

Cleveland Heights Named
a Bronze Level Bicycle
Friendly Community
by the League
of American Bicyclists



Cleveland Heights has received a Bronze award by the League of American Bicyclists in the latest round of Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) awards.

"Cleveland Heights is playing a critical part in creating a truly Bicycle Friendly America," said Andy Clarke, President of the League of American Bicyclists. "We know Cleveland Heights' investment in bicycling will be returned many times over in the health, environmental, and quality of life benefits of a thriving community."

The BFC program is transforming the way communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability and transportation networks, while allowing them to benchmark their progress toward improving their bicycle friendliness. With this impressive round, there are now 291 BFCs in 48 states across America. The Bronze level BFC award recognizes Cleveland Heights' commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

Mayor Edward Kelley stated, "Our community has always been committed to health and fitness and protecting our environment. In 2010, we received a BFC honorable mention. This encouraged us to move forward with collaboration between the City, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District and the Heights Bicycle Coalition to improve our town as more bicycle friendly. Councilwoman Mary Dunbar led the effort and the dedication of all involved brought us to the Bronze designation." Kelley continued, "Our commitment is ongoing. Before the end of this year, Cleveland Heights will have a Transportation Advisory Committee comprised of citizens and staff who will advise on transportation alternatives. In addition, we are completing School Travel Plans for representative schools so that we can pursue Safe Routes to School initiatives. This will encourage our young people to learn the health and environmental benefits of walking or biking to school."

The BFC program provides a roadmap to building a Bicycle Friendly Community and the application has become a rigorous and an educational tool in itself. Since its inception, more than 500 distinct communities have applied and the five levels of the award - diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze - provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve.

Shop Locally This Holiday Season

Cleveland Heights is fortunate to have a number of local independent businesses, stores and restaurants. This holiday season - and throughout the year - think and shop locally! Money spent at our local businesses is reinvested in our community and helps our city to maintain its unique appeal. Visit the shops in our commercial districts and you'll be sure to find just what you're looking for!

Heights Arts Gallery Holiday Store

While you are shopping locally this month, be sure to stop at the Heights Arts Holiday Store, now through December 29. The shop features the distinctive work of over 70 Heights-area artists. Head over to 2175 Lee Road and find the perfect gift!

"Best of the Heights" Awards

Congratulations to the following businesses who were the winners of FutureHeights' Best of the Heights Awards survey, and thank you to those who voted for the **Cleveland Heights Community Center** as the Best Place for Health and chose Cain Park has the Best Heights Park!

Best New Business - **Piccadilly Artisan Yogurt**
Best Minority-Owned Business - **Anatolia Cafe**
Best Hairstylist - **Ryan Simons, Abstract A Hair Salon**
Best Place for Sweet Treats - **Luna Bakery Cafe**
Best Live Entertainment/Music Venue - **Nighttown**
Best Bar, Pub or Tavern - **Brennan's Colony**
Best Healthy Eats - **The Stone Oven**
Best Place for Fashion - **Revive Fair Trade**
Best Barber - **Alex Quintana, Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa**
Best Home-Based Business - **Hummingbird Bake Shop**
Best Automotive Business - **Bryan's Marathon**
Best Storefront Signage - **Big Fun**
Best Place to Pick Up the Heights Observer - **Phoenix Coffee**
Best Carry-Out Only - **On the Rise**
Best Place to Buy a Gift - **Ten Thousand Villages**
Best Place to Take the Family - **Tommy's**
Best Patio - **Nighttown**
Best Community Volunteer - **Alex Quintana**
Best Cleveland Heights Business - **Ten Thousand Villages**
Continuous Excellence Award -
Jazzercise, Washington & Lee Service

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- **Cain Park gift certificates** make great holiday gifts. Buy them online (www.cainpark.com - click on "buy gift certificates"), by phone (216-291-5792) or stop by the Community Relations Office on the upper level of City Hall (weekdays, 9:00 am-5:00 pm).
 - Adding a **Cain Park mug** (\$10 including tax) to your gift certificate will make your gift unique and warmly welcomed.
 - **Cleveland Heights t-shirts** (\$7.00) make an ideal gift for an away-from-home college student or holiday visitor.
 - **Cleveland Heights mugs**, (\$5.00) have been best sellers. The mugs and t-shirts are available at the cashier's window at Cleveland Heights City Hall.

Connect with Cleveland Heights on:



Bicycle Friendly
Community

Recycling
Made Easier

Shop Locally

Holiday
Collection
Schedule





Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day
City Hall and the Community Center Closed

Wednesday, January 1

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Monday, January 20

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

Monday, February 17

Presidents Day
City Hall and the Community Center Closed

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 6 and January 21. February's Council meetings are on February 3 and February 18.

Important Fire Department Reminder

Carbon Monoxide (CO), a colorless, tasteless and odorless gas, kills hundreds of people in the United States each year. Most of these fatalities are readily preventable. Carbon monoxide is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuel-burning appliances – often poorly maintained appliances. In and around your home, the most frequent contributors of CO include furnaces, hot water tanks, gas ovens and fireplaces. Vehicles left idling in garages or next to a building frequently cause high indoor CO levels. Carbon monoxide detectors can warn of the presence of CO, but they are not a substitute for properly operating fuel-burning appliances. Regularly scheduled maintenance of your fuel-burning appliances is your best protection against the very real dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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

All residents are encouraged to attend the 16th annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which will take place **Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road**. The event will feature music and student winners from our MLK art, essay and poetry contests.

This year's question is: *"If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were still with us, what advice would he have for you and how would you follow it?"* The deadline to have your child enter is Wednesday, January 8, 2014. For more information, call Community Relations, 216-291-2323.

Community Improvement Awards

The 38th annual Community Improvement Awards (CIA), a proud Cleveland Heights tradition, was held October 3 and honored 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, and on the City's Facebook page.

Congratulations to these Community Improvement Award winners:

Dewey's Pizza
2194 Lee Road

The Fairmount Martini & Wine Bar
2448 Fairmount Boulevard

Lakewood College
2231 North Taylor Road

Taylor Road Discount
2176 South Taylor Road

Kudos 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!

WORK OUT ... at the Fitness Center

The time for New Year's resolutions is upon us! For those who resolve that 2014 will be the year to improve their health, exercise to get or stay fit, we've got a work out center perfect for you! If you live in Cleveland Heights, University Heights or in the CH-UH School District, work in Cleveland Heights (bring a recent pay stub) or have children in the Community Center programs, join the Cleveland Heights Fitness Center.

The Fitness Center is fully equipped:

- New free weight room
- Full line of Nautilus equipment
- Woodway treadmills
- Precor cardio, including ellipticals, upright and recumbent bikes, Nustep, octane recumbent elliptical
- Concept II rowing machine
- Four-lane track
- Gymnasium (two high school-sized gyms)

It's Affordable!

Cleveland Heights residents must first purchase a \$5.00 Recreation ID card; they then have the following three options:

- 1) pay \$6.00 per day to use the Fitness Center;

Fitness Center Pass	30-Day Pass		Annual Pass	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Youth K-age 11	\$ 10	\$ 15*	\$ 84	\$126*
Youth age 12-H.S. or equiv.	\$ 18	\$ 27*	\$110	\$165*
Young adult ages 18-24	\$ 25	\$ 36	\$165	\$248
Adult ages 25-59	\$ 30	\$ 43	\$192	\$288
Senior adult 60 and up	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 99	\$149
Family	\$ 50	\$ 71	\$312	\$468

*In this category, non-resident refers to youth living in the CH-UH School District.

Bring a guest! Fitness Center pass holders may bring a non-resident guest (maximum of two) at a cost of \$8.00 per guest. Community Center Passes (Ice and Fitness Center combined) are also available. For information, call the Community Center at 216-691-7373.



Members of City Council with Tanya and Isaac Huggins of Lakewood College along with their faculty and staff.



Easier than ever to recycle – all in one blue bag!

Recycling in Cleveland Heights has never been easier! All recyclables may now be commingled, which means that **glass, metal, plastics and PAPER** may now be recycled in the **same blue recycling bag**!

The City accepts the following for recycling:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Food and beverage cans
- Metal lids
- Aerosol cans
- Clean aluminum foil or pie pans
- Plastic bottles and containers #1-#7
- Paper products: newspaper; catalogs, magazines, glossy ad inserts; office, computer, school paper; phone books; books; corrugated cardboard; box board (cereal boxes, etc.); gift, shoe and toy boxes; greeting cards, giftwrap (no foil); corrugated cardboard

If you wish, you may still recycle paper and cardboard products by placing the items in a paper bag, a corrugated box or by bundling them with twine.

Place your recyclables on your tree lawn a few feet away from your refuse. Be sure to have them out before 7:00 am on your collection day, but not before 7:00 pm the evening before. Visit www.clevelandheights.com for more information on recycling.

Leaf Collection

Loose leaf collection was conducted from October 28 to November 29. 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 Disposal

Live Christmas trees will be collected **December 26 through January 31**. The Christmas tree recycling program offers residents an easy and environmentally sensitive way to dispose of their live trees. All trees are chipped; so, to avoid damage to our equipment, please remove **all decorations, wire, nails, stands and bags 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. Please note that collection could be delayed due to winter weather. Snow and ice operations have priority over tree collection.

Storm Water Management System

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/stormwater for the 2013 update.

