, Get Back Duo, Musical Mark and Cleveland Opera.

Once again the Euclid Beach Rocket Car will give free rides. There will be a castle bouncer house, clowns, pony rides, face painting, games, lecture and historical tour of the Alcazar, and much more.

This year Lennox and Surry roads will be closed to accommodate arts and craft tents. There will be watercolor painting, handcrafted clothing, photography, pottery, jewelry and more for sale. Space is still available.

A dedicated committee is working to create a free, family friendly festival in the Cedar Fairmount Business District. Mark your calendar for August 12!

For more information, visit Cedar Fairmount's Festival Facebook page or [www.cedarfairmount.org](http://www.cedarfairmount.org). Information is also available at 216-791-3172.

#### Vero Bistro opens on Cedar Road

Marc-Aurele Buholzer has opened Vero Bistro, a stone oven pizza and Italian gelato restaurant at 12421 Cedar Road. Vero is in the former location of La Gelateria and Pizzeria, where he worked while attending college and pursuing a degree in philosophy and business. Marc-Aurele saw the closing of the former business as an opportunity to pursue his dream of owning his own business.



● Rocket Car ride at Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival

Vero means "true" or "real" in Italian and its pizza will be simple traditional Neapolitan pizza with a thin crust, homemade sauce, and the freshest of ingredients, local when possible. The pizzai sb akedi nat rditionalw ood-burning brick oven, which was imported from Italy. Although best enjoyed within minutes fresh from the oven, it will be available for take-out as well. The space for Vero has been completely remodeled. Marc-Aurele's focus was to produce a comfortable and welcoming space to invite the surrounding community to sit down and enjoy the pizza and other foodstuff fresh from the oven!

Vero will have several flavors of Italian gelato as well, served in a cup or a waffle cone made fresh daily. He will keep customers' former favorites such as pistacchio, gianduia and stracciatella. Some flavors will be rotated, and new flavors added monthly. Vero is open for lunch and dinner.

### Cedar Lee Update

#### Hot bands and cool venues: Rock the Block is back!

The Cedar Lee Special Improvement District would like to invite everyone to join them for **Customer Appreciation Events** in the Cedar Lee district.

● Thursday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 pm at **The Bottlehouse Brewery**, 2050 Lee Road, will feature SCENE's 2012 Best Musician, Brent Kirby & The Lost Fortunes.

● Thursday, August 9, 6:00-8:00 pm at **New Heights Grill**, 2206 Lee Road, will feature the blues sounds of The Brighter Side Band.

On both evenings, there will be complimentary appetizers, soft drinks and great door prizes! Visit [www.cedarlee.org](http://www.cedarlee.org) for more information.

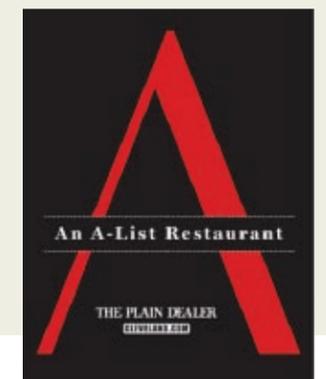


Cleveland Magazine's  
**SILVER SPOON  
AWARDS**

#### CLEVELAND HEIGHTS RESTAURANTS AMONG THE BEST!

Congratulations to those Cleveland Heights restaurants who were chosen to receive a *Cleveland Magazine* 2012 Silver Spoon Award: **Aladdin's Eatery, Café Tandoor, Hunan Coventry, Melt Bar & Grilled, Panini's, The Mad Greek, Tommy's, and the Winking Lizard Tavern**. In addition, **Rockefeller's** was mentioned as one of the best new restaurants in town.

The *Plain Dealer's* "A-List" of Cleveland area restaurants included **Anatolia Café, Lopez on Lee, Melt Bar & Grilled and Rockefeller's**. We in Cleveland Heights are so fortunate to have so many good restaurants in our city!



# Senior Scene

The Office on Aging and the Senior Activity Center are located in the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road. Our hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm. On Tuesdays through August, we will extend our hours to be open 8:30 am-7:00 pm. Check out our newsletter, *News for Senior Adults*, for evening program details or call 216-691-7377.

## Office on Aging Service highlights:

- **Do you need information about Medicare or Managed Care or help with health insurance forms?** Call to make an appointment for a free consultation with an Ohio Senior Health Insurance volunteer.
- **Do you wonder if you qualify for any benefits or assistance programs?** Meet with Lauren from the Cleveland Food Bank on the first Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and in about 30 minutes, with one application, you can find out. No appointment necessary.
- **Need help with legal issues?** Call to schedule a half-hour appointment with volunteer Attorney J. Alex Morton.
- **Have health questions?** We have a nurse available to read blood pressures and answer your questions on the first Monday, the first Friday and the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am. Nurses are provided by Caretenders, Cedarwood Plaza, CVS and Senior Independence.
- **Need transportation?** Our brand new medical van runs Monday through Friday 8:45 am-4:20 pm transporting residents 60 and over to medical appointments, on shopping trips and some errands. For more information and/or a brochure call 216-691-7194.
- **Tired of shopping and cooking?** We have the answer. A special volunteer can deliver a hot nutritious meal and a light supper to your home Monday through Friday or as many days as you like. Cost is \$6.25 per day. For more information, call 216-691-7377 and a social worker will return your call.
- **Do you have questions or need services?** The Office on Aging is fortunate to have two licensed social workers on staff. They are available to you any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Please feel free to contact them at 216-691-7377 for help with any problems, questions, or issues.

## It's happening at the Senior Activity Center

**CONTRA DANCE** –Tuesdays, July 10-31, 5:30 pm. Contra dance is social interaction, meeting people and making new friends, set to music. Join caller Kathy Wendorff who will tell you when, where and with whom to dance. Be sure to attend as this should be fun! Free

**ASK A DOC** – Thursday, July 19, 2:00 pm. Dr. Peter DeGolia will talk about changes underway and benefits available as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

**CANOE AND CUISINE TRIP** – Friday, August 10, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. If a leisurely canoe trip on the Chagrin River followed by lunch at a neighboring restaurant sounds good, then join us. We will meet at the Chagrin River Canoe and Kayak in Eastlake. After instruction, we will paddle about a mile to a local beach with time to get out of the boats and explore. Bring a change of clothes. You must arrange your own transportation. Fee: \$25 includes everything! Register by 8/6.

**BUS TRIPS** – Treat yourself to a bus trip this summer or fall. In August we head to the Niagara area of New York for a luncheon cruise aboard the Grand Lady with time for shopping at two unique shops: *Made in America Store* and *Vidler's Five & Dime*. In October, attend *Lost in the 50s*, a luncheon show that features music by the Four Preps and the Chorettes. Call 216-691-7377 for details.

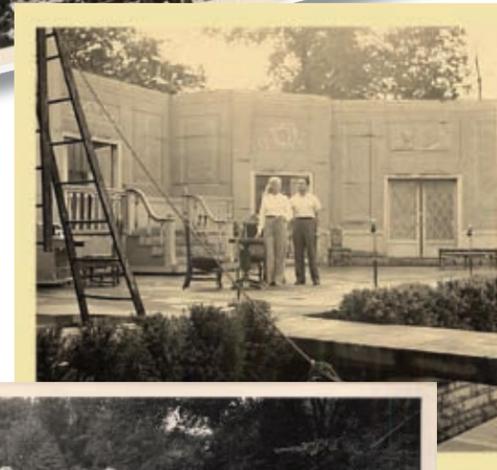
**COMPUTER CLASSES** – Don't let any more time pass feeling left out because you don't know how to use a computer. Classes designed especially for seniors begin in June and continue through the summer. Tutors are available to answer questions. The computer center is open from 9:00 am-4:30 pm with 12 state-of-the-art computers available for your use.

## Expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new!

We offer exercise classes for seniors of all fitness levels. New sessions of Belly Dance, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, Senior Strength Training, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Walking Club, Walking Warm Up and more are set to begin again. We also offer art classes, classes in Spanish, lectures on health related topics, free movies and so much more. For information and to register, call the Senior Activity Center at 216-691-7377. For specific program information, check out the *News for Senior Adults* available at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com), City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.

# Historic Heights

Appreciating our past, preserving our heritage



## Cain Park archives being preserved

Emily Smith, graduate student in Historic Preservation at Ursuline College, has spent quite a bit of time in the City Hall basement delving into our City's past, specifically the rich history of Cain Park, which celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Since its opening in 1938, Cain Park has hosted a multitude of plays, musicals, performances and concerts and is also home to the annual Cain Park Arts Festival (held this year on July 13, 14 and 15).

Ms. Smith, an intern in the Cleveland Heights Planning and Development Department, has been organizing and preserving the Cain Park archives, which contains over 40 boxes of records and materials that date earlier than 1970. The archives are also providing her with great research, as she is writing her master's thesis on Cain Park. This archival project was made possible thanks to a grant awarded by the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration.

A general inventory of each box has been completed and the next step is to organize and store items in archival quality boxes and folders. Items range from administrative records to newspaper clippings to advertising posters. Photos, scrapbooks, slides and programs have been identified as the first priority due to their fragile condition as well as their public interest. Items are being organized by year and if possible by performance. In the near future they will also be digitized and added online.

A number of interesting photos have been unearthed during this process. Some are of live performances, some are staged publicity photos, while others are behind-the-scenes shots of crew and actors. There are also many photos from the Cain Park Children's Theatre. While there is still more to be done, over 800 photos and 23 scrapbooks have already been sorted and placed in archival boxes for safe storage. Some of the "finds" will be exhibited next year in the Audrey and Harvey Feinberg Art Gallery in Cain Park.

- If you have any historic photos, scrapbooks or video of Cain Park you would like to donate to the City's Cain Park collection, contact Kara O'Donnell at 216-291-4885 or [kodonnell@clvhts.com](mailto:kodonnell@clvhts.com).

# Our Schools

## News from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights District

### CH-UH Schools Roll Out New Tiger Mascot

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District has a new tiger mascot. The District's schools celebrated its launch through spirit days and pep rallies, and new Tiger Nation banners are hanging in each building. Athletic Director Kristin Hughes said that she has seen many variations of tigers throughout the years and it's about time that the District has one consistent image for its mascot. "There is a lot of momentum around our black and gold colors and the idea of Tiger Nation being a unifying force in itself; now we have an official tiger."

But that's not all that's new. Students, parents, CH-UH staff, and members of the community can show their Tiger Pride by purchasing Heights Gear – everything from apparel to window clings and umbrellas to plush toys – at a new online store, which was launched in partnership with the Cleveland Heights High School Alumni Foundation. Everyone can shop online at [www.heightsgear.com](http://www.heightsgear.com).



### CH-UH Named "Innovation District"

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District joined a small and select group of school districts in being named a Next Generation Innovation District. CH-UH is one of only four Ohio schools named as part of the program.

"Simply being included means that our district is recognized as one where next-generation learning is taking place and where creativity and a drive to excellence are valued," said Superintendent Doug Heuer. "The Innovation Lab program will bring us exciting new ideas and resources, all geared toward helping our schools improve and better prepare our students to succeed in tomorrow's world."

The Innovation Lab Network is a product of the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Stupski Foundation. Together, they provide resources to help select school districts identify new and innovative practices and methods that support next-generation learning. The Innovation District's focus on educational attributes that describe a system designed for next generation learning instead of a focus on schooling: World Class Knowledge and Skills, Student Agency, Performance Based Learning, Personalized Learning, Anytime, Anywhere Learning, Comprehensive Systems of Support.

The other Ohio districts named as Innovation Districts are Orange, Upper Arlington, and Cincinnati school districts.

### Criminal Justice Class Donates to Senior Center

The Criminal Justice class at Heights High wanted to make a difference in the lives of senior citizens. "We know that it is hard for some senior citizens to pay their heating bills in the winter," said **Bria Dennis**. "We just thought that helping a few people would be a good thing to do." To raise money for the campaign, they sold snacks to fellow students after school and asked for donations from students and staff.

"We are able to help and so we did," said **Anthony Simmons**. "And it does feel good to be able to contribute to someone who could use a little help." The students raised \$650 and presented a check to Office Aging Social Worker Linda Katz and supervisor Amy Jenkins on April 26.

Three seniors received assistance from the student donations, and Katz read a note from one of the recipients. "Thank you more than words can say for paying my utility bill for me," wrote the senior.

The Criminal Justice program is part of the Career Tech program at Heights High and includes 26 juniors and seniors. Instructor **Johnnie Lemons** is very proud of his students. "Supporting our community is part of the Criminal Justice program," said Lemons. "It fits perfectly with our curriculum to serve others."

### Heights Sophomores Win Stop the Hate Essay Contest

Heights High sophomores **Maryam Assar**, **Adrian Berr**, and **Corinne Sinclair** swept the 10<sup>th</sup> grade division of the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage *Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out* essay contest. More than 1,800 students from 126 public and private schools across seven counties submitted essays. Corinne won first place and received a \$300 prize, Adrienne second place with a \$200 prize, and Maryam placed third and received a \$100 prize. The school also received a donation because six current students and one former HHS winner volunteered as ushers.



### Band Director Recognized for Excellence in Teaching

Heights High Band Director **Brett Baker** was selected for an Excellence in Teaching Award from The College of Wooster based on an essay written by Heights alumna and Wooster freshman **Diana Drushel** (above).

Diana's essay told about her progression from a shy freshman musician to her senior year leadership position in the marching band clarinet section. "Almost every student who entered the department became a better person and has grown in some way or another," she writes in her essay.

The selected teachers were honored at a college banquet with their nominating students, a campus visit, and an honorary plaque. Mr. Baker is only the second music teacher to be selected in the history of the program. "I am honored to be selected for this award," said Mr. Baker. "It is very special because it comes from a former student."

Diana graduated with honors from Heights in 2011. She is majoring in History and Secondary Education at The College of Wooster and plays in the college marching band.



● The Heights High Criminal Justice Class officers present a \$650 check to Cleveland Heights Office on Aging staff members. (Amy Jenkins, Brianna Ward, Stedman Smith, Dominique Hill, Bria Dennis, and Linda Katz. L-R)

# The Early Years

CH-UH Department of Early Childhood

Registration for the **Before/After School Program** for students in grades K-5 is ongoing throughout the summer. The program description, fees and downloadable registration forms may be found on the district's website, [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org). Go to the "For Parents" tab at the top of the home page and choose Before/After School Program. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at **216-371-7356**. Summer office hours are 8:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

Registration for the CH-UH Early Child Program's **Half-Day and Full-Day Preschool** is ongoing. Program descriptions and fees may be viewed on the district's website: [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org). Under the "Our Schools" tab, choose Early Childhood Department, then choose Gearity Preschool. In addition to the Gearity Preschool site, the Half-Day Preschool Program also has a classroom at Noble Elementary for families in the Oxford, Boulevard and Noble neighborhoods. The registration process begins with a tour with the Early Childhood Program Specialist, Beverly Metzger. Our programs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information and/or to schedule a tour, please call the Early Childhood Office at **216-371-7356**.



Located in the former Coventry School, 2842 Washington Boulevard  
216-321-0079

**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.

**Their family support programs** prevent family problems by strengthening the parent-child relationship and offering support 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:** Eight 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 and includes:

#### **Kindergarten Kick Off - August, 2012**

An opportunity for kindergarteners and parents/caregivers to make a smooth transition from preschool or home based care to kindergarten. Parents and their kindergartners attend two sessions in August to learn about the grade level expectations of kindergarten, familiarize themselves with the school environment and to begin to build relationships between home and school.

#### **Play A Day**

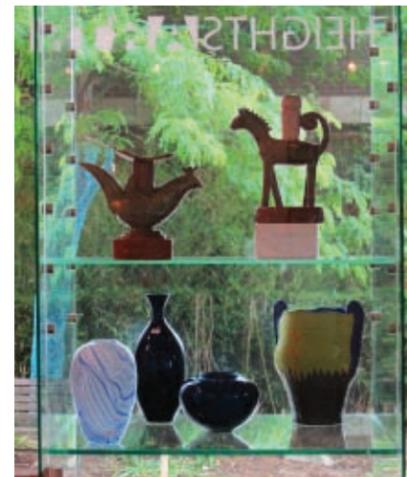
Play A Day is a seven-week family literacy series for Kindergarten families offered at all seven Cleveland Heights elementary schools. The entire family joins us for a family meal, theme-based play activities, circle time with reading aloud and music movement. Parents and caregivers have opportunities get to know other; Kindergarten families and gain support from one another. Every child in attendance will receive a book for their home library. Invitations for Play A Day will be sent home via "book bag express" in the fall. Call **216-321-0079** for additional questions.

#### **Family Playroom at our new location in the former Coventry School building:**

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

#### **Large Muscle Room at our new location in the former Coventry School building:**

Families can play with their kids while they romp, roll, jump and slide!



# Home to the Arts

**Heights Arts** is a Cleveland Heights nonprofit community arts organization that cultivates a strong, diverse, and collaborative arts community by inspiring people of all ages to engage in the arts; supporting the arts through education; providing exhibition and performance opportunities; and fostering public appreciation for the arts. Here's what's happening this summer:

#### **Heights Arts Gallery**

2175 Lee Road  
216-371-3457  
[www.heightsarts.org](http://www.heightsarts.org)

#### *The Living Rooms*

Furniture by Northeast Ohio contemporary designer/makers  
Opening reception Friday, July 27, 6:00-9:00 pm  
through September 1

#### *Paperworks*

Regional artists working rigorously with processes including drawing, collage, cut paper and pulp in conjunction with the International Association of Hand Papermakers and Friends of Dard Hunter international five-day conference hosted by Cleveland's own The Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservancy and Education Foundation  
Opening reception Friday, September 7, 6:00-9:00 pm  
through October 20

#### *Heights Arts Concert*

Thursday, July 5, 7:30 pm  
Dunham Tavern Museum Barn, 6709 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland  
Dvorak's spirited "American" String Quartet, Barber's beautiful "Adagio", Gershwin's "Summertime" and "Half Wolf Dances Mad in Moonlight!"  
Jung Oh, Isabel Trautwein, Tanya Ell, Eliesha Nelson and Katherine Bormann  
Reservations: 216-371-3457

#### *PUP~Pop Up Poetry!*

Meet Cleveland Heights' Poet Laureate Cavana Faithwalker and other poets at the Pop Up Poetry booth this summer!  
Bring a poem to discuss, request help with a poem, or simply ask to be read a poem. The poet is IN for YOU!  
Saturday, July 14, 1-4 pm Cain Park Arts Festival, near the Alma Theater  
Sunday, August 12, 12-4 pm, Discover Cedar Fairmount Arts Festival

# Around Town continued

## Sustainable Heights Network

### Local Food Week, October 1-6

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

# Boards & Commissions

As positions become available, Council actively seeks residents for membership on boards, commissions and committees. If there is an area where your expertise, interest or experience would be of value, contact the Clerk of Council’s Office at **216-291-3925**. Applications and information on all boards, commissions and committees may be found on the City’s web site, [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

### Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

City Council recently appointed **Renee Tramble Richard** to the CAC, which provides a means for the community to obtain information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, assists in the evaluation and preparation of the CDBG yearly application, participates in monitoring the implementation of the CDBG program, and reviews the City’s annual CDBG budget. Ms. Richard, who lives on East Overlook Road, is a Partner with Roetzel & Andress, a Legal Professional Association. She focuses her practice on public law and public finance. Reappointed to the CAC are: **Jeffrey Bendix, Vetella Camper, Douglas Dykes, Jonathan Goldman, Christine Henry, Benjamin Hoen, William Hubbard, Allison McCallum, Dr. Marian Morton, Donalene Poduska, Rebecca Yingst Price, Amanda Shaffer, David Shriver, Carol Staiger, Kéba Sylla, Robert Taylor, Stephen Titchenal, Ivy Washington-Marshall, Diana Wellman, Parker Zabell and Kevin Ziegler.**



● As part of the Cleveland Heights Memorial Day ceremony, Monticello Middle School students wrote essays on “As an American, Why is Memorial Day Important?” Congratulations to the students who submitted winning essays. Pictured above are (from left) Councilwoman Bonnie Caplan, Lateef Tucker, Khaleel Adeen, Darielle Sylvester, Mayor Ed Kelley, Natasha Goldsby, Olivia Brown, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar and Vice Mayor Dennis Wilcox. Thanks to the All Generations Band (back cover) for its participation in the Memorial Day ceremony. The band has been a part of our memorial festivities for many years. To see more Memorial Day photos, visit [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

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