

Janine R. Boyd Takes Oath of Office

At the Council meeting of Wednesday, October 3, 2012, Janine R. Boyd was sworn in as Cleveland Heights' newest Council member. She was chosen to fill the unexpired council term, which was vacated by the resignation of Phyllis Evans.

A life-long resident of our community, Boyd took the oath of office from her mother, State Representative Barbara Boyd, who served on Cleveland Heights Council for nine years.

Boyd is the Director of Government Affairs & Public Policy for Guidestone Ohio (formerly Berea Children's Home & Family Services). She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Hillsdale College and a Master's Degree from Michigan State University. Boyd stated, "In my role as an advocate, I work to effect positive change in terms of policy at the local, state and federal levels, which will improve and expand services and programs that support children, families and communities." Mayor Ed Kelley stated, "There were so many good applicants for the position and Cleveland Heights is fortunate to have residents who want to serve. Janine Boyd will be a strong addition to Council with her background in advocacy for communities and her long-time commitment to our city."

There were 21 applicants for the Council position with four residents interviewed by Council. If she chooses, Boyd would be required to run in November 2013 for the unexpired term.



Councilwoman Boyd with her parents, Robert Boyd and State Representative Barbara Boyd
Top: Councilwoman Boyd surrounded by family and friends, including Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens and former Vice Mayor Phyllis Evans



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An Evening to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

All residents are invited to attend the 15th annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will take place **Wednesday, January 16, 2013 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center**, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road. The event will feature music and winners from our MLK art, essay and poetry contests.

The entries should address: *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. demonstrated courage throughout his life by standing up and speaking for what he believed was right. Describe or depict a time when you showed courage, or when you witnessed other people showing courage, in doing the right thing.*

For more information, call Community Relations, **216-291-2323**.

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Emergency Preparedness

Superstorm Sandy, which hit this area pretty hard at the end of October, is another reminder that we all need to be prepared for an emergency or a natural disaster. Another winter storm could confine your family at home. A tornado could cut off basic services – gas, water, electricity and telephones – for days. In today’s world, it is important for all of us to be prepared in the case of an emergency. There are things that you can do now to make sure your family is prepared.

- **Make a plan** – Draw up a family communications plan (one can be found on the Fire Department pages on the City’s website: www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=421).
- **Prepare a kit** of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive comfortably for at least three days in the event an emergency happens. Think about items that you might need if you had to stay in the same place for up to three days. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlights and a first aid kit. For suggestions of what else should be in your kit, go to www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=421.
- **Important documents** should be kept in a waterproof, portable container.
- **Utilities** – It is a good idea to locate the main electric fuse box, water service main and natural gas main for your home. Learn how and when to turn these utilities off, and teach all responsible family members. Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut-off valves. Remember, turn off the utilities only if you suspect the lines are damaged or if you are instructed to do so. **If you turn the gas off, you will need a professional to turn it back on.**
- **For hazardous situations:** Stay away from all downed power lines. Assume they are live and dangerous. Call 1-888-544-4877 immediately.

Watch your mailbox for a special mailing, which will include emergency preparedness information, utility company contacts, and a family communications plan.

ELECTRIC POWER:
First Energy Corporation / Illuminating Company
www.firstenergycorp.com
 To report an outage: Call 1-888-544-4877 (1-888-LIGHTSS)

GAS COMPANY:
Dominion / East Ohio Gas Company
 Gas Emergencies: If you smell gas, suspect a leak or if there is an explosion or fire, call Dominion right away: 1-877-542-2630.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day
 City Hall and the Community Center Closed

Tuesday, January 1

New Year’s Day
 City Hall and the Community Center closed

Wednesday, January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
 7:00 pm, Community Center

Thursday-Sunday, January 17-20

Raymond A. Robinson Memorial Youth Hockey Tournament
 Community Center

Monday, January 21

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 City Hall and the Community Center Closed

Monday, February 18

Presidents Day
 City Hall and the Community Center Closed

Recreation

Youth Sports

Basketball Recreational Leagues

Registration is underway for boys and girls in grades K-8. Call 216-691-7373 for information.

Baseball/Softball, Spring Soccer

Registration for Heights Youth Baseball, Challenger Baseball, Girls Softball and Spring Soccer begin Monday, January 7. Special Walk-in Registration will be at the Community Center on the following days: Saturday, February 9 (9:00 am-1:00 pm), Sunday, February 10 (12:00 noon-3:00 pm) and Monday, February 11 (6:00-8:00 pm). Call Larry Shaw at 216-691-7260 for more information.

Raymond A. Robinson Memorial Youth Hockey Tournament

The 2013 Raymond A. Robinson Memorial Youth Hockey Tournament will be held Thursday, January 17 through Sunday, January 20. All games will be played at the Community Center ice rinks. Annual tournament raffle, with a wide variety of items to be won, will be held. Admission is FREE. Call Chris Kendel at 216-691-7347 for more information or to advertise in the tournament program.

Parent/Child Dinner/Dance to benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund

A Father-Daughter/Mother-Son Dinner Dance will be held for elementary school families on Friday, January 25, 2013, 6:00-8:00 pm at Cleveland Heights High School. The cost is \$20 per couple. The fundraiser will benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund, which provides assistance for youth to participate in Cleveland Heights recreation programs. For more information, call 216-691-7373.

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, plus a refundable \$50.00 security deposit. Reservations for 2013 begin January 2. Call 216-691-7373 for information.

Online Registration

Online registration is available for many Parks and Recreation programs and classes, including youth sports leagues. To register online, please log on to the following link: <https://online.active.network.com/CHRecreation/Start/Start.asp>

Community Improvement Awards

The City Hall Atrium was an exciting place to be on October 18, when proud home and business owners came to be honored at the Community Improvement Awards (CIA), a Cleveland Heights tradition for 37 years. The program recognizes individual homeowners, businesses and organizations that have worked to improve and maintain their properties and contribute to the vitality and beauty of our city. In this issue of FOCUS, we present the commercial and business winners. The CIA residential winners, the Historic Preservation Award winner and the Tender Loving Care honorees will be featured in the spring issue. In the meantime, you can see a photo exhibit of all the winning properties the next time you visit City Hall. Photos may also be seen on the City’s website, www.clevelandheights.com.

These businesses received Community Improvement Awards:

The Apartment Building at 2777 Lancashire Road Jim Barle, owner	New Heights Grill 2206 Lee Road Kelli Kral, Robert Kral and Adam Faller owners
Barlé Soup and Sandwich 2479 Lee Boulevard Jim Barle, owner	The Wine Spot 2271 Lee Road Adam and Susan Fleischer, owners

Congratulations to the winners for helping to keep Cleveland Heights an attractive and vital community!

We encourage you to shop local and support our Cleveland Heights businesses!



City Council with Commercial/Business Community Improvement Award winner Adam Fleischer (fourth from left), proprietor of The Wine Spot and Bill Mitchell (left), owner of the building at 2271 Lee Road, home of The Wine Spot.

at your service

Leaf Collection

Loose leaf collection was conducted from October 29 to November 30. Leaves will now be collected **only when placed in paper Kraft bags** (available at City Hall, the Community Center and area stores) and set out with your regular refuse and recyclables. **Do not place leaves and yard waste in plastic bags** as they will not be picked up. The bags should be placed on your tree lawn no earlier than 7:00 pm the evening before the day of your collection, but always before 7:00 am on the collection day.

Christmas Tree Collection

Live Christmas trees will be collected **December 26 through February 1**. The Christmas tree recycling program offers residents an easy and environmentally sensitive way to dispose of their live trees. To prepare the tree for collection and for the safety of our employees, **all decorations, tinsel, wire, nails, stands and bags must be removed from the tree. Trees in plastic bags or flocked trees cannot be recycled.** The trees will be picked up from your tree lawn normally on your regular collection day, depending on the volume of trees on that particular day. However, if your tree is missed on your regular collection day, please be patient, as the tree will be collected within a few days.

Visit www.clevelandheights.com for snow removal information and tips from Public Works to make your holidays safer and greener!



storm water management program

2012 Update

The City of Cleveland Heights, rich in natural streams and waterways, continues to be committed to addressing Storm Water Management to make sure our waterways are environmentally clean. The City follows Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, including public education and participation, eliminating sanitary discharges into the storm water system, maintaining proper inspections on construction sites and adhering to Best Management Practices concerning sanitary and storm sewers. Visit www.clevelandheights.com for more information.

- Approximately 1,500 catch basins were thoroughly cleaned.
- A professional engineer inspected culverts to assess their structural integrity.
- Many manholes were reconstructed in conjunction with road improvement projects.
- Storm water literature and DVDs continue to be available to our residents at the Water Division at City Hall.
- Storm water construction requirements are now totally in place, and new developments must adhere to them and submit reports as required.
- Many miles of storm sewer pipe were televised to evaluate structural integrity.
- 600 feet of crushed storm sewer pipe was replaced on Glenwood Road.
- A major repair was completed on the Bluestone culvert near Denison Park.
- Various storm sewer lateral lines were replaced around the city.
- Storm Water Management Plans were completed for the Utilities Building at 2863 Noble Road, as well as the impound lot next to it.

Holiday Collection Schedule

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

- **Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25:** City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25. Monday’s refuse collection will be on Monday, December 24, 2012. Wednesday through Friday’s collection will be delayed by one day. **Friday’s collection will be on Saturday, December 29.**
- **New Year’s Day, Tuesday, January 1:** City offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. Monday’s refuse collection will be on Monday, December 31, 2012. Wednesday through Friday’s collection will be delayed by one day. **Friday’s collection will be on Saturday, January 5.**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 21, 2013:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Thursday routes. **Friday’s route will be collected on the normal day, Friday, January 25, 2013.**
- **Presidents Day, Monday, February 18, 2013:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the Monday through Thursday routes. **Friday’s route will be collected on the normal day, Friday, February 22, 2013.**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cleveland Heights City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers, 40 Severance Circle. If a holiday falls on the Monday Council meets, the meeting is usually moved to Tuesday. In January, Council meets on January 7 and January 22. February’s Council meetings are on February 4 and February 19.

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