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Dates to Remember

Saturday, March 24	Community Home Remodeling Fair, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle
Monday, March 26	Public Hearing, Sustainable Zoning Code Amendments* 7:00 pm, Cleveland Heights Community Center 1 Monticello Boulevard
Saturday, March 31	Spring Egg Hunt, 11:00 am, Forest Hill Park Meadow
Wednesday, April 11	Planning Commission, Discussion of Sustainable Zoning Code Amendments,* 7:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 18	Earth Day Run/Walk, 6:45 pm, Forest Hill Park
Monday, May 7	American Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 pm Cleveland Heights Community Center South Atrium
Wednesday, May 9	Recycling Fair, 7:00 pm, Cleveland Heights Community Center
Wednesday, May 23	Safety Town registration, 6:00-8:00 pm, Cleveland Heights City Hall (Lower Level)
Saturday, May 26	Cain Park Ticket Office opens for Cleveland Heights residents only, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day, City Hall and the Community Center closed Memorial Day Ceremony, 10:30 am, Veterans Memorial, Cumberland Park
Saturday, June 2	Cain Park Ticket Office opens to the public, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

* The proposed amendments to the Zoning Code may be seen on the City's website, www.clevelandheights.com

This edition of FOCUS is filled with the photos of hundreds of our residents being honored for their achievements. People – that's what Cleveland Heights is all about!

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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.



We Are Proud

For our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. contests, we asked the question, *"How are you living Dr. King's dream today and what is your dream for the future?"* and hundreds of Cleveland Heights-University Heights students answered with well-written, intelligent essays; thoughtful, inspiring poems and creative and colorful posters. We are very proud of our winners and were extremely impressed with all of the entries. We also thank the CH-UH principals and teachers, who took time to include this project, and the parents for encouraging their children. Our winners are:

Essays: Devon Bolton-Rankin, Canterbury School, Grade 5; Jules Borders, Gearly Professional Development School, Grade 4; Naomi Sianna Hardin, Roxboro Elementary School, Grade 4; Audrey Huang, Canterbury School, Grade 4; Sunita Lochan, Oxford School, Grade 5; Madisyn Moore, Roxboro Elementary School, Grade 4; Erik Nilsson, Noble School, Grade 3; Rhyon Qawwee-Husain, Oxford School, Grade 5; Alexis Ausler, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 8; Moonisa Halim, Cleveland Heights High School, Grade 10; Maxwell Janssen, Cleveland Heights High School, Grade 10; and Charlotte Vail, Cleveland Heights High School, Grade 10.

Poetry: Max Young, Canterbury School, Grade 2; Ashonti Austin, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 6; Olivia Brown, Monticello Middle School, Grade 8; Ashley Cannon, Monticello Middle School, Grade 8; Nyah Hughes, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 6; Naomi Marsh, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 8; and Isabel McGaugh, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 8.

Posters: Jalen Boyd, Gearly Professional Development School, Grade 4; Sydney Cook, Roxboro Middle School, Grade 8; Jadrian Gantt, Gearly Professional Development School, Grade 4; Edward Hurt, Canterbury School, Grade 5; Andrew Moore, Gearly Professional Development School, Grade 4; Noah Werman, Canterbury School, Grade 1; and Beatrice Woodside, Roxboro Elementary School, Grade 5.

These Monticello 8th graders learned what they could accomplish by working together on group projects: Chrison Daniels, Joseph Petties, Sonotda Terry, Terri Williamson, Ishaun Flowers, Brandon Haynes, Zachariah Sauer-Kwarciany, Olivia Brown, Dondre Gibson, Kayla Griffin, Kyree Hunt, Jayla Jacobs, Joshua Stewart-Brissett and Alphonzo Terry.

A Special Council Award was presented to these Canterbury School second graders for their clever group art project: Ryan Coleman, William Harris, Ki'Ara Jenkins, Jaylen Coleman, Heaven Goodman, Sydney Tyree, Eli Rock, Lorenzo Russell, Ariya Tate, Javante James, Cameron Bonner, Richard Buchanan, Queen Campbell, Devin Powell, Mykia Williford and Sharmarie Jones.



Council Members Take Oath of Office

On January 3, 2012, Mary Dunbar, Phyllis L. Evans, Jason S. Stein and Dennis R. Wilcox were sworn in as Members of Cleveland Heights City Council. Phyllis Evans, with her husband, Greg, and daughter, Erica, at her side, was sworn in by former Councilman Ken Montlack, who retired from Council at the end of 2011. Mary Dunbar, with her husband, Rob, and surrounded by friends and supporters, was administered the oath of office for her first term by Bonnie Baker. Jason Stein, with his wife, Shimona, and sons, Eli, Moshe, Avi, Ahron and Yaakov, and his cousin, Shaul Wylon, was sworn in by David Lipins. Judge Nancy Fuerst administered the oath of office to Dennis Wilcox as his wife, Shelley, stood at his side.

Also on January 3, Council voted to have Edward J. Kelley continue to serve as President of Council and Mayor. Judge Anthony Russo administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kelley, who had his wife, Mary Beth, three of their children, Eddie, Ryan and Sean; and his mother, Pat Kelley, at his side.

Dennis Wilcox was chosen by Council to be Vice Mayor and Vice President of Council. Once again, next to his wife, Shelley, he was sworn into office by Judge Nancy Fuerst.



● Councilwoman Phyllis Evans (third from left) with family and friends

A complete transcript of this and all Council meetings may be found on the City's website, www.clevelandheights.com. In addition, City Council meetings, normally held the first and third Mondays of each month, are broadcast in their entirety, gavel-to-gavel, every day at the following times: 2:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The exception is Monday, when there is no 9:00 pm broadcast.

Council Committees for 2012-13

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mary Dunbar, Chair
Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Chair
Bonita W. Caplan, Member

Administrative Code, Affirmative Action & Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, Board & Commission Appointments, Charter Review, Salaries & Benefits

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Phyllis L. Evans, Chair
Bonita W. Caplan, Vice Chair
Jason S. Stein, Member

Community Relations, Heights Community Congress, Housing Programs, Office on Aging, Public Relations, Recreation Programs, School Relationships

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cheryl L. Stephens, Chair
Dennis R. Wilcox, Vice Chair
Mary Dunbar, Member

Appropriations, Assessment Programs, Bond Issues, Budget, Contractual Service Agreements, Levies, Municipal Court Budget Review, Notes, Off-Street Parking Rates & Regulations

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bonita W. Caplan, Chair
Jason S. Stein, Vice Chair
Phyllis L. Evans, Member

Equipment & Capital Improvements, Forestry, Public Properties, Refuse & Leaf Collection, Solid Waste Disposal, Streets, Utilities (Sewers, Lighting, Water, Cable Television)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dennis R. Wilcox, Chair
Phyllis L. Evans, Vice Chair
Cheryl L. Stephens, Member

Commercial On-Street Parking Program, Community Development Block Grant (CAC), Economic Development, Off-Street Parking Program, Physical Planning, Public Construction, Zoning Code

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Jason S. Stein, Chair
Mary Dunbar, Vice Chair
Dennis R. Wilcox, Member

Animal Control, Building & Commercial Code, Health Services, Housing Code Enforcement, Housing Inspections, Police & Fire Protection, Residential On-Street Parking, Safety Education, Signs & Signals, Traffic & Transportation



Community Improvement Winners

Congratulations to the homeowners who were awarded for the effort they put into their Cleveland Heights properties. The 36th Annual Community Improvement Awards (CIA), sponsored by the City of Cleveland Heights, were held in October 2011. The program recognizes individual and collective efforts to improve the city's physical environment and preserve its excellence.

CIA Residential Winners

Clewell Residence
East Overlook Road

Conkey Residence
Coleridge Road

Corpora / Luckett Residence
Euclid Heights Boulevard

Crowley Residence
Coventry Road

Hatters / Friedman Residence
Scarborough Road

Garlock Residence
Yorkshire Road

Garrett Residence
Yellowstone Road

Glaros Residence
Woodridge Road

Grochau / Lambert Residence
Montevista Road

Heineman Residence
Kenilworth Road

Hulett Residence
Randolph Road

Jacobson Residence
Arlington Road

Krouse / Hostetter Residence
Lincoln Boulevard

Lukowsky Residence
Lincoln Boulevard

Lynn Residence
Stillman Road

O'Keefe / Levinson Residence
Somerton Road

Soileau Residence
Berkshire Road

Special Winners

Historic Preservation Awards went to the Hayek Residence, Fairmount Boulevard, and the Compton / Kalafatis Residence, Oakridge Drive. These awards are given by the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission to recognize properties that have been restored, rehabilitated or adaptively reused. In addition, a Sustainability Award was given to resident Elsa Johnson for her wildflower plantings in Forest Hill Park.



● Tender Loving Care winners with Council



● Historic Preservation winners with Council



● Sustainability Award winner with Council

Tender Loving Care Awards

Tender Loving Care Awards were given to properties that are meticulously maintained year after year or that have been extensively re-landscaped. The awards went to:

Bergman Residence
Berkeley Road

Colston Residence
Northampton Road

Graves Residence
Brunswick Road

Heffernan Residence
Oakridge Drive

Jackson Residence
East Derbyshire Road

Laney Residence
Berkeley Road

Madison Residence
Corydon Road

Morgan Residence
Whitby Road

Soltis Residence
Berkshire Road

Tishkoff Residence
Brewster Road

Trethewey / Cari Residence
Lynn Park Drive

Trent Residence
Rumson Road

Williams Residence
Whitby Road

City News



Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 28, 2012 - 10:30 am

The annual Cleveland Heights Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the Veterans Memorial in Cumberland Park (on Mayfield Road, across from the Community Center). As always, veterans are our special guests and will be recognized. Veterans groups, street clubs, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, youth sports teams and other community organizations are encouraged to take part. Call 216-291-2323 for more information.



City Income Tax Now Collected by Regional Income Tax Agency

By now, all residents and businesses should have received 2011 tax forms from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). If you need additional forms, they may be picked up at City Hall and the libraries, or you may call RITA's Customer Service Department at 1-800-860-7482. Forms are also available at RITA's website, www.ritaohio.com, where taxpayers can register, make a payment, or file and pay their taxes.

Community Shredding Day

Saturday, May 19, 2012

9:00 am-12:00 noon

Cleveland Heights City Hall Parking Lot
(40 Severance Circle)

Don't risk throwing it all away! Bring your old financial statements, receipts, invoices or other personal unwanted documents to be shredded onsite. Limit of 10 boxes per person, please. Questions? Call Community Relations, 216-291-2323.

Fire Department News

Hydrant Flushing

The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the community beginning **Tuesday, April 10, 2012**. This activity, which is necessary to maintain our vital fire protection system, will last through April and into May, and take place Tuesday-Friday throughout the day. Signs will be posted on the hydrants in

the areas that are being flushed. Residents in the posted areas are encouraged to check their water daily for rust before drinking or washing clothes. If rust does get into a wash load, rust remover is available at the Water Department in City Hall or at Fire Station #1, 3445 Mayfield Road.

Free Smoke Detectors are available to Cleveland Heights homeowners (owner-occupants only) 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 to see if you qualify.

Change Your Batteries?

Smoke detectors can save your life, but a detector cannot do its work without a fresh battery. When we changed to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 11, did you change the batteries in your smoke detectors? If not, do so now!

Spring Reminders

Leaf Collection

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

Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday, May 28 is Memorial Day. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day that week for those whose normal collection day is Monday through Thursday. Friday's route will be collected on the normal day, Friday, June 1. There will be no Saturday collection.

Please continue to recycle!

As always, we thank you for recycling. But we challenge you to see if you can do more! Throughout the week, place all appropriate **paper material** - junk mail, magazines, newspapers, telephone books, school papers, computer paper,

paperback and hardback books, catalogs and boxboard material (cereal or macaroni and cheese boxes, paper tubes, etc.) - in a designated spot in your home. If you are tempted to throw something in the garbage, take a second look to see if it could be recycled.

Remember to **recycle glass, metal and plastics!** Place the items together in a see-through blue bag and place all your recyclables on your tree lawn by 7:00 am on your collection day. For more information on recycling, check our website, www.clevelandheights.com. For a recycling guide refrigerator magnet, call Community Relations at 216-291-2323.

Recycling Fair!!!

The City of Cleveland Heights has one of the top recycling programs in the county. Let's try to make it even better! On **Wednesday, May 9** at the Community Center, a recycling information night will be held from 7:00-9:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about the City's recycling efforts and also a chance to brainstorm ideas about increased recycling efforts. Any Scout troops that would like to attend either to earn a badge or to offer input are welcome. For more information, call 216-291-2323.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Update

The City of Cleveland Heights received \$2.3 million in federal funds to address housing issues using the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in our city. Per the federal guidelines, the NSP 1 funds could only be used in four (low - mod) priority areas and a percentage had to be used for renovation and for demolition. Homes considered for the program had to be vacant and foreclosed.

- The City has renovated 12 homes; of these, eight have already sold and two have deals pending. Buyers must be owner-occupants and also be income-eligible.

- Funds have also been used for demolition and to date, 24 homes have been demolished after an inspection determined that renovation costs would be prohibitive. Habitat for Humanity is notified prior to demolition. Proceeds from the sale of the houses are put back into the program.

Call our Relocation Services Office at 216-291-5813 to inquire about buying an NSP house.

Streets to be Repaved/Surface Treated

The following is a tentative list of streets to be repaved or surface treated in 2012.

• Streets to be repaved are:

Arlington Road (North Park to Fairmount)
Cleveland Heights Boulevard (Kirkwood to Glenwood)
Fairfax Road (North Park to Fairmount)
Forest Hills Boulevard (Hollister to City Line)
Lee Road (Mayfield to Monticello)
Mt. Vernon Boulevard (Monticello to Forest Hills)
Revere Road (Blanche to Grosvenor)
Stuart Road (Carver to Taylor)
S. Taylor Road (E. Scarborough to Fairmount)

The rehabilitation of Taylor Road from Euclid Heights Boulevard north to the City limit began March 12.

• Streets to be surface treated are:

Antisdale Road (Taylor to Staunton)
Arlington Road (Monmouth to Fairmount)
Bellfield Road (Cedar to North Park)
Clarendon Road (Lee to Taylor)
Cummings Road
Delaware Drive (Cedar to North Park)
Devonshire Road (Denton to Chestnut Hills)
Edison Road (Taylor to Woodridge)
E. Scarborough Road (Lee to Taylor)
Glenwood Road (Yellowstone to Cleveland Heights)
Hampstead Road (Superior to Cedar)
Inglewood Drive (Oakridge to Mayfield)
Ivydale Road (Euclid Heights to Mayfield)
Maplewood Road (Cedar to Kensington)
Nordway Road (Silsby to City Line)
Northampton Road (Quilliams to Cambridge)
Princeton Road
Redwood Road (Lee to Superior)
Roanoke Road
Rydalmount Road (Mayfield to Euclid Heights)
Shannon Road (Taylor to Andrews)
Sycamore Road (Ivydale to Lee)
Whitethorn Road (Ivydale to Lee)

• Community Development Block Grant Projects:

Berkeley Road (Taylor to DeSota)
Compton Road (Euclid Heights to Berkeley)
Middleton Road (Mayfield to Wilmar Ct.)
Minor Park Road (Hyde Park to Berkeley)
Randolph Road (Quilliams to Woodview)
S. Noble Road (Mayfield to Wilmar Ct.)
Wilmar Road (Mayfield to Wilmar Ct.)



SUSTAINABLE HEIGHTS NETWORK NEWS

Network promotes new community gardens

Informational meetings were held recently in connection with the Sustainable Heights Network's initiative to promote community gardening in the Heights. The meetings served to build the network, share resources and support both new and existing community gardening efforts. The goal of the Community Garden Network project is to help locate sites that could be used for community gardens, to provide a mechanism for people interested in community gardening to connect with each other, and to gain access to resources that support new community gardens. For more information visit www.sustainableheightsnetwork.net or email sustainablehts@gmail.com.

DOAN BROOK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Annual stream clean-up to be held Earth Day 2012

Community members are invited to celebrate Earth Day and make a difference by volunteering for the annual Doan Brook Spring Stream Sweep on Sunday, April 22, 1:00-4:00 pm. Volunteer as an individual or a group to clear a winter's worth of trash and debris from the stream corridor, ranging from the lower reach of the Brook in University Circle to the Shaker Parklands in the Heights.

Volunteers may choose to meet at the Rockefeller Park Lagoon Gazebo in University Circle by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and East 105th Street, or the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard. Registration is ongoing, with gloves and trash bags to be provided, as well as refreshments.

The Doan Brook Spring Stream Sweep is hosted by the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership; all ages are welcome to participate in community clean-ups. For more information and to register, call **216-321-5935, ext. 234** or email Mary Ryan at ryan@shakerlakes.org.

Commerce

Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce

Breakfast Series offers helpful topics

The Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce (HRCC) has a great spring schedule underway for its *Business Breakfast Series*. The Series runs from 8:00-9:30 am at 700 BETA, Mayfield Village. Members pay \$10; guests \$20.

April 19:

Building Alliances Between Business, Government & Non-Profits

Speaker: Paul Alsenas, Director, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

May 24:

Engaging Your Customers: How to Leave Your Competition Behind in the Dust

Speaker: Kordell Norton, Business Growth Expert

June 28:

Cleveland's Fast-growing Film Industry

Speaker: Lisa Mullin

Business Expo 2012

HRCC's annual Business Expo will take place on Wednesday, May 2, 3:00-7:00 pm at 700 BETA. Admission is FREE with a business card. Don't miss this exciting business event! For more information about HRCC's programs and events, visit www.hrcc.org.

News from the Top of the Hill

Cedar Fairmount looks ahead to Summer Festival

Mark Sunday, August 12 on your calendar for the 2012 Discover Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival and Arts & Craft Show. This popular summer event will take place from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Cedar Fairmount is taking applications for arts and craft people, vendors and entertainers. Download an application at www.cedarfairmount.org or call 216-791-3172.

Cedar Fairmount

Board of Trustees elects officers

The new officers for 2012 for the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District are: Sal Russo, Sr., President; Pete Axelrod, Vice President; Lee Cavender, Secretary; and Brendan Ring, Treasurer. Other Trustees are:

Reginald Polk, Sam Spain, Kim Lisboa, and from the City of Cleveland Heights: City Manager Bob Downey, Community Relations liaison Julie Aalandt, and Councilwoman Mary Dunbar. The calendar for meetings and events in 2012 is available at www.cedarfairmount.org.

Vacancies at Cedar Fairmount

Cedar Fairmount has two storefront vacancies. The spaces formerly occupied by La Gelateria and Roth Cedar Hill Pharmacy are vacant and available for rent. Limited office space is also available. For more information, call 216-791-3172.

Coventry Happenings

Tommy's turns 40!

Congratulations to Tom Fello on his 40 years of excellence! As the long-time owner of Tommy's Restaurant and a leader in the Coventry commercial district, his influence has benefitted our entire community. As a person, Fello has given so much – enthusiastic support to our non-profit organizations, a willingness to problem-solve both big and small issues, as a mentor to young people looking for their first job, a wise counsel to other merchants and a loyal supporter of our Cleveland Heights community. Happy 40th anniversary to Tom Fello and all those involved with our beloved Tommy's Restaurant! Their customers are counting on at least another 40 years!

Noble Monticello News

KooKoo's Café offers fun, family food

Where can you go for delicious subs, hot dogs, hamburgers and more? KooKoo's! This new café, owned by Dana Clark and located at 2579 Noble Road, also has great desserts, like homemade strawberry shortcake, cupcakes and everyone's favorite, ice cream! Stop by Monday-Friday, 11:00 am-7:00 pm, and Saturdays, 10:00 am-7:00 pm.

Cedar Lee Spotlight

The Wine Spot is the spot to be

Residents were sad when Seitz-Agin Hardware closed after many years of serving the community, but still have a reason to visit 2271 Lee Road. It's now the location of The Wine Spot, a retail store offering a large variety of wine and craft beers. Cleveland Heights residents Adam and Susan Fleischer opened The Wine Spot a few months ago and plan to offer tastings and private events. The store is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 am-6:00 pm, and Thursday-Saturday, 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Check out their website at www.thewinespotonline.com.

Parnell's celebrates 15 years

The Charles Stewart Parnell Pub opened its doors at 2167 Lee Road on February 1, 1997 and has been pouring a good time ever since. Congratulations to owner Declan Synott on the success of Parnell's, and here's to many more years on Lee Road!



● The Wine Spot

photo: B. Byrne



● Happy 40th Birthday Tommy's

Around Town

FutureHeights News

Community-building events to be held

The keynote speaker at the **FutureHeights 2012 annual meeting** will be Harvey Garrett, executive director of the West Side Community Collaborative in Buffalo, New York. His presentation, "Reversing Disinvestment in Our Community," will detail how his organization leveraged vacant housing stock (much of it slated for demolition) and creative residents to turn one of Buffalo's most distressed neighborhoods into its fastest growing real estate market. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at a location to be determined.

FutureHeights will hold a Neighborhood Leadership Training with Chris McKee of the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative. It will take place April 28 at Forest Hill Church Presbyterian. Leaders of block clubs and neighborhood organizations are invited to attend.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, contact FutureHeights at **216-320-1423** or visit www.futureheights.org.

Vote for Best of the Heights

Citizens may vote for their favorite Heights businesses in FutureHeights' annual Best of the Heights awards program. The 2012 survey begins May 1 and runs through August 31. Ballots are available on the back page of the May through August issues of the *Heights Observer*, at Heights independent businesses and at www.futureheights.org. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in the fall. For more information, call **216-320-1423** or visit www.futureheights.org.



Ticket Office Opens May 26 for Residents Only!

A special block of seats to all events will be available for purchase at Cain Park — in person by Cleveland Heights residents only—on Saturday, May 26 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with a photo ID (e.g. driver's license) plus two proofs of current residency (e.g. utility bills) or a current Cleveland Heights Recreation ID. No phone or fax orders will be accepted.

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

The Cain Park Ticket Office will open to the general public one week later on June 2 (in person, by phone, mail or fax). The special Cleveland Heights seats cannot be purchased through Ticketmaster and are only available at Cain Park on May 26.

Discounted Avenue Q Opening Weekend Tickets

(\$15 for Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16 evening performances) WILL BE SOLD ONLY to Cleveland Heights residents ON MAY 26. When the Ticket Office opens June 2, Avenue Q tickets will be \$24/22 advance, \$26/24 day of show for all evening performances. Discounts will still apply to these full-price tickets (student, senior, Patron Series, military, WKSU member). Tickets for the June 14 Preview & Sunday matinees remain at \$15; no additional discounts will be applied to preview and matinee tickets.



June 14 (preview) - July 1, Alma
Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, AVENUE Q has been described as "Sesame Street" with adult themes, humor and song. Humans and puppets interact in this tale of twenty-somethings learning how to live and love in New York City. It's a coming-of-age parable that addresses and satirizes the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood and features such songs as "What Do You Do with a

B.A. in English?," "It Sucks to Be Me," and "I Wish I Could Go Back to College." www.avenueq.com Please note: AVENUE Q is great for teenagers because it's about real life. It may not be appropriate for young children. Parents are strongly advised to use their discretion based on the maturity level of their children.

● All events subject to change. More acts to come.

www.cainpark.com



JAKE SHIMABUKURO

Sat, June 16 at 8:00 pm, Evans
<http://jakeshimabukuro.com>

NEWFOUND ROAD & MOUNTAIN HEART

Sat, June 23 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.newfoundroad.com
www.mountainheart.com

TOWER OF POWER & AVERAGE WHITE BAND

Thu, June 28 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.towerofpower.com
www.averagewhiteband.com

CIRCO COMEDIA

Sat, June 30 at 7:00 pm, Evans
www.circocomedia.com

CAIN PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

July 13-15, Fri 3-8:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-8:00 pm,
Sun 12:00-5:00 pm

\$2 Tuesdays—HOTEL CALIFORNIA

Tue, July 17 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.hotelcal.com

Other \$2 Tuesdays: June 19, 26, July 31, Aug 14

THE MUSICAL THEATER PROJECT CABARET

"Families Love Musicals"
Thu, July 19 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.musicaltheaterproject.org

AMERICA

Thu, July 19 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.venturahighway.com

\$5 Fridays—JONATHAN KINGHAM

with special guest Ryan Shea Smith
Fri, July 20 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.jonathankingham.com
www.ryansheasmith.com

Other \$5 Fridays: July 27, Aug 10

Full Folk Saturdays—WILD CARROT

Sat, July 21 at 7:00 pm, Alma

CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS

Fri, July 20 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.carolinachocolatedrops.com

INLET DANCE THEATRE

Kids Matinee Wed, July 25 at 1:00 pm.
Thu, July 26 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.inletdance.org

LIZ RUBINO CABARET

Thu, July 26 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.lizrubino.com

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY AND THE ASBURY JUKEBOX

Fri, July 27 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.southsidejohnny.com

Full Folk Saturdays—EVE 'N STEPHEN

Sat, July 28 at 7:00 pm, Alma

PAUL HOFFMAN CABARET

Thu, Aug 2 at 7:00 pm, Alma

\$5 Fridays—ATTACK CAT & THE MODERN ELECTRIC

Fri, Aug 3 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.attackcatband.com
www.myspace.com/themodernelectric

VERB BALLET

Kids Matinee Fri, Aug 3 at 1:00 pm.
Sat, Aug 4 at 8:00 pm. Evans
www.verbballets.org

Full Folk Saturdays—TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA

Sat, Aug 4 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.troutmusic.com

YIDDISHE CUP

Thu, Aug 9 at 7:00 pm, Alma
www.yiddishecup.com

POINTE OF DEPARTURE

Thu, Aug 9 at 8:00 pm, Evans
www.pointeofdeparture.com

THE GOOD LOVELIES

● pictured on back cover
Fri, Aug 10 at 8:00 pm, Evans
<http://goodlovelies.com>

GROUNDWORKS DANCE THEATER

Fri & Sat, Aug 17 & 18 at 7:00 pm,
Sun, Aug 19 at 2:00 pm, Alma
www.groundworksdance.org

THE DOO WOPS

Sat, Aug 18 at 8:00 pm, Evans

2012 Cain Park Ticket Office hours:

June 5-July 1, July 17-August 19

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5:00-9:00 pm

Wednesdays & Sundays

12:00-5:00 pm

Fridays & Saturdays

12:00-9:00 pm

July 5-8, 10-12

12:00-5:00 pm

July 13-15 (Arts Festival)

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

Cain Park and the Ticket Office are closed on Mondays and July 2-4



Recreation

Upcoming Spring Events

- **The Annual Spring Egg Hunt** for children ages 1-9 will take place **Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 am sharp** (please note time change) at the Forest Hill Park meadow (near the playground). Although the event is free, families are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Heights Emergency Food Center. Children should wear old clothes and boots in case of inclement weather and must bring their own bags or egg baskets. Registration deadline is March 30: please call **216-691-7373**. *PLEASE NOTE: If the weather is severe the day of the hunt, the program may be moved to the Forest Hill Tennis Courts or inside the Community Center. Call 216-691-7373 the day of the event for information.*
- **Forest Hill Nature Walks** (rain or shine) will take place at 7:00-8:00 pm on Thursdays—May 24, June 28, July 26, and August 23. Participants should be dressed to hike with sturdy shoes or boots. Meet in front of the Community Center. Angelec Hillsman from the North Chagrin Nature Center will lead the walks.
- **The Fourth Annual Earth Day 5K Run and Walk** is Wednesday, April 18 (rain or shine) at 6:45 pm entirely in Forest Hill Park. It is a fund-raiser for the Youth Scholarship Fund. The entry fee for those who pre-register is \$14; day-of-the-race entry fee is \$18 (cash and checks only). Pre-registration deadline is April 19 with checks made out to HMA Promotions and mailed to: City of Cleveland Heights Earth Day Run, 40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Those interested may also register at www.hmapromotions.net.
- **Safety Town** – see The Early Years, page 18.



Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the preparation and the day of the Spring Egg Hunt. Volunteers are also needed to help with water stops and key points along the path for the Earth Day Run. Those interested should contact Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372**.

Looking for preschool equipment

We're happy to report that the preschool open gym program (Tuesday and Friday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am) is growing! If you have any gently used preschool equipment you'd like to donate, please call Dee Marsky at **216-691-7372**. The program ends on March 25, but will resume in the fall.

Swimming

Cumberland Pool will open for the 2012 outdoor swimming season Saturday, June 9 and run through Labor Day (September 3).

Indoor Swimming

Registration/Admission

Registration for all spring **indoor swimming programs** and pool passes is now under way. Registration for all **outdoor swimming programs** and pool passes begins April 23 at the Community Center. Pool passes purchased on or before June 8 are available at a discounted rate. A current Recreation ID card (residents only, preschoolers exempted) is required for use of the pool and must be presented before entering the facility. Fall indoor swimming program registration begins August 6. Contact Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** or ckendel@clvhts.com for more information or to receive a registration packet.

Important Phone Numbers

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

"Sea Serpents" Swim Team

Registration for the "Sea Serpents" summer swim team (ages 8 & under, 9 & 10, 11& 12, 13 & 14, 15-18) begins March 26. Cost is \$44 for residents with a Recreation ID and \$60 for all others eligible in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. Contact Chris Kendel at **216-691-7347** or ckendel@clvhts.com for more information or to receive a registration packet.

Summer Ice Skating

The summer ice skating dates are June 11-August 12. Staff begins the transition to the busy fall and eventual two-rink schedule on August 13. Registration for the six- or seven-week summer Learn-to-Skate lessons is ongoing and group

lessons begin the week of June 11. Classes for preschoolers, youth, and adults are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Ice Rink will be closed on July 4 for the holiday.

NEW! The Ice Rink now has a new phone number that puts you directly in contact with Rink staff: **216-691-7434**. Call for up-to-date summer ice skating, learn-to-skate lesson schedules and birthday parties. A spring schedule on the North Rink takes place March 14-May 1; the North Rink reopens for summer ice skating on June 6. Registration for summer Learn-to-Skate lessons begins April 25 and lessons begin the week of June 13. Classes for preschoolers, youth and adults are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Other contact information:

Youth Hockey	216-691-7347
www.heightshockey.com	
Pavilion Skating Club	216-691-7349
www.pavilionfsc.com	
Hourly rentals	216-691-7395
email_ktaylor@clvhts.com	
Speedskating	216-401-9392
email_barb@cmhn.org	

Celebrate your birthday on ice!

Birthday party dates go quickly so call **216-691-7434** to reserve your summer party today! Residents pay \$7.00 per person (maximum 25 children per party). Parties include tables, chairs, admission and skate rental.

Summer Day Camp

Pavilion Fun Day Camp for children entering grades K-5 (as of fall 2012) will take place June 11-29 and July 2-20 (no camp July 4). Camp activities include swimming, arts and crafts, special events and a lot of fun! A maximum of 100 children can be accepted for each session. Camp is held at the Community Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Discounts of \$10 are available for a second and third child per family. Parent Orientation will be on June 7. Before- (7:30 am-9:00 am) and After-Camp Care (4:00-6:00 pm) is available the same dates as the Fun Day Camp. Contact Mike Discenzo at **216-691-7383** or mdiscenzo@clvhts.com with any questions.

Summer Sports Programs

Adult Softball Leagues – Men's, Women's and Coed weeknight leagues are accepting registrations for play that begins the week of April 23 at Forest Hill Park. Contact Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260**.

Tennis Programs – Registration is under way for group lessons for tots (ages 4 and up) through seniors (ages 55 and up), private lessons, adult teams, Racquettes Women's Doubles Program, developmental youth camp (July 23-27) and junior skills clinic. Call **216-691-7373** for details.

Youth Sports – Spring programs are scheduled for soccer, baseball and softball. Cub soccer (ages 3-5) and youth soccer (grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6) occur April 10-May 19. Recreational baseball leagues for ages 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9 & 10 plus local recreational travel teams (ages 11 & 12, 13 & 14, and 15 & 16) take place April 23-July 14. Recreational softball slow pitch for ages 7-10 and recreational softball travel teams (ages 11 & 12, 13 & 14, and 15 & 16) also occur April 23-July 14. Summer recreational basketball leagues for grades K-12 take place June 18-July 27. Four sports camps are scheduled: basketball (grades 3-7 and 8-12) June 11-15; baseball (ages 8-13) June 11-15 and July 2-6; tennis (ages 9-18) July 23-27; and ice hockey (ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14) August 13-18. Contact Larry Shaw at **216-691-7260** or lshaw@clvhts.com.

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 \$50 refundable security deposit. Call **216-691-7373** for information.

Change in Field House Hours

Spring (now through May 27) hours for the gym, track and fitness center are Monday-Friday 6:00 am-9:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am-6:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am-6:00 pm. Summer/Fall (May 29-September 23) hours will be Monday and Tuesday 6:00 am-9:00 pm, Wednesday-Friday 6:00 am-8:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Call **216-691-7373** with questions.

Give Blood – The Gift of Life

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, (Monticello Boulevard at Mayfield Road) on Mondays, May 7, June 26, and September 10 from 2:00-7:00 pm in the South Atrium.

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The Early Years

News for families with young children

Family Connections

30 years of strengthening families

Thirty years ago, two kindergarten teachers in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools noticed a troubling trend: fewer and fewer children were entering school ready to learn and many lacked basic skills, from being able to recite the alphabet to knowing when and how to ask a grown-up for help. Carolyn Grossman and Barbara Soules realized that the solution was to focus not just on the children themselves, but on their first and most important teachers: their parents.

Grossman and Soules saw a gap, and they filled it by opening the doors to what would become Heights Parent Center and is now known as Family Connections of Northeast Ohio. In 1982, its original purpose was to be a resource for parents of children, birth to three years, by offering a range of programs on parenting skills and early childhood development, which foster a family's learning. There were 126 families that first year.

The organization has changed and grown in many ways over the past thirty years, in keeping with the constantly shifting American family. After joining forces with what was known as Shaker Family Center in 2010, Family Connections annually serves at least 2,000 families with children birth to age eight at main locations in both Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights, as well as in libraries, elementary schools and even in people's homes.

The vision of its founders remains strong today: Family Connections is driven every day by the knowledge that a child's earliest years and earliest interactions with caregivers lay the foundation for his or her academic and social success for years to come. By strengthening families and fostering family literacy, the impact of Family Connections' programs will impact our children and our communities well into the future.

Safety Town

Safety Town, a traffic safety program sponsored by the City of Cleveland Heights, is open to children who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall and who live in Cleveland Heights or within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District. Each session runs from Monday through Thursday at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard. Mass registration will take place on **Wednesday, May 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** on the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle; no early registration will be accepted. Fee is \$25 (cash or check only). Please call **216-291-2323** for class information.

Dobama Theatre

Heights Library Arts Building, 2340 Lee Road
216-932-3396, www.dobama.org

God of Carnage April 20-May 13

Directed by Joel Hammer

God of Carnage is the story of two seemingly courteous and civilized couples who meet after their boys' fistfight in a neighborhood schoolyard. Grownups behave badly as these parents argue and carry on. And then they break out the liquor.

Ensemble Theatre

in the former Coventry School, 2843 Washington Boulevard 216-321-2930, www.ensemble-theatre.com

Colombi New Plays Festival March 8-April 1 running in repertory

Dancing with N.E.D. written and directed by Tyler Whidden

Destroying the Light by Sasha Thackaberry, directed by Peter Voinovich

Grounds for Dismissal by Cynthia Dettelbach, directed by Artistic Director Celeste Cosentino

Gruesome Playground Injuries April 27-May 20 Cleveland premiere

Directed by Fred Sternfeld and featuring Celeste Cosentino and Dan Folino

Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph's play follows the lives of Kayleen and Doug, which intersect at the most bizarre intervals over the course of 30 years. Heights High graduate Rajiv Joseph will be in attendance for several post-performance discussions.

Heights Arts House Concerts

216-371-3457, www.heightsarts.org

In this series of chamber music concerts performed in homes and other unique settings for audiences of 60-80 people, Artistic Director Isabel Trautwein, Cleveland Orchestra violinist, brings colleagues together. Advance reservations are a must as the

Sunday, May 6, 3:00 pm, at a downtown penthouse

3Bs – Beethoven, Brahms & Bartok

The Omni String Quartet and Robert Woolfrey on clarinet

Opus 18, No. 2, Ludwig von Beethoven; Third String Quartet, Bela Bartok; Clarinet Quintet, Johannes Brahms

Heights Youth Theatre

Wiley Middle School Auditorium, 2181 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, 216-923-1583, www.heightsyouththeatre.org

Chicago May 11, 12, 17, 18 & 19 at 7:00 pm

Directed by Nathan Motta

\$10 general admission, cash or checks only. Box Office opens 45 minutes prior to show.

Western Reserve Chorale

20th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 3, 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road

Free concert, David Gilson, Guest Director; free parking, reception. For more information, visit www.westernreservechorale.org.

CityMusic Cleveland

216-321-8273, www.citymusiccleveland.org

April 11, 7:00 pm

The Composers of Theresienstadt Concert for Yom Hashoa

Maltz Museum, 2929 Richmond Blvd., 44122

May 1-5, 7:30 pm

Brundibár, Hans Krása

Ryan McAdams, conductor, Alison Chase, artistic director

John Hay High School Auditorium, 2075 Stokes Blvd., 44106

A series of chamber music concerts, film and book discussions leading up to its production of Brundibár, a fairy-tale-like opera written for the children in Terezin, one of the Nazi concentration camps. In it, a group of children work together to defeat a powerful bully.

Home to the Arts

Senior Scene

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

Office On Aging Services:

- **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 pressure and answer your questions on the first Monday, the first Friday and the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm, and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am. Nurses are provided by Caretenders, Cedarwood Plaza, CVS and Senior Independence.
- **Need transportation?** Our brand new medical van runs Monday-Friday, 8:45 am-4:20 pm, transporting residents 60 and over to medical appointments, on shopping trips and some errands. For more information and/or a brochure, call **216-691-7194**.
- **Tired of shopping and cooking?** We have the answer. A special volunteer can deliver a hot, nutritious meal and a light supper to your home Monday through Friday or as many days as you like. Cost is \$6.25 per day. For more information, call **216-691-7377** and a social worker will return your call.
- **Do you have questions or need services?** The Office on Aging is fortunate to have two licensed social workers on staff. They are available to you any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Please feel free to contact them at **216-691-7377** for help with any problems, questions, or issues.

Healthy You

Take charge of your health with this Chronic Disease Self-Management Class, Tuesdays, 9:30-12:00 noon, March 20-April 24. If you or someone you know has a chronic disease, join this free class and learn the tools you will need for a healthier you. Learn from trained leaders who understand what you are experiencing. Set your own weekly goals and make a plan to improve your health and your life.

How about a Road Trip?

Treat yourself to a bus trip this spring/summer (more trips follow in the late summer/fall). Call **216-691-7377** for details:

- April 13 - Travel to Holmes County and meet a former White House chef.
- June 18-20 - Visit Lancaster, PA and the Millennium Theater for a production of "Jonah."
- June 27 - Tour the new Cleveland Aquarium with a luncheon cruise on the Goodtime II.

Senior Activity Center

- Don't let any more time pass feeling left out because you don't know how to use the computer. Classes designed especially for seniors begin in March and continue throughout the spring. Volunteer tutors are available to answer questions. The computer center is open from 9:00 am-4:30 pm with 12 computers available for your use.
- Are you ready to expand your horizons, create friendships and learn something new? Try attending a Senior Center activity. We offer exercise classes for seniors of all fitness levels. New sessions of **Belly Dance, Gentle Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, Seniorobics, Senior Strength Training, Slow Flow Tai Chi, Tai Chi Chuan Exercise, Walking Club, Walking Warm-Up** and more are set to begin again. **We also offer art classes, classes in Spanish, lectures on health-related topics, free movies and so much more.** For information and to register 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 at www.clevelandheights.com, at City Hall, the Community Center, local libraries and banks.

Our Schools

News from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights District

National Merit and Achievement Scholars

Three Cleveland Heights High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the first round of the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program and 48th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. The National Merit semifinalist is **Madeline Pollis**. The National Achievement Scholarship semifinalists are **Geoffrey Golden** and **Abria Marshall**.

In addition, four seniors have been named National Merit Commended Students and National Achievement Outstanding Participants. National Merit Commended Students are **Anna Claspy** and **Erik Thiem**. **Rachelle Adognravi** and **Brittaney Byers** are National Achievement Outstanding Participants.

The semifinalists have earned the right to compete to become National Merit and National Achievement Finalists and scholarship winners. Merit Scholarship semifinalists have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 awards worth \$34 million, along with Achievement Scholarship semifinalists eligible for 800 awards worth over \$2.4 million.

Pathways of Choice Project

The District's Pathways of Choice project, which will be implemented throughout 2012 and beyond, has received high praise from an internationally-known education consultant and author.

Pathways of Choice was developed in response to the fact that students, from Kindergarten through the 12th grade, have different needs and interests.

Pathways has three distinct educational themes: **Society**: Learning from a perspective of people interacting with others

Discovery: Learning from a perspective of people interacting with the physical world

Creativity: Learning from the perspective of expressing and celebrating the human spirit

Bob Pearlman, a widely-recognized expert in education reform efforts, restructuring and technology, reviewed the District's Pathways Instructional Model and he indicated that he is extremely impressed with the direction the District is heading with Pathways.

"I haven't seen anything comparable nationally," Pearlman stated. "As implementation moves forward, I see the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District as being a national demonstration site for 21st-century learning." Pearlman, who was director of strategic planning for the New Technology Foundation from 2002 to 2009, consults in the United States and the United Kingdom on 21st-century learning, focusing on new school development and district-wide implementation of 21st-century skills.

Master School Facilities Planning

Impetus for the Facilities Master Plan came in 2010, when the Ohio School Facilities Commission notified the

District that the facilities are outdated, inefficient, and need to be renovated or replaced. Upon receiving this report, the District established a Citizens School Facilities Committee of parents, teachers, and administrators to review the report findings. They validated the report and determined that this important project calls for input from not only the District, but also the whole community.

The District hosted approximately 100 interested citizens at the first three Facilities Master Plan community meetings in November, January, and February. Superintendent Doug Heuer shared the District's educational vision and explained the facilities planning process to attendees, welcoming their input on stated priorities and goals.

The fourth community meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 21, from 6:30-8:30 pm** in the Heights High Social Room. Parents are encouraged to bring their children, as childcare and food will be available.

Project Build at Heights High

Last fall, Heights High senior **Ariel Travis** set out to start a student club that would support the work of Habitat for Humanity, give students a chance to learn practical life skills, and make a difference in the community. He presented his idea to math teacher Chris Sutton, who enthusiastically agreed to be the club advisor. Soon after, Project Build was formed. Several students helped Ariel publicize the first meeting, and when the Habitat for Humanity staff came to the school to conduct training, 50 students showed up. "The Habitat trainers were very impressed with the number of interested students," said Sutton. Project Build is the first high school club to work with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. "It was great to see so many students wanting to help, but that was really only the beginning," Ariel said. Student interest continues to increase.

Project Build's first build day was working on a home on E. 84th in Cleveland. Since then, the club has hosted five build days at the same site.

"The thing that I hear most often from students is how much they like working with other people that they didn't know before," said Ariel. "We met our goals of contributing and learning new skills, but we are also building bridges between students."

● (back cover) Heights High students in the Project Build Club work on a Habitat for Humanity home on E. 84th Street in Cleveland.

Help for Homeowners



Home Repair Resource Center expands services

While Home Repair Resource Center's highest priority continues to be assisting low- and moderate-income Cleveland Heights homeowners, HRRC has expanded its service to the community in several ways:

- **HRRC's Tool Loan** is now available to Cleveland Heights homeowners with higher incomes. For example, the maximum income for a family of three used to be \$45,250; it is now \$68,600.
- **HRRC's hands-on repair workshops** are now open to people from other communities. Cleveland Heights residents pay a materials fee of \$10 (with scholarships available to low-income households) and non-residents pay \$15. Reservations are required for all classes.
- HRRC has partnered with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library to expand the library's **home repair resource collection**. All of HRRC's handouts can now be accessed online through the library's website, and copies of HRRC's videos are part of the library's circulating collection.

COMMUNITY HOME REMODELING FAIR

Mark your calendars! HRRC's annual Community Home Remodeling Fair will be held **Saturday, March 24 from 9:30 am-1:30 pm** at Cleveland Heights City Hall. The schedule is still being finalized, but will include the popular "Ask an Expert" advice tables.

Sustainability presentations

This spring, HRRC will offer a series of presentations on sustainability to help owners of older homes make good decisions about reducing energy use and improving our world. Speakers will offer information on options currently available to homeowners, ranging from low-cost "basics" to cutting-edge products and techniques.

For more information about any of these services, call **216-381-6100** or watch for details on HRRC's website: www.hrrc-ch.org.

Heritage Home Program announces changes

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.

Changes to the program include:

- **Houses with vinyl or aluminum siding are now eligible for the loan!** However, the loan cannot be used to fund new vinyl siding or windows.

- **Loan fees have been reduced!** Projects \$3,000 - \$10,000, no technical assistance fee. Projects \$10,001 - \$25,000, 1% technical assistance fee. Projects \$25,001 and up, 2% technical assistance fee.

• After-Rehabilitation loan escrow fee has been reduced to \$200 from \$500!

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, 7-10 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. For more information, call **216-426-3106** or visit www.clevelandrestoration.org.

"Welcome Home" Event Planned for New Heights Residents

A welcome reception for new residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights will be held this summer at the Lee Road Library. The New Resident Welcome and Open House, sponsored by the Friends of the Heights Libraries, FutureHeights and the Heights Community Congress, is scheduled for Sunday, July 1, 2:00-3:00 pm at the Harvey & Friends bookstore on the second floor of the library, 2345 Lee Road. All residents who consider themselves new to the community are warmly invited to enjoy light refreshments.

Civic leaders, including city and school officials, will be on hand to welcome residents and provide information. Representatives from the city's businesses districts will host tables featuring literature and menus from local businesses. Area schools, cultural institutions and other organizations will also have materials available. For more information about participating, call the FRIENDS office at **216-932-3600, ext. 234**, or email friends@heightslibrary.org.

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