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## Dates to Remember

<b>October 3-7</b>	Sustainability Week
<b>Thursday, October 6</b>	Candidates' Night, Community Center
<b>Thursday, October 20</b>	Community Improvement Awards, City Hall Atrium, 7:00 pm
<b>Monday, October 31</b>	Halloween Trick-or-Treating 6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Monday, November 7</b>	American Red Cross Blood Drive Community Center, 2:00-7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, November 8</b>	Election Day
<b>Friday, November 11</b>	Veterans Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed
<b>Thursday, November 24</b>	Thanksgiving Day City Hall and the Community Center closed
<b>Monday, December 26</b>	Christmas Observance City Hall and the Community Center closed
<b>Monday, January 2</b>	New Year's Observance City Hall and the Community Center closed

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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).



# Cleveland Heights at a Glance

- Through the **Meet Your Police** program, the Cleveland Heights Police Department meets with residents every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at City Hall. (More on page 4.)
- Not able to come to City Hall? Email the Police your questions or concerns at [myp@clvhts.com](mailto:myp@clvhts.com).
- **For less than \$200 a year**, residents age 25-59 have unlimited use of the Cleveland Heights Fitness Center and Field House. It's even less for those younger or older! Not ready to commit to a full year? Thirty-day passes start for as little as \$10!
- Cleveland Heights **recycled more than 53%** of its solid waste in 2010, an improvement over 2009 and putting us among the top ten recycling communities in Cuyahoga County. But we know we can do better! See page 8 for information on how you can participate.
- Cleveland Heights is one of the most walkable cities in Ohio! We've always known that, but now we have proof. Visit [www.walkscore.com/OH](http://www.walkscore.com/OH) to see the complete listing of communities, how it was scored and why it matters.
- Starring Cleveland Heights! Our town has proven popular with filmmakers this summer. Watch for "**Fun Size**" and "**I, Alex Cross**" coming to a theater near you! Grab some popcorn and enjoy the real star of these movies (in our opinion): Cleveland Heights!
- Cleveland Heights is home to quite a few authors, including **Paula McLain**, whose novel ***The Paris Wife*** (Ballantine Books) has spent many weeks on *The New York Times* best-seller list. The fictionalized account of Ernest Hemingway's relationship with his first wife, Hadley Richardson, was written, for the most part, at the Cedar Fairmount Starbucks! Congratulations to Paula McLain!
- Our town is also home to many people in the medical profession, especially given our location close to University Circle and the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University. We are proud that **Dr. Leonard Calabrese** and **Dr. Michael Lederman**, leading HIV-AIDS researchers, are residents. They were recently featured in the *Plain Dealer* and Cleveland.com concerning their work: [www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf?/base/health/1313800000000000&coll=1](http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf?/base/health/1313800000000000&coll=1).
- Thanks to Cleveland Heights voters, **Denison Park's soccer field** was outfitted with artificial turf using Issue 27 money. Issue 27, passed in 2004, allows the City to maintain and improve our parks and recreational facilities.
- The City is testing solar-powered crosswalks. The first one was installed outside of the Lee Road Library. Pedestrians push a button to activate the lights outlining the diamond crosswalk sign. (For more "green" initiatives, see page 4.)



# City News

## Meet Your Police

Just a reminder that the Cleveland Heights Police Department sponsors "Meet Your Police" every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall. Residents have the opportunity to talk in an informal setting on any topic with a ranking member of the Department. It provides a chance for community residents to meet and interact directly with their police officers.

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 helps to strengthen that partnership.

You may also email the Police directly at [myp@clvhts.com](mailto:myp@clvhts.com).

## Fire Department Reminders

**Free smoke detectors** are available to Cleveland Heights residents through programs sponsored by the American Red Cross and by the Cleveland Heights Firefighters Union, Local 402. Call the Fire Chief's Office at **216-291-2673** for more information.

**Change your batteries!** Smoke detectors can save your life, but a detector cannot do its work without a fresh battery. Cleveland Heights firefighters remind you to change your batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks to Standard Time on **Sunday, November 6**.

## Update from Planning and Development

### Green Zoning Project

Camiros planning consultants has drafted suggested zoning code amendments based on recommendations from their Sustainability Audit of the City's Zoning Ordinance. This draft code is currently being reviewed to understand the costs and benefits to individual properties, neighborhoods and the community as a whole. Camiros will insert definitions, standards, diagrams and cross references and City Council would introduce the amended zoning code as an ordinance and hold a public hearing on the proposed regulations. The Planning Commission would review it and again provide the public with an opportunity to comment. Following receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations, the amendment returns to City Council for final approval.

To promote economic development and adaptive reuse of vacant institutional buildings in our residential neighborhoods, one recommendation from the Sustainability Audit has been moved forward. An amendment to the zoning code that would establish standards to conditionally permit the adaptive reuse of nonresidential structures located in residential districts has been moving through the established zoning code amendment process. The Adaptive Reuse Ordinance No. 74-2011 and the entire Sustainability Audit are available on the City's webpage.

### Cumberland Pool Parking Lot

The EPA-funded storm water improvement demonstration project creating landscaped basins in the parking lot has been easily handling the exceptionally heavy rainfalls this summer. The parking lot storm water flows into the retention areas where Brown Eyed Susan, Winterberry, Switch Grass and Red Maples will absorb much of the water. The remaining storm water filters through special layers of soil and gravel before reaching a drainpipe or flowing deeper into the aquifer (water-

filled rock layers). Upon inspection, Ohio EPA staff was so pleased that they will be including the Cumberland parking lot upon their return in September with national EPA staff.

#### **Solar Bus Shelters**

Solar bus shelters arrived just in time to be part of the "Missing Links" Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative planning study funded by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency. The City, with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Agency as co-sponsor will study ways to improve pedestrian and bus connections between University Circle and Cleveland Heights. The goal of the study is to encourage drivers to become pedestrians or bus riders. The solar shelters provide an attractive and distinct bus-waiting environment powered by clean, renewable energy.

#### **Bicycle Planning**

Sharrows, symbols painted on portions of Euclid Heights Boulevard, Edgehill Road and, most recently, Lee Road from Superior to Mayfield, express the City's desire that motorists and bicyclists share the road. Expect more bike-friendly projects happening later this year, too! Concurrently with the Missing Links bus rider and pedestrian study, a University Circle - Cleveland Heights Bicycle Network study is underway to increase bike ridership between University Circle and Cleveland Heights. Bike riding is a health-conscious, affordable and ecological way to travel and the City wants to capitalize on our proximity to University Circle.

#### **Economic Development**

The City of Cleveland Heights has engaged SGI Global Business Advisors LLC to explore opportunities to expand economic development activities in the city. The initial focus for this effort will be to build a "cluster" of security technology-related businesses and initiatives. While clusters have been established in the biomedical and aerospace industries in the Cleveland area, there have been no efforts in the region or Midwest to

develop a cluster-driven strategy focused on security-related initiatives. For more information on this project, contact Howard Thompson, Economic Development Director at **216-291-4857** or [hthompson@clvhts.com](mailto:hthompson@clvhts.com).

#### **Down Payment Assistance Program**

The City of Cleveland Heights has assistance available for eligible home buyers through the Down Payment Assistant Program. The program offers up to \$10,000 down payment assistance for a single-family home and \$10,000 down payment assistance for a two-family home in the form of a deferred payment, zero (0%) interest second mortgage. The loan is to be repaid immediately at the time of resale, transfer, or if the property becomes absentee-owned.

In addition, the program offers up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance for a housing unit in the BlueStone Development's Loft Building, and up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance for a housing unit in the East Derbyshire Project. This is a loan that is forgiven at the rate of 1/60<sup>th</sup> per month of ownership and occupancy beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> year and ending in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of owner occupancy. This loan is secured by a second mortgage on the property.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Applicant(s) must be at or below the following income guidelines for their household size: 1) \$ 35,200, 2) \$ 40,200, 3) \$ 45,250, 4) \$ 50,250, 5) \$ 54,300, 6) \$ 58,300. Go to the city's website, [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com) or call **216-291-4869** for more information concerning this program or for an application.

#### **Cleveland Heights Mugs For Sale**

City Hall has a new supply of Cleveland Heights coffee mugs that have been selling briskly for \$5 each. They may be purchased at the Cashier's window in the City Hall atrium.



#### **Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating**

Monday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 pm.

#### **Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips**

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

## Thomas F. Patton II Memorial Highway

The State of Ohio has named a stretch of State Route 322 (Mayfield Road) "Officer Thomas F. Patton II Memorial Highway." Cleveland Heights Police Officer Thomas Patton died in March 2010 of a cardiac incident while in pursuit of a suspect. He had been a member of the Cleveland Heights Police Department for nine years.

Governor John Kasich joined Officer Patton's family, friends and fellow police officers in dedicating the highway and unveiling a sign. A similar tribute to Officer Jason West is also planned.



● Cleveland Heights officers offer a moment of silence.

## Heights Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join your neighbors at the Heights Interfaith Council's Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 23, 7:30 pm at Church of the Redeemer, 2420 South Taylor Road. Clergy and members of various synagogues, churches and other faith communities will be participating. After the service, a social gathering will allow participants to get acquainted and renew friendships. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Heights Emergency Food Center. Donations of non-perishable foods are welcome.

# Boards & Commissions

## Citizens Advisory Committee

Cleveland Heights City Council recently appointed two new members to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC): **Benjamin Hoen** and **Ivy Washington-Marshall, Esq.** Hoen, who lives on Superior Park Drive, is an attorney with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co. LPA, specializing in Real Estate law. Washington-Marshall, a resident of Burbridge Road, is an attorney. She is also Assistant Director of Admissions for the University of Akron School of Law. Also serving on the CAC, which assists in the evaluation and preparation of the Community Development block Grant program (CDBG) yearly application, participates in monitoring the implementation of the CDBG program, and reviews the City's annual CDBG budget, are: **Jeffrey Bendix, Vetella Camper, Douglas Dykes, Robert Fischer, Jonathan Goldman, William Hubbard, Robert Koonce, Allison McCallum, Dr. Marian Morton, Rebecca Yingst Price, Donalene Poduska, Amanda Shaffer, David Shriver, Carol Staiger, Kéba Sylla, Robert Taylor, Stephen Titchenal, Diana Wellman, Parker Zabell and Kevin Ziegler.**

## Commission on Aging

Cleveland Heights City Council recently appointed two new members to the Commission on Aging: **Clarencia Allen** and **Jody Taslitz**. Ms. Allen, who lives on Blanche Avenue and who is retired, has been a Cleveland Heights resident for 43 years. Ms. Taslitz, a retired Social Worker and a 48-year resident of Cleveland Heights, lives on Edendale Street. Other Commission Members are: **Jane Crawford, Pat Dillard, Emma Gorden, Gale Hessler, Ann Hunter, Wilma Kasper, Shirley Bingham Lecompte, James O'Brien, David Schatzman, Judith VanKleef, Carol Whitlatch** (gerontologist) and **Harold Williams**.

## Interested in Getting Involved?

Serving on a board or commission is a good way to use your time and talent to keep our community strong. City Council encourages citizens to apply for open positions, which occur occasionally. For an application and a description of each board, visit. [www.clevelandheights.com/citygovt\\_boardscommissions.asp](http://www.clevelandheights.com/citygovt_boardscommissions.asp).

## NSP Update

### Neighborhood

#### Stabilization Program (NSP)

NSP 1 was funded under the Housing Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008. Cleveland Heights received funding through the Ohio Department of Development. The program is designed to stabilize neighborhoods by rehabilitating homes for new owner occupants and to remove blighted properties. While rehabilitating these properties to bring them up to housing code, the Housing Preservation Office staff also incorporated many energy saving elements.

Cleveland Heights has renovated 12 single-family homes that had been vacant, abandoned and/or foreclosed. Six of these rehabilitated houses have sold to owner occupants. The City is also working with the County Landbank for the demolition of houses that cannot be renovated.

The City invited the community to a NSP Open House on August 28 to tour the remaining six houses and see these homes and to learn more about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. These homes are listed with local real estate agents. NSP regulations require purchasers to meet certain requirements. If you are interested in purchasing these homes call Relocation Services, **216-291-5813**.



# At Your Service

## Collection of Loose Leaves

Autumn is here in our "city of trees" and it's time for raking and/or blowing the leaves. **Loose-leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 31 and will continue until Friday, December 2, weather permitting.** It is our intention to collect loose leaves from each property once every other week on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. However, if one day's collection is light or another day's is heavy, collection may be made on a different day. Saturday leaf collection (if needed) will be used to return to heavy areas or to make up for holidays or bad weather. If your leaves are not collected on your refuse collection day, we ask that you please be patient.

Prior to October 31 and after December 2, leaves **will be collected only when placed in paper lawn bags.** Leaves and yard waste **will not** be collected in plastic bags. Paper lawn bags are available at the cashier's counter at City Hall, the Community Center or at most local stores.

If snow falls during the loose-leaf collection season, it becomes nearly impossible to maintain the collection schedule. The same workers and many of the same vehicles collecting leaves are used for snow and ice control.

### Preparing the Leaves for Collection

- Leaves placed in paper lawn bags will always be collected on your regular refuse collection day. Bags should be placed on your tree lawn no earlier than 7:00 pm the evening before the day of your collection or after 7:00 am on the collection day.
- During the weeks designated for loose leaf collection - **Monday, October 31 until Friday, December 2** - rake or blow your leaves to the tree lawn.
- **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET** where they become a safety hazard or block storm drains.
- **It is ILLEGAL TO BURN LEAVES** in the City of Cleveland Heights.

- Brush, tree and hedge trimmings must be cut and tied into bundles no larger than four feet in length and two feet in diameter in order to be collected on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. Brush that is too large to be tied into bundles can be picked up for an additional charge; arrangements must be made in advance - call **216-691-7300**.

**Use caution** when approaching the leaf vacuum machines or the front-end loader. These vehicles back up frequently and may block the lane of travel. Please drive slowly and cautiously in these areas. **Also, while playing in big piles of leaves may be fun, please keep small children and pets away from leaf piles near the street at all times to avoid an accident!**

## Recycling: A Cleveland Heights Way of Life

Cleveland Heights is among the top 10 recycling communities in Cuyahoga County, recycling more than 53% of its solid waste in 2010, according to Cuyahoga County's 2010 Residential Recycling Report. The report states that in 2010, residential recycling programs in the county:

- Diverted 203,847 tons of solid waste from landfills
- Recovered 27.94% of all household waste for recycling
- Saved 7,693 tons of nonrenewable natural resources
- Conserved 741,402 trees
- Saved over 1,137,449 million Btus of energy, enough to power 11,262 homes for one year
- Reduced air emissions by 81,321 tons

The City of Cleveland Heights is proud to have been a part those accomplishments. While diverting 53.16% of solid waste is an improvement over 2009, we, as a community, can do even better! We thank those residents who faithfully recycle every week and encourage those who have yet to get started!

## Here are a few recycling reminders:

### *Please recycle paper products:*

- Newspaper
- Catalogs, magazines, glossy ad inserts
- Office, computer, school paper
- Shredded canceled checks, junk mail, shredded paper. Shredded paper can be placed in paper bags (regular grocery bags or Kraft bags) or, if needed, plastic bags. However, regardless of the manner packaged, you must securely close the bag (tie, tape, etc.) and indicate in large letters on the bag "SHREDDED PAPER" and place it near the other recycling. This way the paper will not get blown around the neighborhood on windy days and will not be mistaken for yard waste or garbage by the collector.
- Books - including phone books, paperbacks
- Corrugated cardboard
- Boxboard cardboard (cereal boxes, pop cartons, etc.)
- Gift, shoe, and toy boxes
- Greeting cards, giftwrap (no foil)

All paper may be co-mingled; that is, placed in the same paper bag or small cardboard container (corrugated boxes, food item boxes, such cereal boxes or soft drink cartons). If using paper bags, pack tightly. Cardboard, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, etc. may also be bundled with string (no tape or wire).

### *Please recycle glass, metal and plastic containers:*

- Glass bottles and jars
- Food and beverage cans, metal lids
- Plastic bottles and containers #1-#5 and #7. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Items such as plastic soft drink, water, sports drink, mouthwash, peanut butter, pickle, jelly, etc. containers.
  - Milk, water, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent bottles; yogurt and margarine tubs, grocery, trash and retail bags
  - Clear food and non-food packaging
  - Dry cleaning, bread and frozen food bags, squeezable bottles (honey, mustard, etc.)
  - Ketchup bottles, medicine bottles, oven/microwave prepared food trays

- Three and five-gallon reusable water bottles.

All these items may be recycled together in the same see-through (clear or blue) recycling bag. Place the bag on your tree lawn on your regular collection day, a few feet away from your trash.

**Also recyclable:**

- Car batteries
- Used motor oil
- Computers and accessories, including monitors, keyboards, mouses, printers, terminals, modems and software. The equipment will be collected curbside or by special prearranged pickups.
- Computer ink cartridges (may be dropped off at City Hall or the service garage)
- Technottrash - Safely recycle items that may contain personal information: old CDs, DVDs, diskettes, audio and video tapes, cell phones, pagers, PDAs, digital cameras, and rechargeable batteries. Bring them to the Technottrash containers located in the Cleveland Heights City Hall atrium and at the Community Center.

Using this recycling service guarantees complete security and keeps the material out of landfills.

Find more information about recycling at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com). Also, call Community Relations at **216-291-2323** for a recycling magnet listing what you should recycle.

### Refuse/Recycling Procedures

- All refuse, recycling and yard waste material **must be on the tree lawn by 7:00 am on the collection day.**
- An additional charge will be assessed for the collection of later material, or the material must be removed from the tree lawn and placed back on the residents property until the following week.
- Refuse left out on non-collection days may be cited by the Housing Inspection Department.
- A fee will be issued for the collection of brush, tree trimmings, etc. that

is **NOT TIED in bundles no larger than four feet in length and three feet in width.** The loose brush may not be collected on your regular collection day, but as the availability of the equipment allows.

### Hey! Why Didn't My Trash Get Picked UP?

There could be several reasons:

- **It was not out by 7:00 am.** (All refuse and yard waste must be out by 7:00 am.)
- **The bags were too heavy.** (Bags cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.)
- **Yard waste was placed in plastic bags.** (All yard waste must be in paper Kraft bags.)
- **Refuse was in the wrong container.** (All refuse must be in securely tied **plastic bags - no garbage cans permitted.**)
- You had mixed trash. (Yard waste and garbage may not be mixed together.)
- Animal waste! (Please double-bag the waste and put it in a black (preferably) garbage bag securely tied along with your waste.)
- Tree branches were left. (Branches are to be no longer than four feet in length and

two feet in diameter and tied - no wire.)

- Carpeting (Must be rolled and tied no longer than four feet in length and not weighing more than 50 pounds per bundle.)
- Paint (**Latex paint** must be dried to be collected. Kitty litter or a product available at home improvement stores can be used. Once the paint is solid, place the can with the lid off with your refuse. **Oil-based paint** should be placed away from your refuse and will be collected for recycling.)

### Christmas Tree Collection

The Christmas tree collection/recycling program offers residents an easy and environmentally sensitive way to dispose of live trees. To prepare the tree for collection and for the safety of our employees, all decorations, tinsel, wire, nails, stands and bags must be removed from the tree. Trees in plastic bags or flocked trees cannot be recycled. **Live tree collection will begin on December 27 and continue through January 29, 2012.**

### HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- **Columbus Day, Monday, October 10, is NOT a City holiday.** The regular Monday-Friday collection remains in force.
- **Veterans Day – Friday, November 11:** Both Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Thursday.
- **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24:** Monday-Wednesday routes will be collected as usual. Thursday & Friday collection will be delayed by one day: Thursday to Friday and Friday to Saturday.
- **Christmas Observance – Monday, December 26:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday. Monday's refuse will be collected Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, etc. Friday's collection will remain the same.
- **New Year's Day Observance, Monday, January 2:** Refuse collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday. Monday's refuse will be collected Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, etc. Friday's collection will remain the same.

# Recreation

## Recreation ID Cards

ID cards, sold to Cleveland Heights residents only, are \$5.00 each and include a digital photo (similar to a driver's license). Each individual must be present to receive a card. Proof of residency must be shown at the time of purchase and can include two utility bills (or other pieces of mail), in addition to a driver's license or photo I.D. Benefits of having a Recreation I.D. card include:

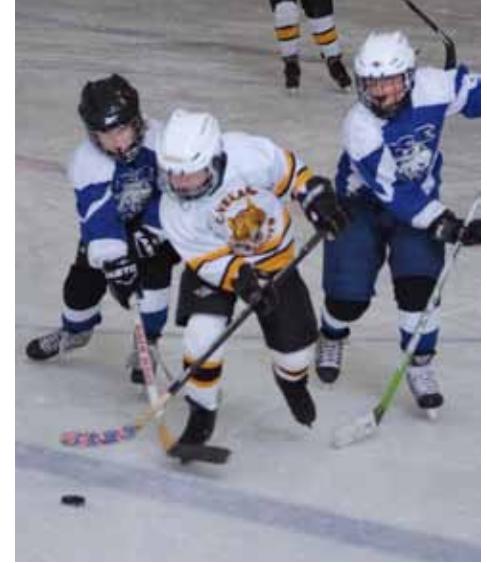
- free use of our lighted tennis courts, our outdoor basketball courts and our skate park;
- use of six outdoor picnic shelters (permit reservations are \$25); free use of the Cumberland wading pool;
- reduced rates for all Community Center classes, workshops, programs and field trips;
- reduced admission for swimming and aquatic programs;
- reduced rates for public ice skating sessions and other skating programs;
- reduced rates for tennis lessons and for youth/adults sports programs;
- use of our Community Center track, fitness center and basketball courts (with a Recreation I.D. card, you may purchase a Community Center Field House pass or pay a daily \$6.00 usage fee for the Field House.)

Fall is a busy and exciting time as our recreation and sports programs for both children and adults are underway! The Fall/Winter Parks and Recreation catalogue was mailed in August, but if you've misplaced your copy, it's also available on the City's website, [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

## General Recreation Classes

New this season is **Hula-Hooping Fun & Fit** for residents ages 16 and up. It's a fun workout that integrates dance and movement with weighted hula hoops that will tone the major muscle groups, burn calories and leave you feeling happy and energized. **Tribal Belly Dance** classes will help you improve flexibility, strength and grace while teaching you to move muscles in a new way. Are you ready to **Zumba**? Learn Latin dance steps in a cardio-interval format while enjoying the Latin rhythms, including merengue, salsa, cumbia, flamenco. Maybe you want to slow down and reduce the effects of stress with **Yoga**. Consider signing up for these and other exciting classes!

Cleveland Heights also offers a variety of programs and classes for kids of all ages from **Ballet** and **Tumbling** to **Self-Defense/Karate** and **Mini Kids Kuk Sool Won** (Traditional Korean Martial Arts). Check out the Fall/Winter Recreation catalogue to find something your children would like. Call **216-691-7373** with any questions.



## Youth Sports Programs

- **Youth Soccer League** is for girls and boys in Kindergarten-grade 6. All games are played on the new artificial turf at Denison Park.
- **Flag Football** is also underway for boys and girls ages 5-8. All games are played on the new artificial turf at Denison Park.
- **The Basketball Recreational League** registration is underway for boys and girls in grades K-8 who are Cleveland Heights residents or live within the boundaries of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. **Volunteer coaches are needed; call 216-691-7373.**
- **Basketball Travel Teams** tryouts will take place Monday, October 10 through Thursday, October 13. Four teams will be offered: *Boys grade 4 and under, Boys grade 5 and under, Boys grade 6 and under and Girls grade 6 and under.* Call Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or email **lshaw@clvhts.com**.
- **Youth Hockey** is a long-standing tradition in Cleveland Heights, with children as young as three (ages determined as of 12/21/2011) participating. Here's what is offered:  
*Tot Hockey* (ages 3-7)  
*Learn-to-Play Hockey*  
(ages 10 and under)  
*Cleveland Heights Hockey League - Travel Hockey program* (ages 6-14)  
[www.heightshockey.com](http://www.heightshockey.com)  
Scholarship assistance is available.

- **Youth Baseball/Softball, Spring Soccer** – It's not too soon to look to spring sports, as the registration packets for the following will be ready in mid-January, with registration beginning Monday, January 9: 2012 Heights Youth Baseball, Challenger Baseball, Girls Softball, and Spring Soccer. A special walk-in registration for these sports will take place on Saturday, February 4 (9:00 am-12:00 noon); Sunday, February 5 (12:00-3:00 pm) and Monday, February 6 (6:00-8:00 pm) at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road.

## Adult Sports 2011-2012

- **Winter Basketball Leagues** – Play for Men's and Women's Leagues begins in mid-October. Call Larry Shaw at 216-691-7260 for more information.
- **Ice Hockey** – Play for Men's and Women's Hockey is underway. *Cleveland Heights Senior Hockey League*: [www.eteamz.com/chshl](http://www.eteamz.com/chshl) *Women's Hockey*: [www.eteamz.com/clevelandhtseomenshockey](http://www.eteamz.com/clevelandhtseomenshockey) Call Chris Kendel at 216-691-7347 to get in on the action.
- **2012 Softball** – Sign up for next year's Men's, Women's or Coed Leagues by calling Larry Shaw at 216-691-7260.
- **2012 Softball Umpire School** – Want to be a Softball Umpire? Call Larry Shaw, 216-691-7260.

## It's Skating Season

The Community Center is gearing up for an exciting fall season of skating. Join the fun! To find out more about these ice programs, call 216-691-7373 and ask for the "rink side."

- **Learn-to-Skate Lessons** – Monday and Tuesday afternoons after school, Wednesday evenings and weekends, begins September 26. Ages 3 and up; separate classes for adults.
- **Home school lessons** – Tuesday and Friday mornings, beginning the week of September 26.

- **Adaptive Skating lessons** – Mondays evenings beginning September 26.

### Have a Birthday Party!

Have your child's birthday party at the ice rink! Residents with children 5-12 may entertain up to 20 skaters with a birthday party package during weekend public sessions (reservations required). Price includes admission, skate rental and tables in the rink atrium. Call 216-691-7373 (ask for the rink desk) to reserve your party.

### Special Ice Events

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

- Cleveland Heights High School, Brush High, Benedictine High Varsity and Case Western Reserve University hockey games
- Ohio Flames Girls Hockey Tournament, September 23-25
- U. S. Speedskating American Cup II/ Ohio Invitational, October 29 and 30 (Look for schedules changes – October 28-30)
- Building closed for holidays: November 11 and November 24
- Junior Jacks High School Hockey Tournament, November 26-28 (look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Benedictine High School Hockey Tournament, December 9-11 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Building closed for holiday (December 25 and 26)
- Heights High School Hockey Tournament, December 27-29 (Look for schedule changes all three days.)
- Rink will close early for holiday – December 31

### Skating Exhibition

Join us for a free exhibition of our Pavilion Skating Club and Learn-to-Skate participants as they prepare for the 2011-12 competition season on Sunday, November 27, 12:30-1:30 pm. See our local talent perform their programs, then stay for a public session (regular fees apply).

Ice schedules and information are available by calling 216-691-7434 - the new phone line for the Ice Rink Desk. Information can be mailed and faxed to you or email [ktaylor@clvhts.com](mailto:ktaylor@clvhts.com).

## Indoor Swimming

The City of Cleveland Heights, in conjunction with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, will continue to offer indoor swimming at Cleveland Heights High School. The Fall Session began September 6 and includes Adult Lap Swimming, Family Open Swim, Learn-to-Swim classes and Water Aerobics. Register at the Community Center. Contact Christopher Kendel, 216-691-7347 or [ckendel@clvhts.com](mailto:ckendel@clvhts.com) for more information.

## Park Policies

Just a few reminders concerning City Ordinance 923 concerning the use of our City parks:

- Parks hours are 6:00 am-9:30 pm
- The following are prohibited: driving or parking on pathways or grass; two-wheel motor vehicles; alcoholic beverages; gambling; loud music; golfing; dogs.

## Planning a Picnic for Next Year?

The City of Cleveland Heights will begin taking reservation for picnic shelters, which are located at Caledonia Cumberland, Denison and Forest Hill parks, on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. You must be a Cleveland Heights resident with a current ID card (Caledonia Park is available to East Cleveland residents). Applications are available at the Community Center (Monticello and Mayfield) or at [www.clevelandheights.com/artsrec.asp](http://www.clevelandheights.com/artsrec.asp). For more information, call 216-691-7373.

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# Commerce

## news from our commercial districts

### Cedar Lee Update

- **Best Gyros** opened recently at 2245 Lee Road (above left.) In addition to gyros, customers can enjoy corned beef, fish and chips, wraps and salads. Open daily for lunch, Best Gyros also offers extended late night hours.
- If you're getting ready for a football party, don't forget that **Zagara's Marketplace**, 1940 Lee Road, has a "Beer Cave" to cater to the distinguished taste of craft beer fans.
- There should still be time this fall to enjoy patio dining and **Lopez**, 2196 Lee Road, was chosen as a preferred patio location recommended by *Plain Dealer* staff.
- **Revive Fair Trade** was one of a limited selection of green-friendly vendors who participated in the nationally recognized "Lollapalooza" music fest held in Chicago. Visit them at 2248 Lee Road.
- On Thursday evenings, 8:00-10:00 pm, you can enjoy the jazz group Hubb's Groove at **Favor Bistro**, 1975 Lee Road.
- Watch for: **Sweetie Fry Ice Cream**, **Shawn Paul Salon** and **The Bottlehouse Brewery**.

### Cedar Fairmount News

#### New Businesses

##### EB Dynamics Inc.

Edward Lemmers, P.E. moved his company from downtown Cleveland to the Heights Medical Building, 2460 Fairmount Boulevard. EB Dynamics, Inc., founded in 2004, is a full-service web design and custom internet applications company dedicated to bringing small and medium-sized businesses quality service and products at competitive rates. The company's phone number is **216-274-1110**.

##### PC Handyman

Charlie Bass and John Pierce have chosen the Heights Center building, 12429 Cedar Road (above Starbucks), to establish their electronics repair and service business. The business is a full-service computer company specializing in repair and maintenance for all computer-related needs. PC-related services are available in your home or via drop-off at the office location. Call **216-236-8743** for more information on PC Handyman's services.

##### MYXX Opens

Myxx, a new restaurant and lounge, has opened at 12447 Cedar Road (see photo above center). Owner Kim Lisboa invites you to stop in for dinner and drinks!

#### Cedar Fairmount Plans Fall Fund Raiser

The Cedar Fairmount SID is planning a fall fundraiser on Saturday, November 12 at Nighttown. The purpose is to raise \$15,000 to erect a large sign with Cedar Fairmount's logo on the traffic island between Cedar and Fairmount Roads (below.) This will be phase three of the three-part signage street sign program.

At this time, a major entertainer is being sought for an evening of music, dinner and drinks at Nighttown Restaurant. Tickets will be priced at \$100.00 per person with \$60.00 tax deductible. The fund raiser is in the preliminary planning stages. As details become available, they will be posted on the Cedar Fairmount website, or call **216-791-3172**. For reservations, call Nighttown at **216-795-0550**.

#### Cedar Fairmount's

##### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival a Success

The weather was perfect and there were over 50 artists and vendors, large crowds and great activities and entertainment. The Cedar Fairmount SID thanks all the many sponsors whose donations helped





# Around Town

## CH-UH Library Has Fun Fall Programming in Store

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library System has fun fall programming for all ages! Below is just a sample; visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org) to learn more and to register!

### September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Does your child have a library card? A library card is the most important school supply of all! Stop by any Cleveland Heights-University Heights library branch with your child and sign them up for a card. It's quick, easy, and will open up their world to a lifetime of learning, fun, and opportunity. For details including branch locations and hours, visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org).

### Cedar-Coventry Author Series

Wednesday, 7:00 pm – The series is a collaboration among Appletree Books, Mac's Back's Bookstore, and the Coventry Village Library branch. All events are held at the Coventry Village branch, 1925 Coventry Road. Registration is required for each event.

– *October 5*: Novelist Emily Mitchell will discuss her book *The Last Summer of the World*, a fictionalized biography of photographer Edward Steichen.

– *November 2*: Catherine Gildiner will discuss her memoirs *Too Close to the Falls* and *After the Falls: Coming of Age in the Sixties*.

### Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry: A Book Discussion for Teens

Thursdays, September 22, October 6 and 20, and November 3 and 17, 7:00 pm at the Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road. All seven books must be read before the program to participate. To register, please stop in or call **216-932-3600**.

### Tricia Springstubb Speaks

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 pm, Lee Road. Local children's author Tricia Springstubb has a new book, *Mo Wren Lost and Found*, but you may know her from *What Happened on Fox Street*. Hear her talk about her work and get a chance to ask questions. Registration required.

### National Day of Listening

Tuesday, November 1 and Wednesday, November 2, 5:00 pm, Lee Road. Celebrate the people close to you by recording interviews with them to preserve their special stories and wisdom. Presented in conjunction with the StoryCorps National Day of Listening. Registration required.

### Record a Story

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am, Lee Road. Come to the library to record yourself reading a story to a faraway child or grandchild. The library will help you select books and burn a DVD that your child can watch if you are leaving for military duty, you live far away, or for any other reason. Registration required.

## FutureHeights News

### Best of the Heights Awards

Find out who's the "Best of the Heights" on October 4 when FutureHeights – a community nonprofit dedicated to promoting civic engagement – announces the results of their Best of the Heights survey. From May through August,

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make the activities free, as well as the volunteers and Cleveland Heights police and fire departments, to Boy Scout Troop 2020 and the football players who helped with unloading and loading the artists. Plans are already underway for next year's festival!

## Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce with COSE

The Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce and COSE (Council of Smaller Enterprises) have joined forces to better serve its members. This new alliance will give HRCC members access to more than 100 educational workshops and networking opportunities. HRCC serves the business community in the cities of Cleveland Heights, Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and University Heights. Contact HRCC at **216-397-7322** for more information or visit [www.hrcc.org](http://www.hrcc.org).

### HRCC Business Breakfast Series

*Thursday, October 27, 8:00-9:30 am* – Dennis Madden's topic will be "The Regional Economic Impact of Cleveland's Medical Mart," at 700 BETA, Mayfield Village. \$10 members, \$20 non-member guests.

*Thursday, November 17, 8:00-9:30 am* – "Preventing Burnout for the Business Owner and Entrepreneur," by Jim Smith, The Happiness Coach. The event will also take place at 700 BETA, Mayfield Village. \$10 members, \$20 non-member guests. Scholarship opportunities are available for all events.

# Help For Homeowners

## Home Repair Resource Center Works to Connect with Residents

In recent months, the board and staff of Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) have been revamping its services to make them more relevant and more accessible to residents. Tool loan hours have been changed to make borrowing and returning tools easier for people who work. The schedule of hands-on repair workshops is being expanded with volunteer instructors. Changes are also pending in the loans and grants available through HRRC's Financial Assistance Program (details will be announced when finalized). Finally, HRRC is partnering with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library to make their resources (handouts and videos) more widely available to the community.

Cleveland Heights homeowners are urged to contact HRRC with ideas about how its services might better serve them. HRRC will be forming focus groups (with people of various ages and incomes) to brainstorm ways in which HRRC can reach potential service users and shape program offerings in today's world. If interested in taking part in a focus group or suggesting an idea personally, contact Executive Director Kathryn Lad at **216-381-6100, ext. 11** or email [klad@hrrc-ch.org](mailto:klad@hrrc-ch.org).

## Heritage Home Program Assists with Home Maintenance

The Heritage Home Program is a unique home repair program for owners of older and historic homes that are 50 years old and older. It was developed in order to give homeowners of older or historic homes the right tools in order to maintain their houses and neighborhoods. Sponsored by Cuyahoga County, the Ohio Treasurer, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Cleveland Restoration Society administers the Heritage Home Program offering technical assistance and low fixed-interest financing to owners of one- to three-unit residential properties in need of maintenance. The free technical advice component of the Heritage Program is what sets it apart from other programs of its kind. Now you can have the help and answers you need in order to get the project done properly. Just ask the old house experts!

Generally, to be eligible for the program, the house must be:

- 50 years old or older
- three units or less
- zoned as a residential property and
- must not have synthetic siding, or if it does, removal of the siding must be part of the project's scope.

The Heritage staff provides in-depth assistance to homeowners via site visits, custom construction specifications, historic color consults, and support materials. Homeowners can take advantage of either the free consulting services or use the low fixed interest rate, seven- to ten-year term rehabilitation loan to fund a large variety of interior and exterior home maintenance and improvement projects. Examples of types of projects include roof replacement, addressing city violations, exterior paint renovation, porch repairs, new insulation, new furnace, and interior renovations.

CRS' team of historic rehabilitation specialists can answer your questions about the proper repair and maintenance of your older home at no charge. If you are interested in finding out more information on the program, or to see if your house qualifies, contact the Cleveland Restoration Society at **216-426-3106**.

The Cleveland Restoration Society is the region's largest non-profit preservation organization and is a Local Partner affiliate of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Founded in 1972, CRS is dedicated to the preservation of Greater Cleveland's historic resources. To learn more about CRS, visit [www.clevelandrestoration.org](http://www.clevelandrestoration.org).



**HERITAGE  
HOME  
PROGRAM**

# Recreation *continued*

## Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund Donations Needed

With the economic hardships faced by families in the continuing economic downturn, the demand and need for assistance from our Youth Recreation Fund has increased. As a result, the balance in the fund is low, and we are in need of donations to help us continue to assist families and youth to participate in our many recreation programs. Your donations make Cleveland Heights a better place for young families to live, and the donations are tax-deductible. Please send donations to:

**Cleveland Heights  
Youth Recreation Fund  
40 Severance Circle  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118**

## Youth Recreation Fund Fundraiser *Parent/Child Elementary School Dinner Dance and Silent Auction*

The City of Cleveland Heights, through its Division of Parks and Recreation and the Recreation Advisory Board, assisted by the East Side Kickers Youth Scholarship Soccer program, is hosting a Father-Daughter/Mother-Son Dinner Dance for elementary school families as a fundraiser to benefit the Youth Recreation Fund. The event will be held at Cleveland Heights High School (date and time to be determined). The cost is \$20 per couple.

The DJ and MC will be CH-UH School District Administrator and Heights High Soccer Coach Sean Sullivan. Donations to assist families to attend are welcome and encouraged. For information, call 216-691-7373 or email [lsshaw@clvhhts.com](mailto:lsshaw@clvhhts.com).



● From left: Council members Jason Stein and Cheryl Stephens, Mayor Ed Kelley, Heights High Girls' Varsity Coach Robbie Helfgott, Heights High Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach Sean Sullivan and Council members Bonnie Caplan and Dennis Wilcox celebrate the dedication of Denison Park's retrofitted sports field.

## Denison Park's Multi-Sport Field Retrofitted with Synthetic Turf

Excitement was in the evening air on Wednesday, August 24, as Denison Park's multi-sport field, newly retrofitted with synthetic turf, was officially dedicated. The Heights High Band opened the ceremonies, followed by Sean Sullivan, Heights High Varsity soccer coach, leading participants in Parks and Recreation's soccer programs, and City Council. To make it an even more perfect evening, the Heights High Varsity team was victorious over visiting Geneva.

The installation of the synthetic turf has many advantages, including the ability to schedule games more frequently, and the elimination of the need and cost to water the field and mow the grass. Synthetic turf has also been shown to reduce player injury. The improved playability and durability of synthetic turf systems has made them a sports facility standard in recent years. Our soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and flag football teams will enjoy the field for many years to come.

The project was funded thanks to Cleveland Heights voters' passage of Issue 27 in 2004, ensuring the maintenance and improvement of our city's parks and recreation facilities.

# 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. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm. For more information, call 216-691-7377.

## Senior 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.
- **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 provided by Caretenders, Cedarwood Plaza, CVS and Senior Independence.
- **Planning to get your flu shot at the Senior Center?** Shots will be given on Monday September 26, Wednesday October 4, Thursday October 27 and Thursday November 17. Please call to schedule your appointment.
- **Need transportation?** Our brand new medical van runs Monday - 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**. See the back cover for a photo of our new van and some of our seniors at our "New Van Celebration" held at the Senior Activity Center.
- **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.

## New This Fall at the Senior Center

A new **Book Discussion Group** sponsored by the CH-UH Public Library begins this fall and will meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The library will provide the books and lead the discussion.

**SAC Breakfast Club** meets the first Tuesday of October, November and December at 10:00 am. Start your day with a delicious breakfast prepared by our favorite Cedarwood Chef. A wonderful musical program by local musician Jeff Moyer follows breakfast at 11:00 am.

**McGregor Health Talks** - a series of lectures featuring the latest information. Lectures are the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. October's topic is *The Benefits of Walking*. In November, we'll learn about *Healthy Joints*. In December the topic is *Fall Prevention*.

**AARP Driver Safety Class** – Wednesday, December 7, 12:00-4:00 pm. A four-hour course of classroom instruction that is designed to refine existing skills and develop new, safe driving techniques. Fee: \$12 for those with an AARP member card, \$14 without. Register in advance as space is limited.

**Learn to use a computer!** Classes designed especially for seniors are underway and continue through fall and winter. 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.

Are you ready to expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new? We offer exercise classes for seniors of all fitness levels. Fall sessions of **Belly Dance, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, Seniorobics, Senior Strength Training, Slow Flow Tai Chi, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Tap Dance, Walking Club, Walking Warm-Up** and more are set to begin again. We also offer **art classes, Spanish, free movies** and so much more. For information and to register for these and other programs and classes call the Senior Activity Center at **216-691-7377**. For specific program information check out the *News for Senior Adults* available online at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

# Historic Heights

appreciating our past,  
preserving our heritage



## Shaker Farm Historic District on the way to becoming City's 10th National Register Historic District

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office is scheduled to hold a public hearing on September 27 on the proposed listing of the Shaker Farm Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. On November 4 in Columbus, the Ohio Historic Sites Advisory Board will review the nomination and make their recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior. It is anticipated that the Shaker Farm Historic District will be listed on the National Register in early 2012.

The Shaker Farm Historic District is an early twentieth-century suburban residential development of approximately 266 acres, first laid out in 1904. The District occupies the northern section of 1,393 acres owned by the North Union Shaker Colony between 1822 and 1892 and predates the development of today's Shaker Heights. (See map below)

Like many other Cleveland Heights neighborhoods, the development followed the romantic suburban design

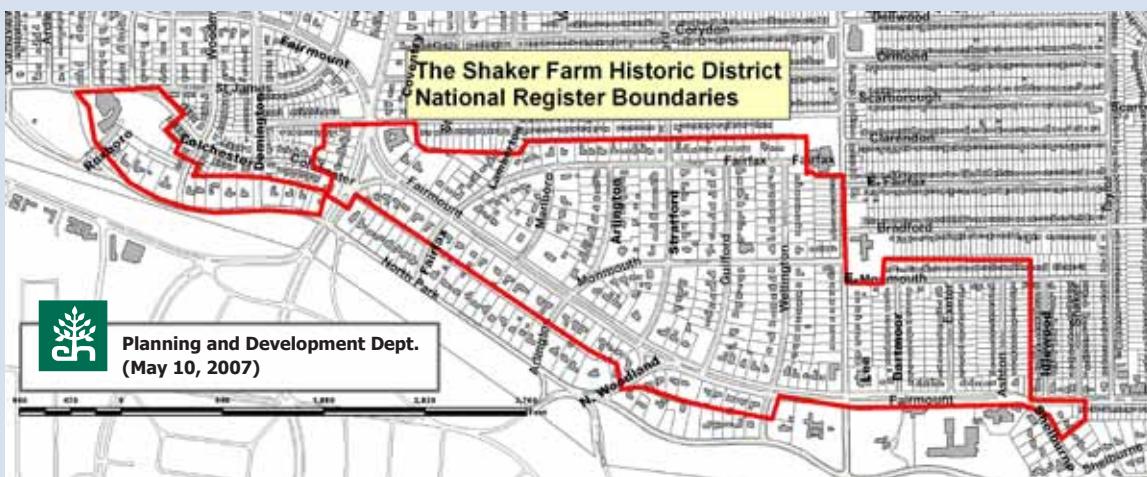
prevalent at that time, favoring winding streets over more traditionally designed gridded streets and targeted the Cleveland elite's desire to get away from the industrialized city center. The area was very rural and real estate advertising promoted "the benefits and delights of living in the country," including "fresh air, pure water and spacious surroundings" and "the fragrance of nature's wild flowers."

All the homes in the district are designed for single-family occupancy and many were constructed with space for live-in servants, including the upper story of carriage houses, rooms above attached garages, servants' wings, and rooms on third floors.

High quality materials were used, with many homes constructed of brick, stone and stucco and others using clapboard and wood shingles. Unlike many developments of this time, a high percentage of the homes were architect designed, with attention to style, detail and amenities. The District's houses reflect the eclecticism prevalent in early twentieth-century domestic architecture. Domi-

nant architectural styles are the Colonial Revival, Medieval Revival and Picturesque, though as was common, many are eclectic blends of popular styles.

Like districts before it, National Register listing acknowledges the architectural, historic and planning importance of yet another Cleveland Heights neighborhood. National Register listing is a time-consuming process, often undertaken by consultants. In Cleveland Heights, we've been lucky enough to have many active and dedicated residents complete nominations with assistance from the City's Historic Preservation Planner. Cleveland Heights resident Mary Dunbar spent the last two years researching her neighborhood and completing a detailed nomination form in order to get yet another Cleveland Heights neighborhood the recognition it deserves. With 10 National Register Historic District listings, Cleveland Heights becomes one of only a handful of communities in the state with so many historic neighborhoods recognized.



# Our Schools

## news from the ch-uh heights district

### Pathways of Choice

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District has so much to offer this community and its children. Our schools continue to improve and provide the children of our community with the education that families expect and deserve. The District is in the midst of instituting a K-12 Pathways program that will give parents and students clear choices and options for educational styles and themes that will better match student interests and plans for the future.

#### The Pathways are: **Discovery, Creativity, Society.**

Over the course of this school year, each building principal will establish and work with design teams that include teachers, parents, and students to develop each school's pathway that best fits the culture and needs of its students.

AVID elective sections are being added at each middle school and a sixth grade organizational skills curriculum to help

students better prepare for high school and college. All core subjects - math, science, social studies and language arts - are being updated and brought in line with the Common Core requirements across Ohio.

The District received a federal Race to the Top Innovation grant of \$750,000 to help implement the Discovery Pathway program. It also has received a foreign language grant of \$450,000 to support the Society Pathway.

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District is committed to reaching its vision of **P.A.S.S.A.G.E.** (Preparing All Students for Success in A Global Economy), and creating the most rewarding and fulfilling PATHWAYS for our students to get there.

- Congratulations to our Graduates: 390 graduating seniors of Heights High accepted their diplomas at the State Theatre on June 6. Those going on to colleges and universities received scholarship offers of over \$7 million.



### Fall Calendar Events

There is a lot going on this fall in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools!

- October 21 – **Homecoming Parade** begins at 5:30 pm at Taylor and Washington and ends at the football stadium for the 7 pm Homecoming football game
- November 3-5 – **The Sound of Music**, Heights High, 7:30 pm
- November 6 – **The Sound of Music**, Heights High, 4:00 pm
- November 8 – **Election Day**, all schools are closed
- November 10 – **Kindergarten Open House** at all elementary schools, 6:15-7:45 pm
- November 10 – **Preschool Open House** at Gearity & Noble, 6:15-7:45 pm
- November 12 – **Instrumental Music Concert**, Heights High, 7:30 pm
- November 17 – **Middle Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences**, 3:00-9:00 pm
- November 21 – **Elementary Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences**, 3:00-9:00 pm
- November 22 – **High School Parent/Teacher Conferences**, 3-9 pm
- December 9 – **Vocal Music Concert**, Heights High, 7:30 pm
- December 16 – **Gospel Choir Concert**, Heights High, 7:30 pm
- December 26-January 6 – **Winter recess**

# AroundTown *continued*

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Heights High 2011 graduates **Carlin Jackson** and **Shannon Jeffries**, recipients of Blakeman Qua Student Aid Fund scholarships presented by the Shaker Heights Rotary Club. The Fund, established by the Qua Family, is dedicated to the memory of V. Blakeman Qua, a former president of the Shaker Heights Rotary Club.



- All CH-UH teachers and 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are now equipped with district-issued individualized technology to enhance learning.

Heights residents voted for their favorite Heights businesses in 22 categories. To be part of the excitement, the public is invited to attend the Best of the Heights awards ceremony, Tuesday, October 4 at Rockefeller's restaurant. Call **216-320-1423** or visit [www.futureheights.org](http://www.futureheights.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## Candidates Night

FutureHeights and the League of Women Voters, Cuyahoga Area, will host a forum on Thursday, October 6, to introduce the candidates for local elections who will be on the November 8 ballot. The forum, which will take place at the Cleveland Heights Community Center from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, will feature candidates for Cleveland Heights Council, University Heights Council, the CH-UH Board of Education and municipal judge.

The evening will follow the traditional League of Women Voters procedures for nonpartisan forums. Each candidate will give a brief statement, followed by a question and answer session with written questions from the audience. Questions are screened by a league committee for relevance and to avoid duplication. For more information, visit [www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org](http://www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org).

FutureHeights and the League of Women Voters will publish a voters guide in the October print issue of the Heights Observer and the online edition at [www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org).

Maps and information about your voting location, ward and precinct are available on [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us) or by calling **216-443-3298**. Voter registration deadline for the November 8 election is October 11.

## FutureHeights Online Auction

Hundreds of new products and services from local merchants will be featured in the FutureHeights online auction, which runs from October 14 through November 20.

"This annual fundraiser is a win-win for everyone," said Deanna Bremer Fisher, FutureHeights director. "Local business donors receive terrific online presence throughout the auction's run and a tax deduction; bidders can snag some wonderful bargains for themselves or gifts for the holidays, and FutureHeights receives much needed funds to continue its work."

For more information and to donate online, visit [www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights](http://www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights) or call **216-320-1423**.

## Volunteer Committee Sought

FutureHeights is planning to launch a new online forum in the fall and is seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to write the forum policies and establish terms of use. Those interested should contact Bob Rosenbaum, chair of the Heights Observer Editorial Committee, at [bob@therosenbaums.net](mailto:bob@therosenbaums.net).

# The Early Years

## Information for families with young children

### Preschool Open Gym at the Community Center

Preschool Open Gym, sponsored by Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation, has proven to be popular with families with young children. It takes place on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am beginning Tuesday, October 18 at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard (at Mayfield Road). The cost is \$5.00 for the family for one time or \$20.00 for a six-class pass.

#### Preschool Equipment Welcomed!

Do you have any preschool equipment you would like to recycle and donate? If so, consider donating it to the City for use at the Community Center. Contact Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372** or [dmarsky@clvhts.com](mailto:dmarsky@clvhts.com).

### CH-UH Department of Early Childhood

Registration for the CH-UH Schools' **Before/After School Program** is ongoing. The program description, fees and downloadable registration forms may be found on the district 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**.

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 website: [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org). Under the "Our School" tab, choose Early Childhood Department, then choose Gearity Preschool. In addition to the Gearity Preschool site, there is a new half-day program 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. For more information and/or to schedule a tour, please call the Early Childhood Office at **216-371-7356**.

Kindernet will offer **Kindergarten Open Houses** for prospective families in the CH-UH School District at each elementary building on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 pm and also on Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 9:30-11:15 am. The Gearity and Noble Preschool Programs will also be hosting community open houses on the same days and times. For more information or to be placed on the Kindernet mailing list, please call the Department of Early Childhood at **216-371-7356** or email [b\\_holbein@chuh.org](mailto:b_holbein@chuh.org).

### Family Connections

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio (formerly Heights Parent Center) invests in families to strengthen our community. Its **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 Connections' **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:** 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 (birth to age 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 5 for a fun, relaxing and resource-filled play session! Meet other families with children the same ages.
- **Shake Your Sillies Out:** Parents or caregivers with kids old enough to enjoy a semi-structured session of movement, dance and interactive play! Early Childhood Educator Rique Sollish will lead these sessions that encourage parents and kids to play and move to music and rhythm. Pack a lunch and stay and play for a while!

**Call the Family Connections Cleveland Heights office at 216-321-0079 or visit our website at [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org) for more information.**

# Home to the Arts



## City Music

City Music will be presenting concerts in Cleveland Heights at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Boulevard, during the 2011-2012 season:

- Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 pm – Conductor Ryan McAdams, Soloist Jan Vogler, cellist; Beethoven, *Overture: Leonore No. 3*; Ligetti, *Concert Romanesc*, and Dvorak, *Cello Concerto, No. 104*.
- Wednesday, December 7, 7:30 pm – Conductor Joel Smirnoff, Soloist Joan Kwoon; Corelli *Christmas Concerto* (Gross) Op.6, No. 8, Dvorak *Serenade for Strings*, Bernstein *Serenade*.

Visit [www.citymusiccleveland.org](http://www.citymusiccleveland.org) or call 216-321-8273 for a complete schedule.

## Dobama Announces New Season

Dobama Theatre, located at 2340 Lee Road, has announced the lineup for its 52<sup>nd</sup> season. Coming this fall are:

- **GRIZZLY MAMA**, now through October 2. Written by George Brant and directed by Laura Kepley, this world-premiere dark comedy concerns murder, motherhood and moose!
- **TIGERS BE STILL**, October 21 – November 13. Written by Kim Rosenstock and directed by Marc Moritz, this regional premiere is a quirky, endearing dark new comedy.
- **THE SEAFARER**, December 2-18. A Tony award winner, THE SEAFARER is a hilarious and chilling tale of the sea, Ireland and redemption. The play, a regional premiere, was written by Conor McPherson and is directed by Scott Miller.
- **Dobama Special Event: An Evening Celebrating the Naming of the Donald A. Bianchi Theatre**, Sunday, October 2, 6:30 pm. The evening includes a production of **VARICOSE VANITIES**, written by Don Bianchi and directed by Joyce Casey. For more information on the Dobama 2011-2012 season, visit [www.dobama.org](http://www.dobama.org).

## Ensemble Theatre's New Season

Ensemble Theatre announces its 2011-2012 Season at Coventry School, Washington and Euclid Heights boulevards. Their opening production, Clifford Odets' **WAITING FOR LEFTY**, directed by Ian Hinz, opens Friday, October 7 and runs through Sunday, October 31.

Ensemble's **STAGEWRIGHTS** Adult Writing Workshops meet on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning in October. For a complete schedule of times and registration information, visit [www.ensemble-theatre.org](http://www.ensemble-theatre.org).

Conor McPherson's **ST. NICHOLAS**, directed by Sarah May, opens Friday, November 18 and runs through Sunday, December 11. All performances are **Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm**. For tickets, subscriptions and reservation information, visit the website or call the Box Office at 216-321-2930.

## Heights Arts News

Heights Arts has expanded! Visit its new multi-purpose art space for exhibits, classes, concerts, and more at **2175 Lee Road**. For more information on the following, visit [www.heightsarts.org](http://www.heightsarts.org).

*Through October 22:*

### Found Contacts

Overlooked Selections from 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Photographic Studios, organized by Lisa Kurzner.

The contact sheet – now on the verge of extinction – captures the working life and thought processes of photographers by mapping out the sequence of shots on roll film – in the studio or on the street. Choice, timing and bracketing are terms identified with proof sheets that record the unfolding relationships between the photographer and his subject. The unedited visual manuscript, marginalia included, contains the diamonds as well as dross of

that unique experience – the shoot. This exhibition of contact sheets primarily represent anonymous photographers shooting anonymous subjects in portrait studios, on television and film sets, in private homes and suburban backyards.

*Friday, November 4-Friday, December 30: Annual Holiday Store*

Enrich your holiday giving with art by regional artists such as the scarves above! More than 85 artists are represented in Heights Arts popular Holiday Store.

## Heights Chamber Orchestra Concert

The Heights Chamber Orchestra will present a concert on Sunday, October 23, 7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road. Anthony Addison will conduct. The program includes Mozart: Overture to *Così fan tutte*; Haydn: *Symphony to No. 99 in E flat*, Hob 1:99; Larsson: *A Winter's Tale*; and Delibes: Ballet Music from *Sylvia*.

## Western Reserve Chorale Holiday Concert

The Western Reserve Chorale will present its annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 11, 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road. The program features Rutter's *Gloria* with brass and organ, and includes carols old and new. The concert is free; a reception follows the concert. Visit [www.westernreservechorale.org](http://www.westernreservechorale.org) or call 216-791-0061.



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