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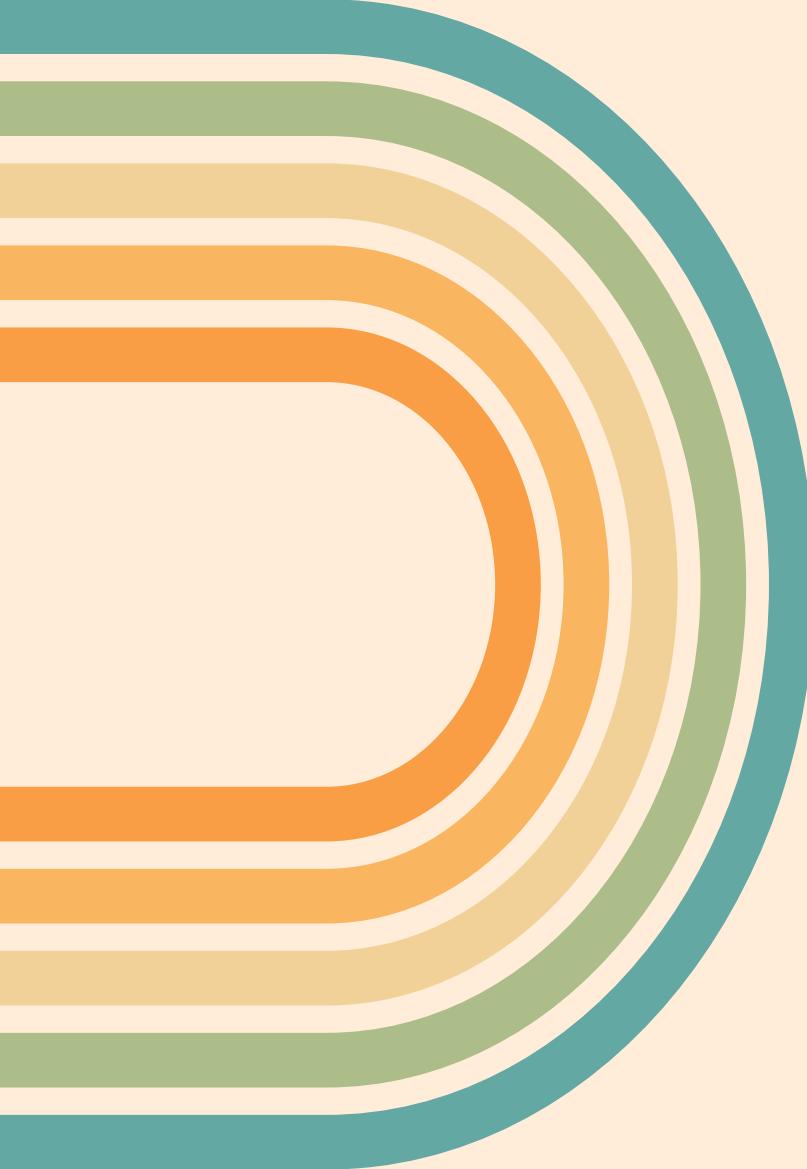
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Cover Photo: One of Cleveland Heights' green gems, Forest Hill Park, on a wintery day.

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CHARTING A GREEN FUTURE

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS UNVEILS ACTIONABLE STEPS
TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

In the last issue of FOCUS (Winter 2024), readers were introduced to the City's Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator, Andy Boateng, and his primary charge: The creation and execution of the Cleveland Heights Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP).

Boateng, in collaboration with sustainability advisory firm Nutter Consulting, spent the past year compiling real-time data on Cleveland Heights' greenhouse gas emissions (See figure 1), locating its climate vulnerabilities, and gathering input from residents and stakeholders. The CARP team also spent significant time locating the already existing regional resources the City could harness as it prepares for the impacts of harsher weather events and resulting negative health outcomes.

Nutter Consulting's last responsibility was to propose a list of actionable implementation strategies for CH City Government moving forward.

What does this mean for our City in 2025 and beyond?

Envisioning a clean, green Cleveland Heights feels good. Building consensus around goals is a step forward. Establishing a timeframe is progress. But the work of actively implementing strategies and measuring outcomes will require grit, bold legislation, and real-world fixes and preparations.

To make this manageable, the CARP team has grouped its proposed implementation strategies into seven major sectors: Buildings and Energy, Transportation, Materials and Waste, Water

and Wastewater, Air Quality and Public Health, Food Systems, and Natural Areas and Land Use. The seven sectors and their 28 corresponding strategies (see Table 1, p. 17) establish the roadmap for actionable implementation.

Here's an example:

Under Buildings and Energy, the first strategy is to "increase community access and use of renewable energy, including solar, wind, and geothermal." Without further guidance, such a strategy remains lofty and hypothetical. But the CARP implementation plan then provides instruction in the following categories:

Action – Create incentives such as fast-tracked permitting for new multi-family and commercial buildings to install on-site solar

Implementation/ Oversight Authority – CH Building Department

Control – Direct control (by the City)

Key Stakeholders to Engage – Solar United Neighbors (a non-profit working with governments such as Cuyahoga County on solar energy programs), Planning and Development Department

Audience – Property developers, Multi-family and commercial property owners

One-time Costs – Low (estimated less than \$100K)

Ongoing Costs – Low (estimated less than \$100K)

Cost Assumptions – Assumes primary costs are personnel time and communications materials

Funding and Implementation Resources

– SolSmart a national non-profit providing technical assistance to help cities reform their solar permitting processes.

Timeline – Medium (1-3 years)

Potential Key Performance Indicator – Number of multi-family and commercial buildings with on-site solar; total solar installed on multi-family and commercial buildings (kW); average time for solar permit approval (# of days).

With each of the seven sectors and their, in total, 26 strategies outlining multiple implementations,

the report results in over 150 actionable steps with clear metric goals and assigned duties.

The City's commitment to prioritizing people who live in areas of Cleveland Heights that will be more adversely affected by the physical, social and economic impacts of climate change is embedded within the Plan, in part because guideposts on how to strive for climate equity, such as the EPA's Justice40 initiative set up by the federal government, stipulate that climate action plans and their implementation focus significant resources (at least 40%) in Census Tracts where vulnerable populations reside.

CITY OPERATIONS

three main sources of emissions



ELECTRICITY



TRANSPORTATION



NATURAL GAS

COMMUNITY-WIDE

three main sources of emissions



RESIDENTIAL ENERGY



TRANSPORTATION



COMMERCIAL ENERGY

Figure. 1

The delivery of what the City intends to call The Climate Forward Plan is a crucial first step in crystallizing the city's climate action. The Climate Forward Plan provides the city and the community with the opportunity to tie together the many decisions that will define the way forward.

The Plan thus positions the City to thrive in the wake of a changing climate and reposition itself on the path to attaining carbon neutrality by 2025.

In order to reach this ambitious goal, the City is prepared to take significant steps to reduce its carbon emissions immediately. Starting in the first quarter of 2025, with a focus on reducing energy consumption in city-owned buildings, the City signed a sweeping 'energy savings

performance contract' with the firm, Leonardo Energy, on December 10, 2024. Cleveland Heights set the stage for a significant reduction in energy with the Leonardo contract to repair leaky buildings and replace decades-old power, heating and cooling systems as well as all of the city's streetlights with highly energy efficient LEDs. The City expects the work to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 4,228,000 pounds while saving \$1.8 million annually for the next 20 years. The recommendations found in the Climate Forward Plan call for all of the community to actively participate and contribute to its implementation.

Look for forthcoming information from the City's communications channels about how you can be a part of this exciting initiative.



CLIMATE FORWARD SECTORS AND STRATEGIES

This list provides an overview of the seven sectors and 28 strategies included in the Climate Forward Plan. (Executive Summary, pp. 12-13)

BUILDINGS AND ENERGY

- 1.1 Increase community access and use of renewable energy, including solar, wind, and geothermal
- 1.2 Improve energy efficiency and expand clean energy use for municipal buildings
- 1.3 Advance equitable energy efficiency programs for residential and commercial buildings
- 1.4 Increase the resilience of residential, commercial, and municipal buildings
- 1.5 Increase the resilience of local electricity infrastructure

TRANSPORTATION

- 2.1 Reduce transportation emissions from City operations
- 2.2 Encourage the community's transition to electric vehicles
- 2.3 Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety
- 2.4 Expand accessibility and use of public transit and shared mobility services
- 2.5 Improve transportation infrastructure's resilience to climate change

MATERIALS AND WASTE

- 3.1 Expand local composting to reduce organics and food waste in landfill
- 3.2 Reduce the use of disposables and reduce local plastic waste pollution
- 3.3 Prioritize the procurement of sustainable or recycled materials for City government operations and construction projects

WATER AND WASTEWATER

- 4.1 Reduce overland flooding and water pollution by implementing green infrastructure and other stormwater management methods
- 4.2 Encourage the adoption of water efficient appliances and best practices
- 4.3 Protect the regional watershed
- 4.4 Improve the resilience of water infrastructure

AIR QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- 5.1 Expand local air quality monitoring
- 5.2 Improve public engagement around air quality
- 5.3 Reduce local sources of air pollution
- 5.4 Protect public health during extreme weather events and other climate hazards

FOOD SYSTEMS

- 6.1 Improve community food security and access to fresh foods
- 6.2 Expand community gardening and urban agriculture

NATURAL AREAS AND LAND USE

- 7.1 Revitalize brownfields, vacant lots, and vacant building
- 7.2 Nurture a healthy tree canopy
- 7.3 Identify opportunities to expand green spaces in all neighborhoods
- 7.4 Support native species, biodiversity and healthy habitats in city parklands
- 7.5 Encourage denser, mixed-use development to create walkable neighborhoods



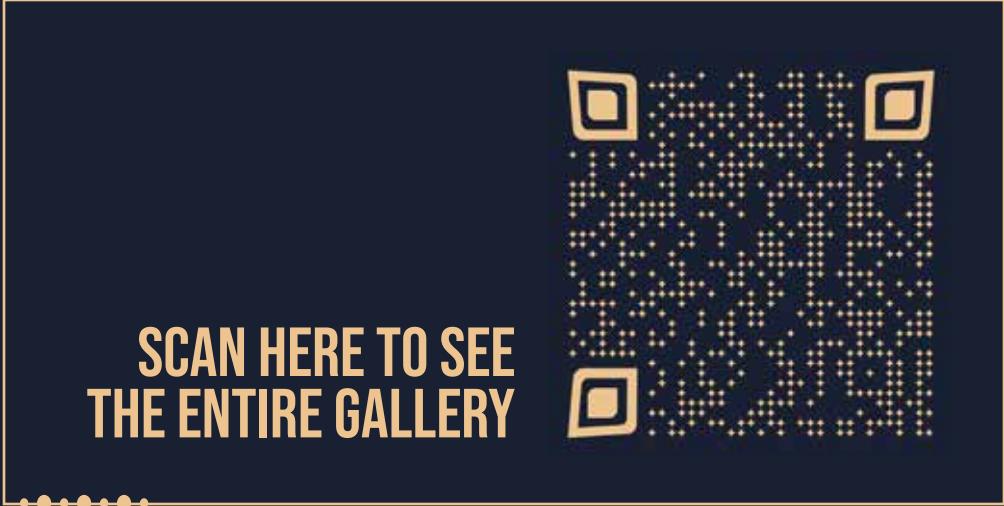
LANTERN FESTIVAL





Winter is a time of encroaching darkness, and no matter one's religion or non-religion, the impulse to gather with others around light and warmth seems innately human at this time of year. Cleveland Heights artist/legend Robin Van Lear of Parade the Circle fame has harnessed this impulse with her annual Lantern Festival in Coventry Village. In advance of the festival, Robin and other artists from the Coventry PEACE Campus offer lantern-making workshops using recycled materials. On the day of the event, children of all ages (especially those at heart) are invited to Coventry PEACE to build lanterns and participate in activities hosted by Van Lear, Lake Erie Ink, and Artful. At dusk, participants gather near the PEACE playground to begin their parade past Coventry Library, Pekar Plaza, and down the row of Coventry Village shops and back. There are drummers and stilt-walkers and bobbing handmade lanterns gilding the procession, which somehow strikes a balance between delight and reverence. This year's Lantern Festival took place on December 14, with over 100 participants in tow.









SHATTERING THE ICE CEILING

**FROM THE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS REC CENTER TO THE US NATIONAL TEAM:
LAILA EDWARDS DOMINATES THE WORLD OF WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY**

When most college students get good news, they call home to share it. Few, though, make calls like the one Laila Edwards made in 2023 to her parents back home in Cleveland Heights. At nineteen, Laila, a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, had been invited to become the first Black woman to play for the U.S. Senior National Hockey Team.

It was a historic achievement. Ice hockey remains one of the least racially diverse sports.

When the news broke, it would become an even bigger deal, earning Laila magazine covers, national news coverage, and even a shout-out by Cleveland Heights' most famous exports, Jason and Travis Kelce, on their New Heights podcast.

On hearing the news, her dad, Robert, responded the same way he always had each time Laila earned entrée to a new level of her sport:

“This is where the work begins.”

Where the work began, though, was in Cleveland Heights. Specifically at the Cleveland Heights Community Center.

Cleveland Heights is a hockey town, and the Edwards are a hockey family. Robert and Charone have five children: Bobby, Chayla, Laila, Colson, and Britney Gray. Robert played for Heights High, as did their eldest son Bobby, who was team captain his senior year. Laila's older sister by three years, Chayla, preceded her to the University of Wisconsin where she played defense for five years. The sisters were teammates when the Badgers



won their seventh NCAA Women's Hockey National Championship in 2023. Their younger brother Colson currently plays hockey for Team Ohio.

Robert and Charone introduced their children to the ice at a young age. By the time she was three, Laila was taking figure skating lessons, but they were only a prelude to hockey.

Hockey requires and rewards commitment, and the Edwards are committed to hockey. Robert and Charone brought their kids to the Community Center for 5 AM practice every day for years. Laila and Chayla both played in the Cleveland Heights ADM Hockey Program at the Community Center before they were eight. Since there were no teams for girls, they played with and against the boys. By the time they were eight, they had joined travel teams.

After attending Roxboro Elementary and Roxboro Middle schools, Laila transferred to Bishop Kearney High School in Irondequoit, New York, outside of Rochester, a private boarding school for elite girls and boys hockey players worldwide. While at Bishop Kearney, she played 287 games, scoring 147 goals and making 266 assists as a forward.

Over the last two years, Laila's hockey career has taken off like a rocket. In 2022, she was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Under-18 Women's World Championship. Last April, while playing for Team USA, she became the youngest woman ever named MVP of the IIHF's Women's World Championship and tied for the most goals scored in the tournament. Following her performance, The Hockey News characterized her as "one of the best players on the planet."

A few months later, USA Hockey named her the Bob Allen Women's Player of the Year. In December, as we were preparing this article, Forbes magazine named Laila one of their 2025 North American 30 Athletes Under 30.

It's all pretty heady stuff, especially for someone who hasn't yet turned 21. But don't think for a minute that Laila's resting on her laurels. Remember, "This is where the work begins."

Laila has played forward since she picked up a stick. She scores goals, more than 100 of them in her career with the Badgers so far. Every accolade she's received, she was playing forward. In November, while leading NCAA women's hockey

in scoring—13 goals in 12 games—Laila decided to switch to defense. At six-foot-one, she is always the tallest woman on the ice, and her strength and reach can be huge defensive assets. She sees it as a way to deepen her game.

When she played her first game on defense later that month with the national team, the U.S. crushed Canada by the largest margin in twelve years.

Look out, world. Laila Edwards is only beginning.

We had a chance to catch up with Laila via Zoom in mid-December and ask her a couple of questions about her career thus far. At the time of the call, she was in Finland with the U.S. Team, competing in the Women's Euro Hockey Team Final. She had just wrapped up a game against Sweden. With zero hubris and yet total command, she said, "We won 5-0. We owned it."

Did you always envision coming as far as you have in your hockey career?

Honestly, no. I still get more and more surprised every time something comes up. I mean, my dreams and aspirations have continued to grow as I've come closer to certain things. I started out with the goal of wanting to go D1, get my college paid for and play hockey, and that was great. And then I realized that there was a U.S. team, and so I wanted to make that.

I've kind of exceeded some of my visions; I've always dreamed big, and I've always been hard on myself and had big goals. But I've been blessed to reach goals I never even thought were achievable.

So, I'm having fun with it, and I'm growing that list of accolades, but I'm also trying to continue to make a list of goals because I don't want to be content. I'm a believer that my ceiling is high, and it's higher than where I am now.

What are you most proud of thus far?

I would have to say being the first Black woman to play for the U.S. Women's National Team. I think that's probably what I'm most proud of, partially because I'm the first, but I think it goes

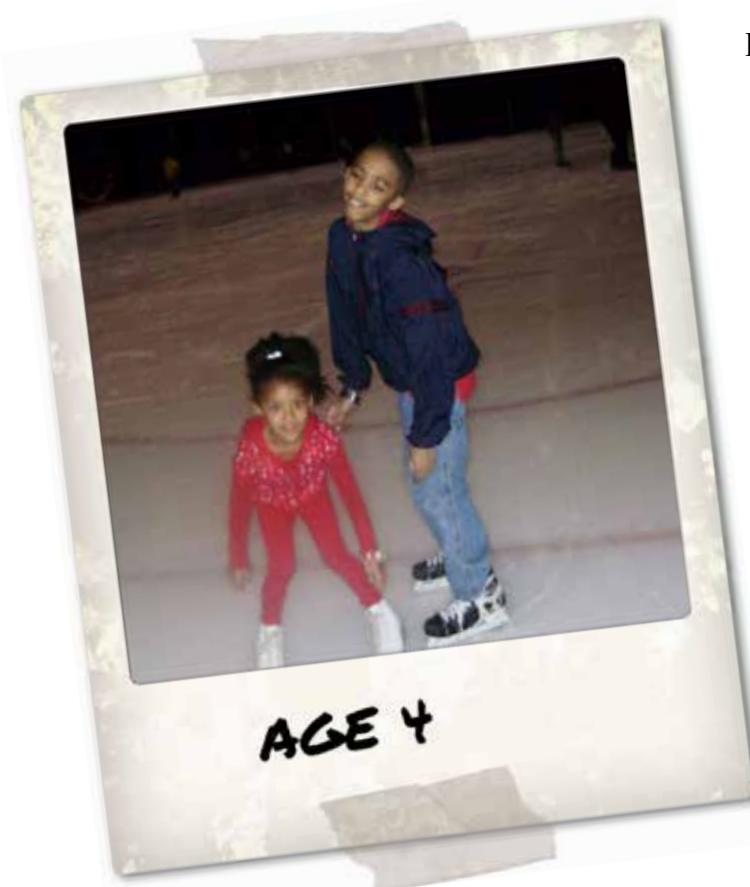


to show how tough it is in the sport as a woman of color. I take a little pride in how I persevered through certain things that other people wouldn't have to go through and continue to work to achieve my goals and get to this level.

What taught you to love hockey?

I was so young that I didn't pick hockey myself. My dad taught me to love it, and I'm very glad he did. He got my siblings and me into it. I was playing hockey and figure skating at three and four, and I just loved how interactive it was and how unique it was. Not many people at my [elementary and middle] schools were playing hockey. They played soccer, basketball, baseball, football, which is great, you know? They are all great sports; but I thought it was so cool that I was one of the few people that could say: 'Oh, well, I play hockey.' I just thought, I'm doing something different, especially for a sport that's predominantly white.

What was growing up in Cleveland Heights like for you, and what would you want people to know about our City?



I loved growing up in Cleveland Heights, and I miss it every day. I just loved how the whole of Cleveland Heights was very inclusive, and the environment was just so welcoming. I felt like everywhere I went, it was a tight-knit community, but it's also not too small.

It's also beautiful in my opinion.

Any favorite places that you miss?

My dad and I love Phoenix Coffee. I love Coventry, and there are a lot of good places to eat there that I miss a lot. I simply miss the schools. I used to go to Roxboro Middle and Roxboro Elementary. Those were the days for sure. And then the Cleveland Heights Rec Center is where it all started, so I gotta give credit there.

Any particular thing about that ice rink that you miss or love?

Just seeing so many different people enjoying different things there. I mean, figure skating, speed skating, you know, ice hockey, learning to skate. I thought it was so cool. It was just a little community of people trying new things or helping other people try new things.

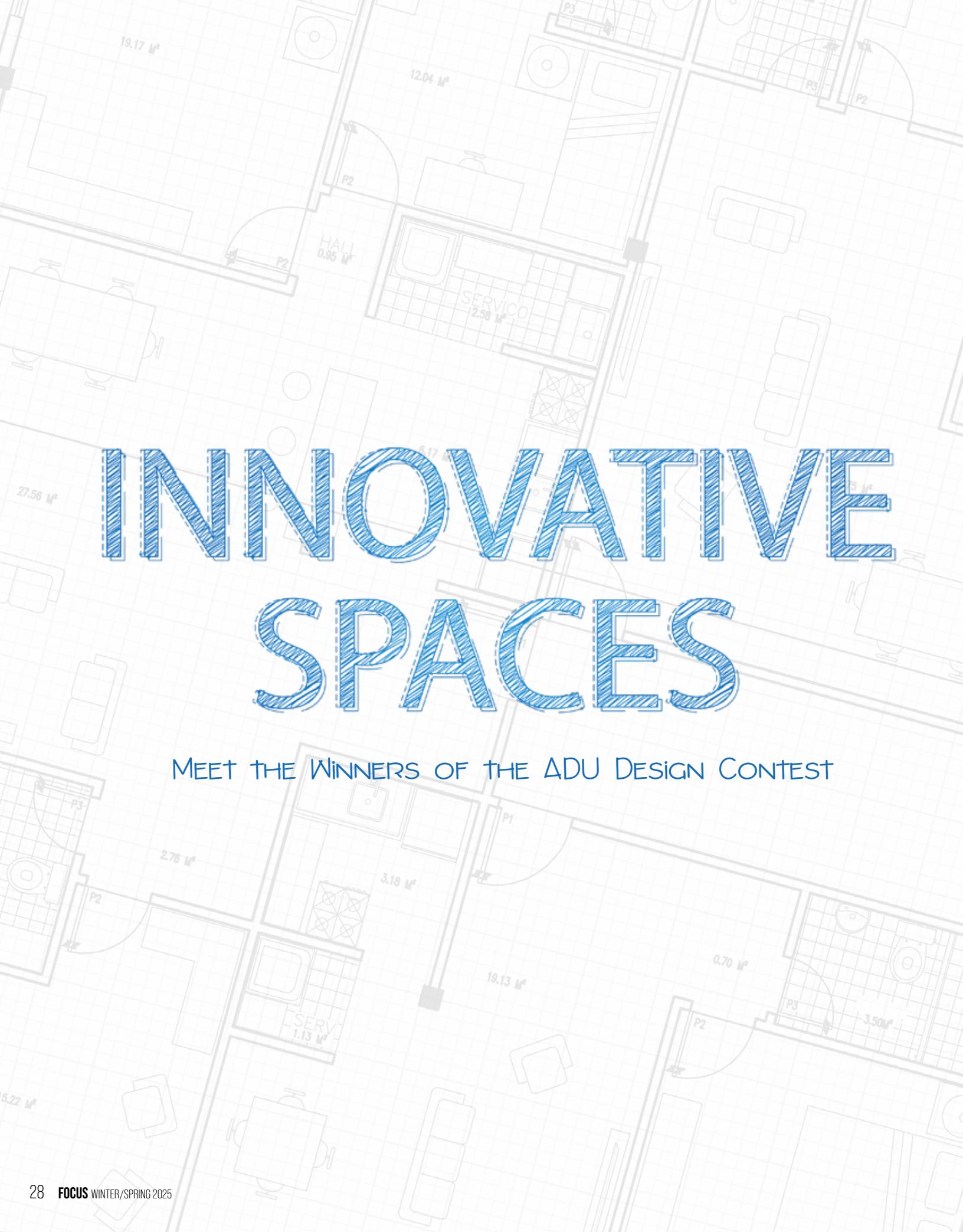
What do you want to tell a young woman playing, or thinking about playing, hockey now?

I would tell her that [trying] is a great first step: just the fact that you do it, and it's so fun. There are going to be barriers you deal with, and that's unfortunately a part of life, specifically your life because that's just the environment and the culture that's been created in hockey. There will be barriers you face, especially as a girl and then especially as a girl of color. But it'll take you far regardless of how good you are. I mean you'll meet so many people.

I understand how hard it could be to want to try it. I mean, you look at the sport, and it's mostly males. Where there are females, they're mostly white females. But if you start, that just helps create a more inclusive environment, which is what I've kind of been doing. My goal is to help continue to create an inclusive environment and be someone that people can look at and say: 'She's there, so I can be there, too.'







INNOVATIVE SPACES

MEET THE WINNERS OF THE ADU DESIGN CONTEST

Under twinkling holiday lights strung over a live tree in the atrium at City Hall, five winners of the Cleveland Heights Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) Design Competition posed for photos in front of large images adorned with blue ribbons, shook hands with the mayor, and received their certificates and cash prizes. It was a rain-soaked December evening, but it didn't dampen the excitement of the showcase, which culminated three months of work by the City in promoting ADUs, sometimes called granny flats, in-law suites, guest houses or by any other name, a second home built on the property of a primary residence.

When the City announced the competition in August with a \$15,000 AARP grant, Cleveland Heights Planning, Neighborhoods, and Development Director Eric Zamft explained one of the benefits of ADUs: "for many seniors, they provide an affordable way to live independently while receiving support from their family in the primary residence."

Parallel to the competition, the city conducted a study with Cuyahoga County to update zoning to accommodate ADUs. The study and competition laid the groundwork for the City to take the next step in developing the five designs—two of which were produced by amateurs in high school and college and voted in by the public—into buildable plans that any resident of Cleveland Heights can access.

While announcing the winners, Zamft pointed out that famed urban planner Jane Jacobs envisioned that density, like that from ADUs, promotes greater walkability and vibrancy.

"Jacobs said that 'rarely does a citizen have a chance to reshape the city into one that he likes and others will too. Designing a dream city is easy. Rebuilding and living in one takes imagination.'"

Before the winners mingled with the crowd and talked about their designs, Assistant Planning Director Karen Knittel shared that envisioned changes to zoning codes and social norms would usher in a future where ADUs can be routinely built in Cleveland Heights.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to visualize and figure out how this can work in our community," she said. "The rules were that it had to be smaller than the main house, between 250 and 1,000 square feet, and that it contained a kitchen, a bathroom, and a sleeping area. It had to be a permanent structure at a maximum height of 24 feet and built a minimum of five feet off of the property line because it fits with our current single-family zoning."

The 17.6 ADU winners represented a range of ages and ideas on how to bring affordability and sustainability into a small space. And they provided a jumping-off point to challenge some orthodoxies, such as allowable density, while introducing new ideas, such as shared spaces, that

are expected to serve Cleveland Heights in attracting and retaining residents at various stages of their lives. Mayor Seren pointed out that a suburb that builds on its density, affordability, and accessibility for seniors without building upward is helping meet the immediacy of a nationwide housing shortage and affordability crisis.

"How we live has changed," the mayor said. "And it will continue to change. One of the things that is extremely important in our community is that we respond to that need with agility and that we are willing to embrace new ways of doing things. This is an example of our government and community coming together to produce something new for us. It shows we can do fantastic things like this and move beyond where we are now."

WINNERS



JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A SMALLER SPACE, DOESN'T MEAN IT HAS TO FEEL SMALL. NATURAL LIGHT IS IMPORTANT (IN CREATING A SENSE OF SPACE) AND IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF, WHICH I ALSO DESIGNED AS AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM. IT COMES TO A POINT WHERE WHEN IT RAINS, EVERYTHING WILL KIND OF FLOW AND CAN WATER PLANTS. SO, THE SHAPE OF IT (DETERMINES) ITS EFFICIENCY.

--TRISTAN RUFFIN-WILLIAMS
A STUDENT AT HAWKEN SCHOOL



MY DESIGN ADDRESSES ACCESSIBILITY, AGING-IN-PLACE, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN CONSTRUCTION. EVERYTHING IS TO ADA STANDARDS, LIKE (SPACE FOR) WHEELCHAIR TURNING AND ACCESSIBLE SINKS AND FIXTURES IN THE BATHROOM. FOR SUSTAINABILITY, I WANT TO BUILD IT WITH A STRUCTURAL INSULATED PANEL WITH A STANDARD DIMENSION TO MINIMIZE CONSTRUCTION WASTE.

-CADE MCCUE
A STUDENT AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY





IT'S A SMALL, BEAUTIFUL, COMPACT DESIGN THAT IS ALSO MORE AFFORDABLE AT 750 SQUARE FEET. IT HAS PASSIVE HOUSE FEATURES SO WE CAN NATURALLY HEAT IT WITH THE SUN IN THE WINTER AND SHIELD IT FROM THE SUN IN THE SUMMER WITH THE OVERHANG. WITH THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS, THE SMALL-IS-BEAUTIFUL MOVEMENT HAS COME FULL CIRCLE.

--CHUCK MILLER



IDEAS OF ENVIRONMENTALISM AND AFFORDABILITY AND FITTING INTO THE FABRIC OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS. WE WANTED OPTIONS, SO WE CREATED A FLOOR PLAN THAT COULD WORK WITH FIVE DIFFERENT ROOFLINES. WITH MATERIALS AND ROOF (OPTIONS) YOU CAN GET 15 DIFFERENT LOOKS TAILED TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS.

-- TOMMY CHESNES

WE WANTED [THE BUILDING MATERIAL] TO BE ETHICAL, SO WE CHOSE HEMPCRETE. IT'S A WONDER MATERIAL EXTRACTED FROM THE HEMP PLANT'S ROOT, AND THE FIBERS ARE MIXED WITH WATER AND LIME TO CREATE CONCRETE. IT HAS STRONG INSULATING PROPERTIES AND IS FIRE-RESISTANT, AND AS IT GROWS, IT ABSORBS CARBON, SO BASICALLY, IT'S A BREATHING BUILDING.

-- CONNER DECK

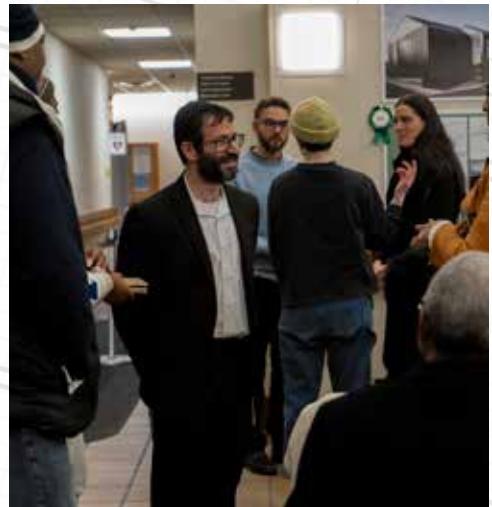


THE CENTRAL IDEA IS THAT AN ADU CAN EXIST AND MAINTAIN A YARD, WITH AN OPTION FOR EITHER A LARGE, SHARED YARD OR, WITH NATIVE PLANTINGS, SEPARATING IT INTO TWO YARDS. WE ALSO LOOKED AT HOW TO SUBSIDIZE THE PROPERTY BY [CAPTURING] RAIN IN RAIN BARRELS TO GET A CREDIT [ON THE SEWER BILL]. THERE ARE MANY WAYS PEOPLE CAN MAKE THEIR SPACE MORE SUSTAINABLE.

--PHILLIP TALLEY

WE WANTED A FULLY ACCESSIBLE SPACE WITH A ROLL-IN SHOWER, A WALK-OUT PATIO, AND ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS. THE LOTS ARE ALL DIFFERENT IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, SO WE SEE THE CONSTRUCTION DIFFERING FOR EACH DEPENDING ON HOW PEOPLE CHOOSE TO SITE THE BUILDING AND LANDSCAPE IT.

-- JAMIE LIST





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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS IS A LEADER IN LEAD ABATEMENT & HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS

In a joint working meeting at City Hall this fall, Mayor Seren, City Council and City staff heard non-profit group, Thriving Communities of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC), deliver a sterling report on the condition of citywide housing. The report, based on an exterior survey conducted in 2024 looking at every house across Cleveland Heights, South Euclid and Euclid, found that more than 90% of Cleveland Heights' housing ranks an 'A' or a 'B'.

The conclusion came as little surprise to the City's Director of Housing, Allan Butler, who has built a database of housing conditions during the 20-plus years he has served in his role overseeing the inspection and improvement of the City's housing stock. After the meeting, Butler reflected on the report. There's always room for improvement, he said, and, with a plethora of home repair programs, the City will use the WRLC data to focus on moving the houses that graded 'C' or below up into the top tier.

The Housing Department conducts routine inspections on owner-occupied properties on a five-year rotation, on a three-year basis for rental properties, a Point-of-Sale inspection upon title transfer, and on a complaint basis.

Issuing citations for a housing violation is only the beginning of the responsibilities in the City's Housing Department. Housing prides itself on providing the resources to fix violations, with an emphasis on serving the city's most vulnerable populations. Without the federal grants and technical support City staff in Housing provide, Butler said, addressing the needs of owners of older housing stock would suffer.

"The grants we receive are a big help, for example, when a senior is cited," he said. "We don't want to be the reason she loses her house, so we have grants, from HUD Community Development Block Grants to deferred loans."

A major accomplishment in 2024 was bringing the department's staff of inspectors back in-house after years of outsourcing the work to the Berea-based company Safe Built. Driven by the need for more interaction between City and residents, it has led to improvements in how violations are handled. To wit, the City's Housing Preservation Office is one of the largest producers of Lead Safe rental properties in the last three years, accounting for a full 25% of the County's cases. Also, providing housing preservation resources for those fixing their homes has helped those most in need: Seniors aging in place and families on a fixed income.

"I'm responsible for making sure people comply with keeping existing buildings up to minimum building code standard," Butler said, adding, "We've taken on so much more."

Addressing a generational crisis in housing

In 2022, with Mayor Seren's proposal and City Council's adoption of a Lead Safe Ordinance, Cleveland Heights reached a pivotal moment to address the generational scourge of lead paint. The ordinance includes provisions that, "All residential rental units built before 1978 must be certified as lead-safe by the city building commissioner; and, Certificates of occupancy must be renewed every two years with an updated inspection." In tandem with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Safe grants through

"The impact is tremendous. We're providing kids a chance at a better future. Lead steals so much; a little bit can do such damage."

Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Heights has become a regional leader in lead-abatement efforts.

The City hired lead abatement specialist, Zach Ravanelli, to oversee the City's Lead Safe Program, administering grants (see sidebar p.39) between

\$5,000 for residents to \$12,000 for landlords who complete the work of replacing lead primarily found in paint that flakes from old windows. The program is part of the Cleveland Heights Housing Preservation Office (HPO), a division within Housing that acts proactively to reach seniors, renters, people with low-to-moderate incomes, landlords and, increasingly, the "missing middle" of residents who are on the cusp of those categories. Ravanelli said the City has been aggressive in its approach to reaching residents most at risk, saying that he knocks on doors when a residence has tested positive for lead exposure.

"Word of mouth (among tenants and landlords) is huge," Ravanelli said. "Credit the Lead Safe Ordinance. It helps redirect landlords to the program."

The program works this way: If a child under 5 years old tests positive, it's reported to the County Board of Health, which then makes a referral to Cleveland Heights. Lori Sanford, Housing





Programs Coordinator at the City, helps those applying while the County conducts an onsite assessment. Ravanelli follows with a visit to write specs for contractors to conduct the lead-abatement work. Building a lead safe program, Ravanelli said, has real impact on the lives of Cleveland Heights residents.

“I’m involved from start to finish,” he said, adding, “The impact is tremendous. We’re providing kids a chance at a better future. Lead steals so much; a little bit can do such damage.”

The amount HUD provides in grant support to address lead hazards has gone up in the last four years from \$9,000 to \$20,000 for owner-occupied residents, he said, plus \$12,000 for landlords.

Other high-impact programs the City’s HPO runs includes its Senior Violation Repair and LMI (low-to-moderate income) Repair, which provide helpful \$5,000 grants, and its Deferred Loan Program for residents who don’t qualify for a bank

loan. Ravanelli recounts two cases, single women heads of household, who received deferred loans to fix a roof and front steps in 2024.

“Sometimes a senior is trying to get a home equity line of credit and we’re filling the role as bank,” he said. “The two women we helped kept their home insurance policies. It’s more than a loan; it’s also direct supervision from an HPO specialist.”

Reflecting on the work of the City’s Housing Department, Ravanelli said there’s undeniably a level of service that Cleveland Heights provides that sets it apart from its peer communities.

“We get some flak for [higher standards of] enforcement. Well, there’s just as much push if you’re eligible for the [repair] work. That’s why Cleveland Heights set itself up with the HPO. Your taxes are going to getting greater value for yourself and others.”

HOME PROGRAMS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The City of Cleveland Heights' Housing Preservation Office (HPO) offers various loan and grant programs for single-family homeowners to assist with home maintenance and repairs. Each program has eligibility criteria. To learn more about each programs offerings and requirements

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Financial assistance for specific exterior home repairs of citations. No income limit.

SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

For owner-occupants age 62 or older or permanently disabled.

FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED INCOME LIMITS BASED ON FAMILY SIZE

Family Size	Income Limits
1	\$50,650
2	\$57,850
3	\$65,100
4	\$72,300
5	\$78,100
6	\$83,900
7	\$89,700
8	\$95,450

LEAD SAFE CUYAHOGA

For those with children age five or younger. In-home daycares may qualify.

DEFERRED LOANS & NO INTEREST LOAN OPPORTUNITIES

Owner-occupants at least 62 years of age or permanently disabled residing in the home.

INTERESTED? DO THIS FIRST

Before filling out an application, please call the HPO Coordinator (216-291-4869). You will need to provide your address and the gross annual income total from all home occupants age 18 or older.

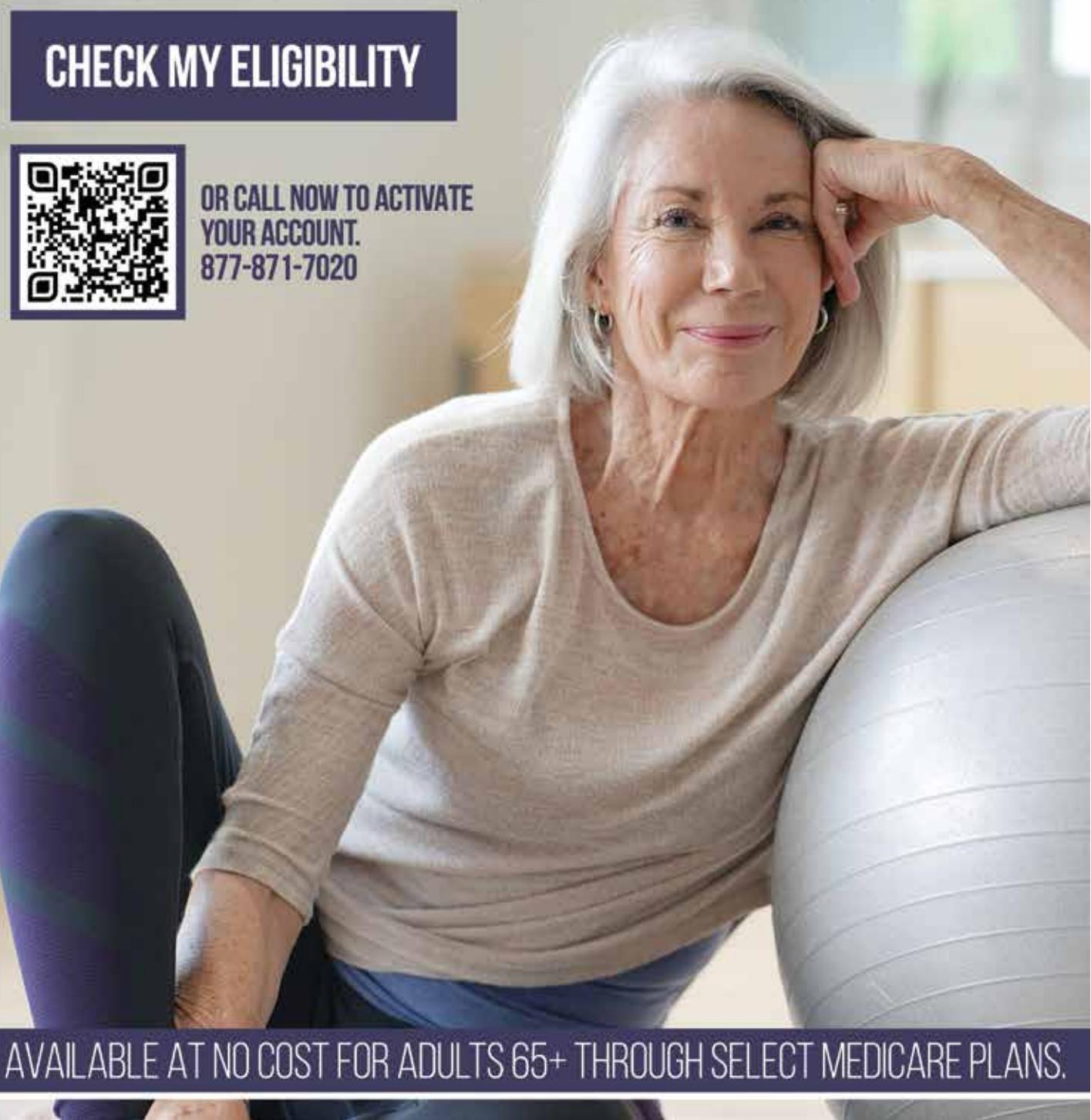


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YOUTH RECREATION FUND

The Youth Recreation Fund provides financial assistance to children living in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District who may otherwise be unable to participate in recreation programs and activities. The Youth Recreation Fund offers reduced rates for those residents who qualify. Applications are available at the Community Center.

DISABILITY POLICY

The Cleveland Heights Department of Parks and Recreation is sensitive to the needs of the physically challenged and encourages the participation of all individuals. All of our facilities meet ADA requirements.

PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATIONS

- Shelters at the locations listed below are available for general use by Cleveland Heights residents on a first come, first served basis and by pre-authorized reservations.

Barbara H. Boyd Park

Cumberland Park

Denison Park

Forest Hill Park 1

Forest Hill Park 2A and 2B

- Each shelter contains a specified number of grills and picnic tables.
- Only the shelter at Denison Park has electricity.
- Cleveland Heights residents may reserve shelters at any of these locations. East Cleveland residents may reserve the Barbara H. Boyd Park shelter

since the Park includes land in both Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland.

- Eligible individuals may rent one (1) shelter annually. Proof of residency must be provided when making a reservation.
- Reserving a shelter costs \$25 plus a \$50 security deposit.
- Shelters may be reserved from May 1 through October 5, 2025. Reservations are now being accepted.
- After (October 5, 2025) all Park Restrooms are closed until the weather permits in the Spring.

Contact the Community Center registration desk at 216-691-7373 for additional information.

Use of the shelters is subject to City Rules and Regulations, enforceable by the City of Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation Department and the Cleveland Heights Police Department.

You can register in person for most programs at the Community Center during the hours listed below.

Monday-Friday 6:00 am-9:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

THE FIELD HOUSE

ANNUAL PASSES, 30-DAY PASSES, AND DAILY ADMISSION AVAILABLE

Residents of Cleveland Heights may use the Field House, which includes the Fitness Center, Track, and Gym, at the Cleveland Heights Community Center by:

1. Paying \$6 per day to use the Field House;
2. Purchasing an annual Field House/Fitness Center pass for unlimited usage of the Field House*; or,
3. Purchasing a 30-day unlimited Field House pass.*

**Resident & Non-resident Field House/Fitness Center pass rates vary by ages. See p.44.*

Fitness Center/Track Policy: You must be age 16 or older to use the Fitness Center and Track. Youths 12 to 15 years of age may use the Fitness Center or Track if accompanied by a paying adult/guardian. Fees apply. Youths under the age of 12 are not permitted in the Fitness Center or on the Track.



PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES

We offer one free 30-minute personal training demo for new community center members. Ask about our NEW weight loss and wellness programs! Individualized personal training programs are adapted by certified experts to fit your goals and needs. All of our expert trainers design your individual program to make your goals a reality. All fitness levels are welcome, ages 13 and up. One-on-one, couples, and small group training sessions available for 60-minute and 30-minute sessions.

Together with your trainer, you will develop safe and effective workouts

to improve your muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and body composition. Our trainers are able to accommodate many physical and cognitive limitations, such as rehabilitation from injuries or surgeries. All of our personal trainers are certified and insured fitness professionals with years of experience. Our facility has a large variety of training equipment, including a private training room with specialized equipment.

Call or text Ty Richardson, our head of personal training services, at 216-694-8414 for a quick phone consultation today!

ROOM RENTALS

The Community Center has several rooms to accommodate your next event no matter how big or small. Tables and chairs are available for your specific set-up style. Please feel free to visit the Community Center to view any of our indoor facilities. Should you be interested in reserving a room, please contact the front desk at 216-691-7373 and let the Community Center make your event one to remember!

All persons must reserve the room in person and submit an Indoor Facility Request Form no less than fourteen (14) days in advance of rental. Payment of half the rental fee, along with the security deposit, is due at the time the request is submitted. Final payment in full is due no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the scheduled event (credit card preferred). Failure to make final payment prior to the start of the event will lead to cancellation.

Please visit chparks.com for additional facility rental rules and requirements.



ACTIVITY ROOM 1A/1B

Maximum Capacity: 50

Cost: \$55/hr. CH RES

\$110/hr. NON-RES

Security Deposit: \$110

ACTIVITY ROOM 7 (kitchen available)

Maximum Capacity: 100

Cost: \$110/hr. CH RES

\$220/hr. NON-RES

Security Deposit: \$220

SOUTH ATRIUM

Maximum Capacity: 50

Cost: \$35/hr. CH RES

\$70/hr. NON-RES

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Maximum Capacity: 150

Cost: \$150/hr. CH RES

\$300/hr. NON-RES

Security Deposit: \$300

SOUTH FIELD HOUSE

Maximum Capacity: 600

Cost: Fee will be based on usage (*)

Long-term rental: \$50–\$70/hr.

Daily rental: \$150–\$250/hr.

Trade show: \$1,000/day

Security Deposit: \$500

GYM

Maximum Capacity: Depends on activity

Cost: \$50/hr. per court

*The South Field House and Gym may be rented through the Sports Manager. Please call 216-691-7383 for availability.

THE FITNESS CENTER

ANNUAL FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP/30-DAY MEMBERSHIP/DAILY ADMISSION



NON-RESIDENT FEES APPLY TO:

- Anyone between ages 12-18 living within the boundaries of the CH-UH school district but not in Cleveland Heights;
- Anyone employed within the boundaries of Cleveland Heights and their families (must present a recent pay stub)
- Families with children in the Community Center's ice programs.

CH residents may use the Fitness Center by:

- Paying \$6 per day to use the Fitness Center,
- Purchasing a 30-day or annual membership for unlimited use of the Field House. (See pricing guidelines below.)

CH Resident	1-Year Memebership	30-Day Membership
Youth 12 - 18	\$110	\$18
Young Adult 19-24	\$180	\$27
Adult 25-59	\$220	\$33
Senior Adults 60+	\$115	\$17
Family*	\$345	\$55

Non-Residents must live within the boundaries of the CH-UH School District; have children in the Community Center Ice Programs; or are employed within the boundaries of Cleveland Heights (must bring a recent pay stub).

Non-Resident	1-Year Memebership	30-Day Membership
Youth 12 - 18	\$165	\$27
Young Adult 19-24	\$248	\$39
Adult 25-59	\$299	\$45
Senior Adults 60+	\$165	\$25
Family*	\$499	\$79

**A family is defined as an adult head-of-household and their spouse or partner, and dependent children age 18 and under who occupy the same household.*

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Infants, toddlers, and youth under the age of 12 are not permitted in the Fitness Center and Gym or on the Track
- The only exceptions are infants and toddlers, who are permitted on the Track in strollers or infant front/backpack carriers.
- Youth ages 12 to 15 years may use the Fitness Center and Track when accompanied by a paying parent or guardian.
- Eligible people 16 years old or older may pay to use the Fitness Center, Gym or Track.

FEES LEVELS

Users may purchase admission/membership to the Fitness Center at two fee levels: Resident and Non-Resident.

RESIDENT LEVEL FEES ARE AVAILABLE TO:

- Anyone living in Cleveland Heights.

ADULT FITNESS

ARGENTINE TANGO LESSONS & PRACTICA RETURNS!

This drop-in class teaches the fundamentals of the Tango, the dance of Buenos Aires. It focuses on the quality of movement, elegance, musicality, and connection.

No partner is necessary.

Days: Sunday
Dates: Ongoing
Time: 1:30-4:30 pm
Cost: \$5 drop in fee (Covers both sessions)
Lessons 1:30 – 2:30 pm and Practica 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

YOGA FOR ANY AND EVERY BODY

This class teaches the fundamentals of Yoga for beginners, those returning to yoga, or anyone looking for a gentler approach to yoga. We will emphasize the basics of poses, along with breathing and relaxing the mind and body.

Day: Thursdays
Time: 6:30-7:30 pm
Dates: Jan 23-Feb 29
Cost: \$38 CH RES
\$44 NON-RES

FIT IN 45 MINUTES

Fifteen minutes each of cardio, strength training, and abdominal work. Wear comfortable workout clothes and bring an exercise mat, towel, and spill-proof water bottle.

Day: Saturday
Time: 9:15-10 am
Dates: Winter 2: Jan 11-Feb 15
Cost: \$38 CH RES
\$44 NON-RES

EVENING BARRE WORKOUT

Barre combines dance with the Pilates principles of strength and safety. This is a barefoot workout. Wear comfortable workout clothes and bring an exercise mat, towel, and spill-proof water bottle. *Maximum class size is 18 participants.*

Day: Mondays
Time: 6-7 pm
Dates: Winter 2: Jan 16-Feb 27
NO CLASS Jan 20 and Feb 17
Cost: \$38 CH RES
\$44 NON-RES

R&B LINE DANZ.XERCISE

This class can help with depression and anxiety by releasing endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals.

Days: Monday
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Dates: Jan 27 – Mar 10
Cost: \$5 drop in fee

MAT PILATES

Pilates strengthens muscles while improving postural alignment and flexibility generated from the core. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own exercise mat, towel, and water. *Maximum class size is 15 participants.*

Day: Wednesdays
Time: 6-7 pm
Dates: Winter 2: Jan 8-Feb 12
NO CLASS Feb 19
Cost: \$38 CH RES
\$44 NON-RES

JAZZERCISE

You're invited to a dance party that fuses cardio, strength, Pilates, hip hop, yoga, and kickboxing. Our average participant stays with us for 7 years!

Burn up to 800 calories in a 1-hour class.
Mary Beth McCann (440)655-5394
marybethmccnn@gmail.com

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 am
Additional days/times offered off-site.

NEW CUSTOMERS: Try 2 weeks for only \$22.

CARDIO DRUMMING

Cardio Drumming is a fun workout for all ages and fitness levels. With the help of music and positive vibes, you will get an all-body workout. Classes involve drumsticks, an exercise ball, a bucket, and a rocking playlist. All equipment provided.

Date: Ongoing from September 8
Days: Tuesdays 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am-10:30 am
Cost: Drop-in \$15
4 Pack \$44

Registration required: linktr.ee/themindfulmix

PERSONAL TRAINING

Personal Training availability:
Monday-Friday
6 am-7:30 pm

Call or Text Ty Richardson at 216-694-8414 for more information.

THE NORTH RINK

FOR INFO ON SCHEDULES AND PROGRAMMING

CHPARKS.COM • LEARN TO SKATE QUESTIONS: LEARNTOSKATE@CLEVELANDHEIGHTS.GOV



ICE RINK SPECIAL EVENTS

February 22: Speedskating Event
June 1: Annual Ice Showcase

PUBLIC SKATE FEES

Preschoolers 5 and under accompanied by an adult are free and only charged for skate rental. (Limit two children per adult)

Students (ages 5-18) with proof of residency \$2
Adult with proof of residency \$3
General Admission, all others \$5
Skate rental \$2
Skate rental book (book of 10) \$16
Guest book (book of 10) \$45

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

For ages 7-12, you may reserve the North Atrium for a private group (maximum 20 children) to enjoy your birthday celebration while skating in one of our public sessions. Outside food and refreshments are permitted. Fee includes atrium rental, skating admission, and skate rental. Advance registration is required. Most Saturday and Sunday afternoons are available March-October.

Cost: \$140 CH RES
\$210 NON-RES

GROUP AND HOURLY RENTALS

For information about group admissions and hourly rental of the North Rink, please contact Heather Janor at 216-691-7395 or hjanor@clevelandheights.gov.

LEARN-TO-SKATE!

It's never too late—or too early—to take to the ice! The Cleveland Heights Community Center offers beginning hockey, figure skating, and speed skating lessons for all ages. For more information, visit chparks.com, call 216-691-7434, or email learntoskate@clevelandheights.gov

PRIVATE LESSONS

In addition to group lessons, the professional skating staff is available for private instruction. A list of professionals is available at the ice rink desk. Please contact individual instructors directly for availability and fee structure. Call 216-691-7434 for information.

LEARN-TO-SKATE USA

Our Learn-to-Skate program accommodates ages 3 to adult and is a collaboration among U.S. Figure Skating, USA Hockey, and U.S. Speedskating. It teaches basic skating concepts and helps figure skaters, hockey players, and speed skaters develop their skills.

Classes meet once a week for 30 minutes, and we offer a variety of times to meet your needs. Please visit chparks.com or the Community Center Registration Desk for a comprehensive schedule.

SESSION DATES

Winter 1: Jan 8-Feb 23

(Skip dates: Jan 15, 19, 20, and Feb 12, 15, 16)

Spring 1: Mar 5-Apr 6

LEARN-TO-SKATE USA FEES

5 weeks: \$50 CH RES

\$60 NON-RES

\$10 skate rental fee if needed

6 weeks: \$60 CH RES

\$72 NON-RES

\$12 skate rental fee if needed

7 weeks: \$70 CH RES

\$84 NON-RES

\$14 skate rental fee if needed

BABY BLADES

Get your little skaters excited about taking the ice. This class is specially designed for skaters ages 18 months to 3 years and includes off-ice play and an on-ice lesson with craft or story time. Offered in 4-week sessions.

When: Fridays 11:30 am-12 pm

Winter 1: Jan 24-Feb 14

Winter 2: Feb 21-March (Skip date: Feb 28)

Cost: \$40 CH RES

\$48 NON-RES

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

To register for group skating lessons in person come to the Community Center front desk Monday-Friday 9am-8pm, or Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm. You may also register online at chparks.com.

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

You need to present proof of residency in order to receive reduced rates on lessons. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather cannot be rescheduled. Classes with insufficient enrollment may be cancelled or combined with other classes.



SKATING



ADULT SUNDAY MORNING PICK-UP HOCKEY

Ages: 18+
Day: Sundays
Time: 8-10 am
Cost: \$10

Full equipment is required for adult pick-up hockey. For schedule or more information call 216-691-7434 or go online to chparks.com

OTHER SKATING OPPORTUNITIES

PAVILION SKATING CLUB

pavilionfsc.com

The Pavilion Skating Club was founded to provide skating opportunities for figure skaters and is a member of U.S. Figure Skating. Whether you're interested in achieving Olympic greatness or want to build your skills, the Pavilion Skating Club has a program for you! Please contact pscoffice@pavilionfsc.com for more information.

CITY FREESTYLE

The City of Cleveland Heights offers ice time for skaters interested in developing more advanced skating skills, including jumps and spins. Skaters may purchase a ten-hour session card and use the ice time for private lessons. Call the rink at 216-691-7434 or go online at chparks.com for more information and the schedule.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS SPEED SKATING CLUB

Speed skating is a sport for all ages, and families are encouraged to skate together. Some equipment is required—a hard shell helmet, long sleeves, gloves, knee pads, and shin guards. However, many skaters have started using rental, hockey, or figure skates. If you are interested in learning how to speed skate, please contact Barb Rosenbaum at 216-401-9392 or bkrosenbaum97@gmail.com.

MARTIAL ARTS

KUK SOOL WON™ (WBSA)

The Traditional Martial Art of Korea. Classes include Etiquette (Respectful Behavior); Rolling & Acrobatics; Safety Falls; Meditation Practice; Hand/Foot Striking & Blocking; Forms Training (Hyung); and Self Defense Techniques.

Instructor: Bob Williams, Sixth Degree Master Black Belt & School Owner

Mini-Kids

Ages: 5-6
Dates: Winter 1 — Jan 7-Feb 25
Winter 2 — Feb 26-April 17
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 6-6:30 pm
Cost: \$61 CH RES
\$68 NON-RES

Youth

Ages: 7-13
Dates: Winter 1 — Jan 7-Feb 25
Winter 2 — Feb 26-April 17
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 6:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$120 CH RES
\$125 NON-RES

Adult

Ages: 14-75
Dates: Winter 1 — Jan 7-Feb 25
Winter 2 — Feb 26-April 17
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 7:30-8:30 pm
Cost: \$120 CH RES
\$125 NON-RES

TAI SHIN DOH

Note: Men's & Women's Self-Defense and Youth Advanced Self-Defense are now combined.

YOUTH BEGINNER SELF-DEFENSE/TAI SHIN DOH

Children are taught control, discipline, awareness, responsibility, and consideration in a martial arts environment. For beginners to yellow belts.

Instructor: David Jones, 7th Degree Black Belt

Ages: 6 and up
Dates: Jan 17-April 18
Day: Friday
Time: 6:30-8 pm
Cost: \$64 CH RES
\$73 NON-RES

MEN'S, WOMEN'S & YOUTH-ADVANCED SELF-DEFENSE/TAI SHIN DOH

For adults wishing to learn self-defense and students who have at least a green belt in Tai Shin Doh. Participants will learn to master the art of Tai Shin Doh.

Instructors: David Jones & Roan Adognravi

Dates: Jan 18-April 19th
Day: Saturday
Time: 10:30 am-12 pm
Cost: \$64 CH RES
\$73 NON-RES



SOCCKER



INDOOR SOCCER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday Evenings
January 27-March 3

Kindergarten – 1st Grade: 5 pm-6 pm
2nd-3rd Grade: 6 pm-7 pm
4th Grade and Up: 7 pm-8 pm

OUTDOOR SOCCER AT DENISON PARK

Saturdays
April 12-May 10

Tiger Cubs (Ages 2.5-5): 10 am-11 am
Kindergarten-1st Grade: 11:25 am-12:30 pm
2nd-4th Grade: 12:45 pm-2 pm
5th Grade and Up: 2:15 pm-3:30 pm

Both Sessions are \$65 for 5 weeks of professional Soccer Training with Heights United Staff.
This program teaches foundational soccer skills and *tactics that can be applied at the highest levels.*

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SOFTBALL

2025 HEIGHTS GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages of Players are as of May 1, 2025

Coach Pitch Recreational League—Willoughby League
Ages 7-8

Fastpitch League—Willoughby League

Ages 10 under
Ages 12 under
Ages 14 under

Eligibility

Open to all youth living within the boundaries of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and neighboring communities.

Fees: **Coach Pitch**
\$65 CH RES
\$85 NON-RES

Fastpitch
\$90 CH RES
\$95 NON-RES

Registration

In-person and online registration begins Saturday, February 15 and ends Saturday, April 12.

ADULT LEAGUES

Coed Softball League

Day: Mondays
Dates & Game Times: Play begins in May, date TBD
Location: Larry Shaw Softball Complex, Forest Hill Park
Team Cost: CH RES \$400*
NON-RES \$475*

2025 HEIGHTS YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

Ages of Players are as of May 1, 2025. Player Assessments (Ages 9-12) TBD

Recreational League—South Euclid League
Ages 7-8
Ages 9-10

Travel League

Ages 11-12—Lyndhurst League
Ages 13-14—Willoughby League

Eligibility

Open to all youth living within the boundaries of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and neighboring communities.

Fees: \$90 CH RES
\$125 NON-RES

Registration

In-person and online registration begins Saturday, February 15 and ends Saturday, May 3

Men's Softball League

Day: Wednesdays and Fridays
Dates & Game Times: Play begins in May, date TBD
Location: Larry Shaw Softball Complex, Forest Hill Park
Team Cost: CH RES \$650*
NON-RES \$725*

**Umpire and Score Keeper Fees separate*

PICKLEBALL



RECREATIONAL INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong and is designed to be played by all ages. This program is for ages 18+. Participants should wear clothing that allows movement and court shoes or athletic shoes. There is water, locker rooms and restrooms available. There are six courts available for play. We have a few beginners Pickleball Paddles for those who do not have their own paddle.

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Friday
Time: 9:15-1:30 pm

Day: Thursday:
Time: 9:15 am-11 am

Cost: \$3 CH RES
\$6 NON-RES daily or
\$25 10-admission pass CH RES
\$50 NON-RES

BEGINNERS' PICKLEBALL CLASS

Basics for beginners learning Pickleball: rules, serving, forehands, backhands, clinking, scoring and strategy. Proper footwear is encouraged. Paddles and balls will be provided for those who need them.

Dates: January 14-March 4

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 11 am-12 pm

Cost: \$80 CH RES
\$100 NON-RES

(Does not cover Pickleball play before or after class)

PICKLEBALL LEAGUE PLAY

Session 1: January 23 -March 27

Session 2: April 10-May 15

Day: Thursdays
Time: 11 am-1 pm
Cost: \$25 CH RES
\$35 NON-RES

Individual round-robin play. Players will be evaluated and ranked by skill level.

Eight-week session includes 6 weeks of League Play followed by 2-week Tournament

Cost covers individual participation for one League Session and does not include pickleball play before or after League Play.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

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By working together in this way, City staff and residents
will ensure that our community remains safe, beautiful, and functional.





PRESCHOOL OPEN GYM

PARENT AND CHILDREN AGE 1-5

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN

DATES: OCTOBER 2, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 2025

DAY: WEDNESDAYS

TIME: 10 AM-12 PM

COST: \$5 PER FAMILY DAILY



SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2025 IS FREE AND EASY!

The Senior Activity Center is open Monday–Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Senior activities include arts and crafts, line dance, book discussions, card games, Zumba, accessible yoga, senior strength training, lectures, wellness programs, and more.

Contact the Senior Activity Center for class dates and registration information at (216) 691-7377. You may also visit chparks.com/202/Senior-Activity-Center.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Senior Activity Center membership is limited to Cleveland Heights residents and non-residents residing in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District aged 60 or older with a current Senior ID. IDs may be obtained at the Senior Center or Community Center front desk at no cost. Proof of residency is required.

Transportation to and from the Senior Activity Center is available for Cleveland Heights senior residents and must be scheduled in advance by calling (216) 691-7194.



FREE ONGOING PROGRAMS

TABLE TENNIS

Join in the fun and get a workout too!

Day: Mondays

Time: 10 am

BOOK DISCUSSION

Read preselected books and discuss them at the Senior Activity Center in a group setting.

Day: First Thursday of the month

Time: 11 am

GENEALOGY GROUP

Meet with other genealogy enthusiasts to learn, share information, and have fun.

Day: Second Wednesday of the month

Time: 2 pm

¡HABLEMOS!

A Spanish conversation group that meets weekly to help participants better listen to, speak, and understand the language. Must be able to speak fluently.

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3 pm

MATINEE MOVIE

Join your Senior Center friends for a movie on the Center's big screen. Bring a snack, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show! The movie selection is subject to change based on availability.

Advance registration is required.

Day: Last Friday of each month

Time: 1 pm

MEDITATION AND RELAXATION

Let go of stress and relax by participating in this meditation group. Limit 12

Day: Mondays

Time: 11 am

MEET GREET AND EAT

Share lunch with old friends and meet new ones at an area restaurant.

Advance registration is required.

Day: Third Thursday of each month

Time: 11:30 am

Note: Participants are responsible for the cost of their meals.

FREE ONGOING PROGRAMS

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

This group is for Parkinson's patients and their families to help them cope with the disease and share information and research findings.

Day: First Wednesday of each month

Time: 2:15 pm

SENIOR WALKING

Seniors who do not have a fitness center pass can walk the track. Participants must scan a current Senior ID at the Senior Activity Center desk.

Day: Monday-Friday

Time: 9 am-1 pm

TAI CHI + QIGONG

Tai Chi is a movement activity, while Qigong is an ancient form of breathing skills. Both bring better health and inner peace. All levels are welcome.

Day: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 10 am (South Atrium)

STITCH TOGETHER

Join the Stitch Together group to learn about knitting, crocheting, other needle crafts, work on your own projects, and enjoy good conversation!

Day: Fridays

Time: 1 pm

CARD GAMES

Join your Senior Center friends in playing Bid Whist, Bridge, and Pinochle.

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

WII BOWLING

A fun, interactive, non-competitive, and healthy game of bowling.

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 1 pm

PAID PROGRAMS



ACCESSIBLE YOGA

Modified for seniors, this style of yoga links movement and breath, increasing flexibility and balance. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat with you.

Winter 2

Day: Friday
Dates: January 3–February 31
Time: 11:30 am–12:30 pm
Cost: \$18 CH RES
\$23 UH RES

FITWALK

This is an active indoor class that includes brisk walking to increase heart rate, strength training, exercises to increase range of motion for the upper body, balance, core control, and flexibility.

Winter 1

Day: Friday
Dates: TBD
Time: 10-10:45 am
Cost: \$15 CH RES
\$20 UH RES

QUILTING

Learn hand piecing and hand quilting techniques, beginning with a simple basic quilt block and moving on to more challenging designs. Beginners and experienced quilters are welcome to the quilt community for lessons and tips. We hold occasional lessons on machine piecing. We will provide new participants with a basic list of supplies.

Winter 1

Day: Tuesday
Dates: January 7–February 11

PAID PROGRAMS

Time: 1–3 pm
Cost: \$15 CH RES
\$20 UH RES

LINE DANCE

Participants will learn some of the latest group dances—and some old ones, too—through step-by-step directions. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes, bring a water bottle, and get ready to have fun and get moving to good music. All levels are welcome.

Winter 1

Day: Friday
Dates: January 10–February 14
Time: 1–2:30 pm
Cost: \$30 CH RES
\$35 UH RES

STRENGTH TRAINING

Exercise with weights, increasing muscle mass/strength and bone density and improving balance and overall wellness.

Winter 1

Days: Monday & Wednesday
Dates: January 6–February 26
Time: 1–2 pm
Cost: \$40 CH RES
\$45 UH RES

ZUMBA® GOLD

Get ready to dance and have fun with instructor Sabrina Kogan in this Zumba class for seniors. Movements are modified to your ability.

Winter 1

Day: Tuesday
Dates: January 7–February 11
Time: 11 am–12 pm
Cost: \$20 CH RES
\$25 UH RES

DRAWING

Participants will work from still lifes, photographs, and personal objects. Explore composition, color, and mark-making using charcoal, graphite, pastels, and colored pencils. A basic list of supplies will be provided upon registration for new participants.

Winter 1

Day: Thursday
Dates: January 9–February 13
Time: 1–3 pm
Cost: \$50 CH RES
\$55 UH RES





OFFICE ON AGING SERVICES

Office on Aging services are available to Cleveland Heights residents age 60 or older. For more information, please visit our office at 1 Monticello Boulevard or call (216) 691-7377, Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Legal Consultations	Available by appointment
Medicare Counselors	Available by appointment
Benefits	Visit benefitscheckup.org
Applications	Living will declarations, power of attorney, HEAP, and homestead exemption forms and more.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Cleveland Heights Meals on Wheels program delivers hot and cold meals four times a week to Cleveland Heights senior citizens ages 60 and up or home-bound adults.

Volunteers deliver meals with a friendly greeting between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm every weekday except Tuesday.

The hot meal includes a meat option, a vegetable, and a side dish; the cold meal includes a sandwich, salad, fruit, and dessert.

To request service or get more information, please call the Senior Activity Center at (216) 691-7377.

CARE

CARE is a membership program that supports homeowners 60 and older with projects around their homes and property. The Cleveland Heights Office on Aging is a participating agency. There is no cost for those who are income-eligible. For more information, call CARE at 216-970-0599 or visit careneo.org.

HELP WITH HARDSHIPS

Have you suffered a hardship and need a little assistance? The Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) can help! For more information, please call (216) 420-6700 or visit: dsas.cuyahogacounty.us.

AARP

The AARP Cleveland Heights Chapter 5018 meets monthly at the Senior Activity Center and welcomes Cleveland Heights residents age 50+. For more information, please contact President Wanda Owens at aarpchapter5018@gmail.com.

Day: Last Thursday of each month (no meetings Jul. & Aug.)
Time: 1 pm
Cost: AARP Chapter Dues—\$5 paid annually.

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The City of Cleveland Heights is providing a wrap-up of recent news and significant events. For more information, please visit the City's website at ClevelandHeights.gov and scroll down to the News & Announcements section of the City's homepage.

CITY TAKES STEP ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND SAVINGS ON CONTRACTS

Cleveland Heights signed a sweeping 'energy savings performance' contract with Leonardo Energy on December 10 that will generate \$1.8 million in savings per year for the next 20 years for the city. At the heart of the \$25 million contract are renovations to five city facilities and replacing the city's streetlights with energy-efficient LED fixtures. The city will create 387 union jobs to update the power systems and repair City Hall, the two fire stations, the service garage, and Cain Park.

The project is expected to reduce the City's carbon footprint by 4,228,000 pounds of carbon dioxide, equivalent to removing 427 cars from the road. The financial savings will allow the City to pursue more of these innovative projects that produce taxpayer savings from consuming less energy and striking deals to lower prices on city contracts.

CITY DESIGN COMPETITION FOCUSES ON AFFORDABLE, SENIOR HOUSING

The City of Cleveland Heights recognized five winners of its Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) Design Competition at an Awards Showcase held at City Hall on December 4.

The competition and awards showcase featured original designs for ADUs—small, second homes that can be built on the same property as a primary residence—submitted by 28 professional and amateur designers.

The City's goal is to develop the designs into buildable plans, and to make them available to Cleveland Heights residents.

The Awards Showcase was a lively event capped by a gallery of submissions. Attendees mingled and discussed with designers the future of affordable and sustainable housing, with a focus on seniors and accessibility, taking shape in Cleveland Heights.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS OBSERVES TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On November 20, TransOhio and Pride in the Heights, in collaboration with the City of Cleveland Heights, hosted a Trans Day of Remembrance event at the CH Community Center. Over 75 people were in attendance.

Trans Day of Remembrance is an annual vigil held across communities worldwide to honor Transgender people who lost their lives to discriminatory violence. A portion of the ceremony is devoted to reading the names of those killed that year.

"We're here tonight to acknowledge and grieve people who lost their lives to bigotry," Mayor Seren said. "Their deaths were meant to be a threat to us all about how fully we realize ourselves, and how true we are to our own identities. Which is why these public gatherings are crucial: We must come together to affirm and celebrate our individuality and self-expression, and we must collectively mourn when that right is violently taken from any of us."

CITY WINS \$800,000 TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS AND PEOPLE WALKING

On November 15, the City of Cleveland Heights won a \$800,000 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant (SS4A) from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The city will use the grant to install demonstration projects that improve safety conditions for pedestrians and cyclists in Cleveland Heights. The City will match the \$800,000 grant with \$200,000 for an immediate infusion of \$1 million in roadway safety improvements.

"This grant will enable a faster turnaround for our traffic calming program and getting demonstration projects in place that encourage sustainable forms of transportation in Cleveland Heights," Mayor Seren said.

The city applied for the grant ahead of the release of a study that identifies locations where higher numbers of crashes have occurred over the past decade and recommends ways to make them safer.

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