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4th of July on Sycamore Road, 1925



Cleveland Heights



Streetcar at Euclid Heights Blvd./Derbyshire, 1948

Cleveland Heights Celebrates 100 Years!

In 1921 Cleveland Heights was established as a city. From our early days, diversity and creativity have been cherished traits. People of all races, religions and economic backgrounds have always been welcomed. A strong sense of community so often differentiates us from other cities. Whether it was fighting to protect Shaker Lakes from being paved over to become a highway or being one of the first cities to honor domestic partners, Cleveland Heights remains a unique and progressive place to live. Stay tuned for special activities to be announced to celebrate our Centennial. For more information go to www.ClevelandHeights100.com.



Left Top: Heights Noble Road Fire Station, ca 1932



Left Bottom: New floor for Cain Park Amphitheatre, 1954



City Hall, 1924



Mayor Frank Cain family portrait, 1946

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BUSINESS

SHOPPING LOCAL is even more important during these challenging times.

In spite of the pandemic, many businesses opened in 2020 in Cleveland Heights. Here are some we are sure you will enjoy!

Amba, 1975 Lee Road, 216-650-9620, ambacle.com

Ghost restaurant by Chef Douglas Katz offering cuisine inspired by India for carryout only.

Barber and Beauty Supply Outlet
13216 Cedar Road, 216-279-0404
<https://barber-and-beauty-supply-outlet.business.site>

Chimi, 1975 Lee Road, 216-932-3333, chimicle.com

Ghost restaurant by Chef Douglas Katz offering South American-inspired cuisine for carryout only.

Happy Bee's Ice Cream

1783 Coventry Road, www.scoopsofhappy.com

Offering classic, family-friendly ice cream flavors, plus alcohol-infused treats for adults.

Made Cleveland, 216-800-8420, 1854 A Coventry Road,

www.facebook.com/madecleveland

Offering a wide array of items from over 75 creators in Northeast Ohio.

Marchant Manor Cheese

2211 Lee Road, 216-801-1070,

www.merchantmanor.com

Artisanal cheesemaker specializing in soft, triple-cream cheeses.

Maxwell's Restorations

1637 Lee Road, 770-940-3772,

www.maxwellsrestorations.com

Fine quality restoration of violin, viola, cello and double bass; bow rehair and restoration.

Soba Asian Kitchen

1827 Coventry Road, 216-331-7029,

www.sobaasiankitchen.com

Fast-casual, hibachi restaurant serving hibachi bowls of meat and vegetables along with sides of potstickers, spring rolls, extra noodles, and more.

Subcity Restaurant, 2142 Lee Road,

216-862-8862,

www.subcityrestaurants.com

A sandwich shop featuring sandwiches, wings, and wraps.

Vitrum Smoke Shop, 1781 Coventry

Road, 216-795-5144,

www.facebook.com/vitrumgallery

Offering a large inventory of glass novelties and smoking accessories.

WizBang, 2134 Lee Road,

216-501-2607,

www.wizbangtheater.com

Jason and Danielle Tilk bring the "Wizbang Variety Circus Mayhem" to Cedar Lee.

We apologize in advance if we missed any others. If you know of a new storefront business that was not included, please let us know.

MetroHealth Expansion

MetroHealth announced late last year their plans to expand its Severance Circle location. This will be a \$42 million expansion adding 96,000 square feet and 110 new treatment beds primarily for inpatient behavioral and addiction treatment. This expansion will serve Cleveland Heights and neighboring communities and could catalyze further development of the Severance area.

All Are Welcome

Last year the City launched the "All Are Welcome" campaign to help position Cleveland Heights as the destination of choice to live, play, and to start a business. The effort included advertising around the region. You may have seen one of the bus wraps on RTA buses enticing people to come, eat and shop in Cleveland Heights.

Or you may have heard Cleveland Heights touted on NPR as a special, unique, diverse community. Digital ads were also positioned in "competitive" areas like University Circle, Lakewood and Ohio City. The campaign launch plus the holiday campaign generated more than eight million impressions and many positive comments from around the region. The campaign began with an upbeat video demonstrating what makes our community a desirable place. If you haven't watched the video yet, you can view it on our website at www.clevelandheights.com/AllAreWelcome.

All are welcome.



Construction on The Ascent at Top of the Hill mixed-use development project continues to move forward.

At this time, key project construction elements remain either on, or ahead of, schedule. Work on the parking garage and all buildings continues as walls and decks are being installed, and utility installation is proceeding. The City is working closely with all residential and commercial neighbors of the project to mitigate any impacts of construction. The project is a single-phase development. Construction began in May of 2020 and is anticipated to be completed during the first half of 2022.

CITYNEWS

Meet Your Police

Meet Your Police takes place virtually the first Thursday of each month. We encourage residents to contact us by phone at 1-415-655-0001, Access code 643 740 227, to discuss any concerns or questions anyone may have for the Police Department. If you are unable to participate, residents can email myp@clvhts.com to ask questions or request information.

Filing a Police Report

Minor incidents or crimes can be reported online, through the Report A Crime page (www.clevelandheights.com/Report-A-Crime). The online form can be downloaded. Once completed, the form should be emailed to oic@clvhts.com. The report will be reviewed by a supervisor and assigned an incident number, which will be provided to the person filing the report. If additional follow-up is needed, an officer will contact the person directly either by email or phone. As always, please call 216-291-1234 if a problem or incident is currently occurring. Citizens with questions as to whether their concerns can be resolved without having to come to the Police Department or have an officer come to their home, are encouraged to contact the Police Department directly at 216-291-4619 or email myp@clvhts.com.

Copies of Police Reports

Requests for copies of police reports can be emailed to policereports@clvhts.com, faxed to 216-291-2456 or phoned in to 216-291-4737. All other public records requests should be directed to the Law Department, LawPRR@clvhts.com.

Overnight Parking Request

As a reminder, parking is not permitted on Cleveland Heights streets between 3:00am and 6:00am. Residents can request overnight parking by going online to www.frontlinepss.com/chpd. This does not include permission to park in municipal lots, private property, prohibited zones, rush-hour lanes or for any other restriction by posted signs. There is a maximum of nine requests per month, and a restriction of 36 requests per year. Any driveway repair taking longer than 3 days requires contacting the Police Department directly at 216-291-4619. Requests must be submitted before 3:00am to obtain permission.

Away-From-Home Form

The Cleveland Heights Police Department can keep an eye out on your residence while you are away from home for a short period of time. Just go to www.clevelandheights.com/away-from-home, fill out the form and submit it online. Or you can download the form and email it to oic@clvhts.com.

With the submission of this form, the Police Department will conduct periodic security checks for those residents who have no one staying or checking on their home. This form is solely for occupied homes that will be unoccupied for a short time due to vacation or work travel.



Community Shredding Days 6/19 & 10/16

Don't risk throwing it away! Bring your old financial statements, receipts, invoices or other personal, unwanted documents to be shredded on site. Limit of 10 boxes per person. To answer the demand, two shredding trucks have been contracted for June 19.

9:00am-12:00 noon each date
Cleveland Heights City Hall, Parking Lot
40 Severance Circle
Questions? Email publicrelations@clvhts.com or call 216-291-2323.

Building Department

Be sure the contractor is registered with the City of Cleveland Heights Building Department. The contractor is responsible to obtain a permit for whatever work is being done. Visit www.clevelandheights.com/building-permits for more information.



Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community beginning Monday, April 5. This activity will last through May. Check your water daily for rust before drinking or washing clothes. Rust remover will be available at Fire Station #1, 3445 Mayfield Road.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Refuse & Recycling is Going Automated in Cleveland Heights in 2021

Based on overwhelming positive input from our residents, Cleveland Heights City Council voted unanimously in November of 2020 to convert from manual curbside refuse and recycling collection to automated curbside collection. This up-to-date, modern collection service will continue to be performed by in-house personnel as recommended by the Council-appointed Refuse and Recycling Task Force. The Task Force studied the City's current collection system for a year prior to making a recommendation to Council. The City also engaged a consultant to perform a solid waste collection rate analysis over six months to determine how to make the transition to this new service at the most economical cost to residents. City Council approved a ten-year incremental fee increase to fund this transition over time beginning April 1: residents' sanitation fees will increase initially to \$16.17; those who qualify for homestead exemption will pay \$7.67. The funding allows for the acquisition of equipment, supplies and other upgrades necessary for this change.

The conversion is already underway, and project roll-out is expected to be completed by October of this year. The current fleet of collection vehicles will be replaced with new "automated" vehicles capable of mechanically picking up a collection cart set out at the curb and tipping it into a

hopper on the front of the truck. Each residential household will receive one refuse and one recycling cart. Smaller/senior households will have an option to select a smaller refuse cart, and larger households will have the option to purchase an additional cart if needed. Upgrades include the purchase of six automated collection vehicles; five lighter aluminum semi-trailers that are utilized for hauling refuse to the landfill and recycling to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF); three semi tractors; structural upgrades to the city's transfer station; and resident education and outreach for the new collection process.

Due to the increased efficiency of automated collection, the current daily collection routes for refuse & recycling will be reduced from five refuse routes to four, and three recycling routes to two. **Based on these improvements, your collection day may change.** Check www.clevelandheights.com/refuse for updates.

The City will be rolling out a robust information and education campaign in the coming months. To stay up to date with the latest information and news, be sure to check your mail, utility bill messages, social media, and sign-up for weekly Cleveland Heights email news updates at www.clevelandheights.com/enews.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Please note there is never a refuse collection on Sunday.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31 is Memorial Day. Monday collection will be on Tuesday, Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday, Wednesday collection will be on Thursday, Thursday collection will be on Friday, and Friday collection will be on Saturday.



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS REFUSE & RECYCLING IS GOING AUTOMATED IN 2021

This is an Early Notification - More information will be provided in the coming months

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Each residential unit will be provided with a 96-gallon refuse & a 65-gallon recycling cart

Project Rollout is expected to be complete by October 2021

Senior households will have an option to request a smaller 65-gallon refuse cart

Larger households will have an option to purchase an additional 96-gallon refuse cart

More information on cart options will follow in the coming months

AT YOUR SERVICE

Bulk Pick-up

Bulk items will be picked up once per month during the **first FULL week of each month** on the resident's regular trash day. Bulk is limited to four (4) items per pick-up and any fabric item must be wrapped in plastic. If there are more than four items or if the bulk pick-up needs to occur on a day that is different than the regularly scheduled day, please call 216-291-5995 to schedule a special pick-up; there is an additional fee. **MOVE OUTS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.** For details about bulk item preparation, go to www.clevelandheights.com/Large-Or-Bulk-Items.



YARD WASTE RECYCLING

Loose leaf collection will run from April 5 through April 30. During this period, leaves can be swept to the tree lawn for collection. Please visit www.clevelandheights.com/Leaf-Collection to see when we will be on your street. However, after April 30, the following methods of preparation **must** be followed to ensure collection.

Leaves, weeds, grass and small twigs must be placed in a Kraft paper yard bag weighing less than 40 pounds each. Kraft bags will be collected on your regular refuse collection day beginning May 3. There is a ten (10) bag limit per collection. Bags containing other material will not be collected.

Branches and limbs should not exceed 4-foot lengths and no more than three inches in diameter. Branches and limbs, should be bundled with string/twine and weigh less than 40 pounds per bundle. Items that do not adhere to these rules will not be picked up.

Small logs must be cut in lengths of no more than 18 inches and no more than six inches in diameter. Please stack logs in a pile for collection. *Please note that weight limits are established in the interest of employees' safety and are strictly enforced.*

Tree Lawn Planting

Each spring and fall, the Forestry Division plants trees on tree lawns for property owners who request it. Those interested in this service can call the Service Department at 216-691-7300.

Arbor Day is April 30

The City is planting trees at 10:00am at the Community Garden (corner of Noble and Roanoke) in honor of Arbor Day.

Heights Tree People is a group of local residents dedicated to renewing the tree canopy in the Heights. They supply and plant trees for free in people's front yards.

In February 2018, some friends who love trees got together to talk about planting trees in the Heights. Many were Tree Stewards trained by Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Holden Forests and Gardens. Some had attended Ohio Department of Natural Resource's Tree Commission Academy and pruning classes. They included landscape designers, a family that had funded local tree planting for decades, two medical doctors, and people with a deep spiritual connection to the Earth who could hear a cry for more trees.

In two years this group of friends has planted 400 trees in the Heights area.

“Trees Are The Answer” to what question? Their multiple benefits are extensive and varied. Neighborhoods with trees are safer. All stress-related diseases, including heart disease and stroke, are reduced when people live with trees. Tired of potholes? Plant trees! Their shade cools the pavement, extending the life of roads. Want neighborhood connection? Plant trees! People visit with their neighbors

more when they have shade. Reduce your electric bill by planting a shade tree to the south or west of your house. Climate scientists are asking us collectively around the globe to plant 1,000,000,000 trees to reduce climate change.

Perhaps most importantly, trees are beautiful: amazing in their architecture, variety of colors, textures, height and functions. People are happier and healthier when we live with trees; they civilize us.

“What an amazing group of people,” says Judie Bernstein after Heights Tree People planted a tree in her yard. “They do this out of the goodness of their hearts and desire to help the environment.”

The two best seasons for planting trees are spring and fall. Heights Tree People takes requests for trees year-round, spreading out the work and increasing their ability to plan.

FutureHeights is the fiscal agent for the group. While Heights Tree People plants trees for free, many residents are so grateful they want to give something to help “pay it forward,” allowing the program to continue planting more trees in their neighbors’ yards.

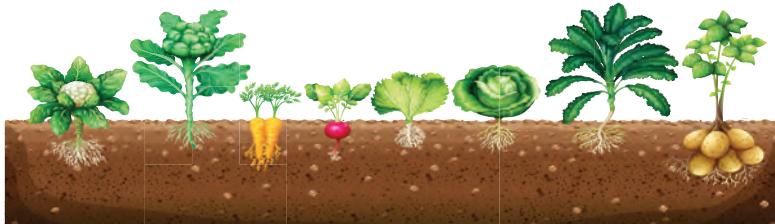
Contact Heights Tree People now to be on the list for spring planting by emailing heightstreepeople@gmail.com



AROUND TOWN

WE ARE NOBLE: MAY 21-23

We Are Noble 2021, the celebration of the people and places in the Noble neighborhood, will take place May 21-23, 2021. In 2020, Noble residents found creative ways to express support for each other in the early months of coronavirus lifestyle changes. Residents and businesses decorated windows, donated to the Start Right Hunger Center, and worked to spruce up the area. Again in 2021, Noble residents will monitor the virus contagion to plan a condition-sensitive celebration. Check the website, NobleNeighbors.com to watch plans unfold in May.



Plant extra this spring

Calling all gardeners! This spring, plant a few extra veggies, fruit and flowers. Bring your bounty to Noble Gardeners' Market on Saturday mornings in August and September to sell to your neighbors. Only fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers may be sold, no processed food. Sellers are not charged for market space and may join the market for a few weeks or the whole eight-week season. NGM is an essential business and follows Ohio's guidelines for coronavirus safety. For more information, go to www.nobleneighbors.com/2020-noble-gardeners-market.

HOME REPAIR RESOURCE CENTER

Home Repair Resource Center is Cleveland Heights' one-stop shop for all stages of the home-owning process. HRRC continues their commitment to city residents with a full schedule of virtual workshops and seminars throughout 2021.

Monday, April 12 brings the "Switches & Outlets" workshop, which helps take the fear out of working with electricity. In the process residents will learn how to cut and strip electrical wire and how to properly re-wire receptacles. Stay up-to-date with the agency's schedule of classes at www.hrrc-ch.org.

In addition to assistance for homeowners, HRRC has programs available for those planning to buy a home as well. Their monthly Homebuyer Education series is a four-part, all-encompassing program that covers the complex steps in purchasing a home.

Home Repair Resource Center is located at 2520 Noble Rd. To register for any of their classes, become a member of the Tool Library, or to make an appointment to speak with a helpful staff member, contact 216-381-6100 or visit them at www.hrrc-ch.org.



HELP WITH HOME REPAIRS

Hope does Spring eternal and the City's Housing Preservation Office may have just the program you're looking for to help with those home improvements and repairs!

Get the Lead Out

The City of Cleveland Heights, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Department of Development, wants to help make homes lead safe. Many homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. Grants up to \$9500 are available to those meeting household income limits for such items as new windows, doors, painting and other repairs. Minimum homeowner contribution is 10% of the project cost and to qualify, you must have children ages 5 years or younger in the home.

Deferred Loan/No Interest Loan/Exterior Paint & Violation Repair Grants

Cleveland Heights homeowners age 62 and older, or permanently disabled, are eligible for loans and grants that can really help keep their home looking and running well. These programs can provide improvements for items such as new roofs, windows (lead remediation), heating/cooling systems, plumbing, electrical, carpentry repairs, new kitchens, and baths. The maximum exterior paint grant is \$3500 to prepare/paint the house and garage, if paint costs exceed \$3500, the homeowner must pay the difference. The violation repair program provides assistance or correction of exterior violations; homeowners are eligible for a maximum benefit of \$1000 with a maximum lifetime benefit of \$3000.

The homeowner must be current on property taxes and have a total household income that does not exceed the Year 2020 federal income guidelines (subject to change): 1 person \$42,600; 2 persons \$48,650; 3 persons \$54,750; 4 persons \$60,800.

All of these programs are federally funded and have application income and home equity requirements. For more information, call Lori Sanford of the Housing Preservation Office at 216-291-4869.



AT THE LIBRARY



Hope Springs Eternal at Heights Libraries!
After a tough winter, we're looking forward to spring: sunshine, warmer temperatures, flowers, and brand new free programs for the whole family!

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES



Online Programs

If you would like to attend one of our online programs on Zoom, please be sure to register for the program at heightslibrary.org with your email address so Library staff can send you the login instructions. Zoom programs are NOT recorded to ensure the comfort and safety of all participants. Facebook Live events do not require registration, and can be found on the Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/heightslibrary. Dates and times of all programs are subject to change. Questions? Call 216-932-3600.

Family Zoom Storytime

Mondays through May 24, 11:00am
Fridays through May 28, 11:00am
Want to enjoy storytime from the comfort of your own home? Here's your chance! Join us as we read books and sing songs in our Family Zoom storytime. Each storytime has its own registration, and each storytime's registration begins two weeks prior to its date. Register at heightslibrary.org

Evening Family Zoom Storytime

Tuesday, April 13 & 29, May 11 & 27, 7:00pm
Join us twice a month for an evening Zoom storytime. This storytime will be calmer and quieter than our daytime storytime, prepping kids for sweet dreams. Each storytime has its own registration, and each storytime's registration begins two weeks prior to its date. Register at heightslibrary.org

Family Game Night: Scattergories

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00pm on Zoom
Quick, what's a name that starts with "P"? What about a tool? Something you find in your couch? Families with children in grades K-5 will attempt to master Scattergories on Zoom. Register at heightslibrary.org.



In-Person: Outdoor and Indoor

For all outdoor and indoor programs, following CDC safety guidelines, a mask is required for anyone over two years old, and participants must maintain six feet of distance.

Coventry Village Branch 1920 Coventry Road, 216-321-3400

Spread Out Games

Thursday, May 6-27, 3:00pm
Join us for a safe and socially distanced communal game in the Heights Libraries PEACE Park. Participants will meet in front of the Coventry branch before heading into the park. Ages 5-10.

Soccer Kick Around

Friday, May 21, 3:00pm
Spread out and pass around a soccer ball in the Heights Libraries PEACE Park. Participants will meet in front of the Coventry branch before heading into the park. All ages are welcome.

Lee Road Branch 2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Spring Activity Packs

Friday, April 2, May 7
Looking for something fun to do at home? Stop by the Lee Road branch at the beginning of every month to pick up an exciting activity pack! Fun, age-appropriate packs combining DIY crafts, literacy aids, and other activities will be available for preschoolers and school-age children. New packs available on the first Friday of each month while supplies last.

Outdoor Family Story Stop

Thursday, April 15-May 27, 10:30am
The lawn next to Dobama Theatre (at Lee and Corydon Rd)
Bring your blankets and join us for

stories, songs, and rhymes. Weather permitting. Each storytime has its own registration, and each storytime's registration begins two weeks prior to its date. Register at heightslibrary.org. For children of all ages.

Noble Neighborhood Branch 2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

Outdoor Superhero Scavenger Hunt
Sat, April 24-May 15, All Day
Families with children of all ages are invited to participate in an outdoor superhero scavenger hunt. Wear your favorite superhero costume and hunt for the heroes of spring and some of our favorite superhero characters. Stop in at the children's desk to get started.

Spring Fling Dance Party

Wednesday, April 28, 4 p.m.

Calling all party people! Movers, dancers, and shakers of all ages are invited to a rad afternoon of outdoor dancing, stories, and games. Put on your brightest, most extraordinary attire and come ready to celebrate the spring season. Weather permitting. Registration begins April 14 at heightslibrary.org.

The Floor Is Lava

Saturday, May 29, 2:00pm

Kids in grades K-5 will test their balance and courage as they do their best to maneuver through our outdoor obstacle course without touching the ground. Just remember, the floor is lava! Weather permitting. Registration begins May 15 at heightslibrary.org.

University Heights Branch, 13866 Cedar Road, 216-321-4700

Weekly Weather in a Jar Make and Take

Tuesday, April 6-20, 1:00pm

Stop by the library to pick up a "weather in a jar" activity pack. Each week we will be making a different type of weather: snow storm, rain clouds, and tornado. Pick-up available Tuesdays in April. Ages 7 and up. Registration begins March 23 at heightslibrary.org.

ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Self-Care

Meditation Tuesdays on Zoom

Tuesdays through May 25, 6:00pm

Christine Valadon will present a weekly Zoom heartfulness meditation, an effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart. Registration required at heightslibrary.org.

Virtual Lunchtime Yoga

Friday through May 28, 12:00pm

Working from home and need a break in your day? Spend some time focusing on yourself so that you can get back to work feeling refreshed and energized. Tune in at 12:00 noon on the Library's Facebook page for live yoga or catch the replay later in the day!

Learn a New Skill on Zoom

Noble Needles Knitting Circle

Thursdays, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, 6:30pm

Knit and chat with other knitters on Zoom. Register at heightslibrary.org.

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tuesdays, April 13 & 27, 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom for the opportunity to chat with other knitters while working on projects from home. Crocheters are also welcome! Register at heightslibrary.org.

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language

Saturdays through April 17, 1:00pm

Join us on Zoom to learn the basics of communicating in American Sign

Language. Refresh and build upon your skills in the use of American Sign Language. Register at heightslibrary.org.

Intermediate American Sign Language Class

Saturdays through April 17, 2:30pm

Join us on Zoom for Intermediate Sign Language. Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language, with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers. Register at heightslibrary.org.

Discussions

Cedar-Coventry Author Series on Zoom

The popular local author series is back in partnership with Mac's Backs Books on Coventry at 7:00pm.

Thursday, April 15: Local sci-fi authors Marie Vibbert and Doug Henderson both share their latest books in a two-fer book night. Vibbert reads from *Galactic Hell Cats*, her newly-released science fiction novel that one reviewer described as "a fun romp around found family and finding your place in the Universe." Henderson reads from his new novel, *The Cleveland Heights LGBT Sci-Fi and Fantasy Role Playing Club*. Set in part in the hipster neighborhood of Coventry Road, a group of friends engage in a role-playing club that interweaves with their "real" lives in unexpected ways.

May: Check heightslibrary.org for details about our May local author event. Register at heightslibrary.org.

Murder between the Pages on Zoom

Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Join us for a true crime book discussion, brought to you in partnership with Mac's Backs. Borrow the book or buy from Mac's Backs at 20% off. Register at heightslibrary.org.

April 13: *Gone at Midnight: The Tragic True Story Behind the Unsolved Internet Sensation* by Jake Anderson

May 11: *Hunting the Unabomber: The FBI, Ted Kaczynski, and the Capture of America's Most Notorious Domestic Terrorist* by Liz Wiehl

1619 Project on Zoom

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

The 1619 Project is an initiative by *The New York Times* that re-examines the history, and lasting influence, of American slavery on our society. Join us as we continue to discuss how the legacy of slavery remains the dominant factor of American political, cultural, and social spheres. Register at heightslibrary.org. Log-in: 823 648 5349 Password: 691353

April 8: Slavery and Health Care

May 13: 1619 Project vs. 1776 Project

Just the Classics: Youthful Favorites on Zoom

Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Whether revisiting old friends or making new ones, we welcome you to enjoy these literary classics with us. Register at heightslibrary.org.

April 20: S E Hinton, *The Outsiders*

May 18: Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*



THE **EARLY** YEARS

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio offers early literacy, parenting support and school readiness programs for families with young children, ages birth to 6, at various locations throughout the community.

During the pandemic, they have been able to continue to offer many programs remotely and look forward to returning to in-person programming as soon as the conditions are deemed safe and appropriate.

Their programs are designed to offer parents a variety of opportunities to enhance their parenting experience, build their confidence as parents, play with their kids and provide resources for them to become the parents they strive to be. Play is the best way for children to learn, grow, and develop all of the important early skills.

Music with Marisa: Join from your living room for a free, interactive music program. Marisa plays the ukulele, engages the children, and includes rhythm, tone and other musicality features in a fun and engaging session. Call for days and times, visit their website or join via Zoom by registering here: www.eventbrite.com/e/music-with-marisa-registration-103955678232. Like Family Connections on Facebook to join via Facebook.

Baby & Me: Join on Wednesdays at 10:00am from your living room for a free interactive session for families with babies ages birth to 12 months. Parenting can be very isolating – especially during a pandemic. Join via Zoom as the joys and

frustrations of parenting are shared. The sessions include lively and informative discussions around sleep, feeding and other developmentally appropriate questions. For more information or to register email ebarrett@familyconnections1.org.

Parenting Classes: An eight-week series of parent education sessions offered twice yearly.

Parent Café: Free parent/caregiver-led conversations about the joys and challenges of raising children and sharing ways to strengthen our families. Contact Family Connections for opportunities to participate or to collaborate as a partner. (Collaborative partnerships may be held off site).

Family Literacy Playroom

Little Heights is a free early literacy playroom designed to support the development of school readiness skills through interactive adult-child play. Call for new pandemic hours.

Programs in CH-UH elementary schools and Cleveland Heights community:

Family School Connections: Parent Coaches connect with families, involve and engage parents in the school community, and support parents with information and resources to help promote their children's literacy development and school success. Parent Coaches work with the parents and caregivers of kindergarten students who need additional literacy support. Parents are given activities and strategies to strengthen their child's success in school. Parent Coaches provide materials, books and games designed to be used at home. The staff provides home

visits twice a month to assist the parent and child with academic support and share with the parent the learning areas specific to their child that need strengthening. Parent Coaches also assist with any immediate needs such as food and housing insecurity by connecting families with resources. The social-emotional needs of the parent and child are also addressed.

SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids): A free kindergarten readiness program designed for families with preschoolers. Monthly home visits with a SPARK parent partner will bring fun literacy games, activities and resources to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten. Learn what to expect in kindergarten, gather ideas for learning at home, etc. Family Connections is a proud provider of SPARK in partnership with Heights Libraries and CH-UH schools.

Please visit www.familyconnections1.org or call 216-321-0079 for detailed schedules and times.



HOME TO THE ARTS

APOLLO'S FIRE BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

216-320-0012 • www.apollofire.org
info@apollosfire.org

Jeannette Sorrell, artistic director

Your subscription or ticket allows you either to attend the concert in person or receive a password to watch the exclusive concert-video one week later in the comfort of your home. More details on their website's FAQ page.

CELEBRATION: Vivaldi's Four Seasons - rediscovered

Saturday, April 17, 8:00pm
Cleveland Institute of Music



Sunday, April 18, 4:00pm
Cleveland Museum of Art

Apollo's Fire brings these beloved concertos to life as the revolutionary acts of musical storytelling they were meant to be. The program also features dueling cellists in Vivaldi's stormy *Concerto for Two Cellos*.

CHORAL ARTS CLEVELAND

216-381-4608

choralartsCLEVELAND.org

Brian Bailey, music director

All performances are suspended indefinitely. Please check the website for updates.

CITY MUSIC CLEVELAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

216-632-3572

www.citymusicCLEVELAND.org

Amit Peled, principal conductor

April Chamber Music Concert:

work by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Sunday, April 11, 3:00pm • Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St.

Piano Quartet Chamber Music

Concert: works by Louise Adolphine Le Beau and Elfrida Andree
Friday, April 23, 7:00pm • Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St.

In Search of Peace: works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Amada Harberg, and Libby Larsen
Friday, May 14, 7:00pm • Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 East 65 St.

June Chamber Music Concert:
works by Ellen Taffé Zwilich and Franz Schubert
Friday, June 4, 7:00pm • Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St.

DOBAMA THEATER

2340 Lee Rd. • 216-932-3396
www.dobama.org

Dobama is working with Actors' Equity Association, Health Organizations and other partners in taking steps to keep our community safe. They will reopen their doors when they have a safe and responsible way to welcome people back into their space. Dobama is releasing professionally produced short films, "The Soliloquy Project" featuring memorable monologues from Dobama productions and notable contemporary playwrights. Theatre professional from the Cleveland area will be profiled on social media and internet platforms in "Artists of the Land." Check their website for updates.

ENSEMBLE THEATRE

2843 Washington Blvd. • 216-321-2930
• www.ensembletheatrecle.org

*Please note, due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, events are subject to change. Stay safe, stay healthy, and wear a mask. We cannot wait until we can do in-person productions! Take care of each other. We are all in this together!



:: STAGEWRIGHT'S UNIT Presents ::
10 MINUTE PLAY
ZOOM READING SERIES
Every other Monday starting September 21, 2020.
Live Streamed on Ensemble's Facebook Page

Ensemble Theatre is presenting a **10 Minute Play Zoom Reading Series** in collaboration with their Stagewrights Unit. It occurs every other Monday at 7pm via Zoom and is live streamed on Ensemble Theatre's Facebook Page. For more information go to www.ensembletheatrecle.org/10-minute-readings-zoom.

April 1-4, 2021 Ensemble Theatre partners with **Broadway on Demand** to present virtual productions of short plays by black female playwrights: **POOF**, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning Lynn Nottage, and **THE BOMB** by local award winning playwright Lisa Langford. These plays will be presented as part of a single night event, followed by talkbacks with the artists! Visit www.ensembletheatrecle.org for updates.

Late April/early May (date TBA) Ensemble Theatre will partner with the Ebony Bobcat Network for a Virtual Benefit Reading of Charles Smith's **The Gospel According to James**. This reunion reading by the cast from Ensemble's critically acclaimed and award-winning 2013 production will benefit both Ensemble Theatre and The Ebony Bobcat Network. Visit Ensemble's website for updates on the official date and time of this event.

HEIGHTS ARTS

2175 Lee Rd. • www.heightsarts.org
216-371-3457

IN THE GALLERY

Group Exhibition Through May 16 Julie Friedman, Paula Izydorek, Mark Keffer, Alessandro Ravagnan, and Dante Rodriguez present works in painting, sculpture and mixed media. This exhibit was curated by the Exhibition Community Team from submissions by local artists through the website.

Spotlight: Bernadette Glorioso

Through May 16

This series is an optimistic reflection of life's complexities as they relate to Glorioso's interactions with nature in the Cleveland Metroparks.

Intern Showcase May 21-June 13

Curated by Gallery interns Zelda Thayer-Hansen and Eryn Lawson from Heights High School, the show exhibits their talents and interpretations of the natural environment around us, whether they be fantastical, political, community-based or otherwise driven.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS CHAMBER MUSIC

CONCERT 3: Unfairly Neglected Masters

Sunday, April 25 at 3:00pm, streamed live from the Bop Stop

Performers: University of Texas at Austin Professor Patti Wolf (piano), and Cleveland Orchestra members Tanya Ell Woolfrey (cello) and Isabel Trautwein (violin).

Composers Florence Price and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart share the spotlight in this second concert in the series. Price's haunting and melodic *String Quartet no. 2* is paired with Mozart's beloved *Quintet in A Major*. Tickets may be purchased at www.heights.org.

HEIGHTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

216-751-7816

www.heightschamberorchestra.org

Heights Chamber Orchestra is comprised of 45 professional and amateur musicians bringing free concerts to the Greater Cleveland community. Concerts are paused for now but check their website for updates.

HEIGHTS YOUTH THEATRE

216-923-1583 • Monticello Middle School, 3665 Monticello Blvd.

www.heightsyouththeatre.com

Heights Youth Theatre has been helping children hone their skills in musical theater and theatrical arts for 60+ years. Please check their website for updates.



LAKE ERIE INK

2843 Washington Boulevard (on the Coventry Peace Campus)

www.lakeerieink.org

216-320-4757

Creative Expression Summer

Camps. In person and virtual camps throughout the summer, starting June 14 and running through August 6. Summer Ink camps provide a fun, creative environment where youth explore their imaginations, develop writing skills, and collaborate with peers. Sessions will include Comics and 'Zines, Screenplay writing, Young Novelists, Comedic Writing, Puppetry and more. Go to lakeerieink.org/summer-2021 to learn more! Our creative expression camps will be both virtual and in person this year. Registration opens March 25.



Teens! Looking for a job or internship this summer? We are offering workshops on writing resumes and cover letters

April 7 and 14. Learn how to structure and detail yours to show off your skills and experiences. Our instructors will take you through the steps to craft a successful application.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Raise your Voice: a Celebration of Poetry- April 30!

Visit our website at lakeerieink.org/college-essay for current workshop dates and times!

For more information on all of our programs go to the website or contact Jill Levin at jlevin@lakeerieink.org, or call 216-320-4757!

LITERARY CLEVELAND

2515 N. Taylor Rd (office visits by appointment only) • 216-632-0839
littleveland.org

Classes and Workshops for Writers

Whether you're a beginning writer, a seasoned author or somewhere in between, you can find fascinating classes, workshops and presentations by connecting with Literary Cleveland. Our classes cover all types of writing genres (fiction, non-fiction, memoir, poetry, etc.) as well as the business of writing (finding an agent, getting published). Our classes are scheduled at multiple venues around greater Cleveland at various days and times, all year long.



Writer of the Week

Events & Programs

Membership Packages

Programs for Readers

If you love reading and would like to do a deeper dive into the works of a particular author or a certain topic, check out our Reader Series. These three-session classes cover three books--either by a particular writer or by different writers exploring a specific topic. It's like a book club on steroids, and it is a wonderfully immersive experience.

For more information about these programs and to register for them, visit littleveland.org or call 216-632-0839.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard 44118

www.chparks.com • Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CHParksRec

Important Phone Numbers

Community Center 216-691-7373

Office on Aging 216-691-7377

Recreation Sports Hotline 216-691-7385

Ice Rinks 216-691-7434

The Community Center remains closed. Due to the pandemic, details are still being finalized in order to be in compliance with all public health guidelines and recommendations. Continue to follow us on Facebook and Instagram in addition to the weekly City Newsletter for updates and additional information.

To REGISTER for any classes or activities, visit www.chparks.com & select "online registration."

Cumberland Pool

The City of Cleveland Heights is planning on opening Cumberland Pool for the outdoor swimming season in 2021. Details will be forthcoming.

SPRING 2021 RECREATION CLASSES

VIRTUAL CLASSES

Cardio Exercises with a Twist of Abs

Instructor: Alisa Henry

Day: Tuesdays, ongoing

Time: 9:00–9:30am

Cost: Free on Facebook live

Beginners (White Belt or no previous experience)

Day: F, beginning 4/9

Time: 5pm

Intermediate (Yellow Belt and above)

Day: SA, beginning 4/10

Time: 1pm

taken off at the start of the race. This event is a fundraiser for the Youth Scholarship Fund. Those interested in volunteering should call 216-691-7373.

Preschool Moving with Maya

A 4-week creative movement and song class designed for ages 3- 5. This program will be 30 minutes long and posted on Facebook live.

Instructor: Maya A. Curtis

Day: F, beginning 4/9

Time: TBD

Cost: Free on Facebook live

An outdoor in-person session will be scheduled when weather permits.

Details to follow.

Kuk Sool Won™ (WWSA)

The Traditional Martial Art of Korea, ages 5-75.

Instructed by: David Pritts, 3rd Degree Black Belt and School Owner.

For more information, call David Pritts at 216-586-4525.

Women Out Walking

Due to the pandemic, WOW will be a modified program, running from June 6 to July 4 for 4 weeks. There will be no charms, bags or organized walks this year. Please join our virtual Facebook classes. Don't forget to register to receive your t-shirt and your steps. Remember to social distance when walking.

Earth Day Run

Wednesday, April 21 (rain or shine)
7:00pm, Forest Hill Park pathway in Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland.
Cost is \$18 for pre-registration and \$22 on the day of the race (cash or check only). Register online at www.hmapromotions.net. Runners need to wear a mask, which can be

ADULT SPORTS

Outdoor Pickleball

Ages: 18+, 10 sessions

Days: T/TH, May-September

Time: 9:00am-12:00 noon

Location: Denison Park tennis courts

Cost: \$25 CH RES, \$50 NON RES

Adult Softball

Ages: 18+

Location: Larry Shaw Softball Complex Forest Hill Park

Coed League: Mon, beginning 5/3

Cost: \$400 CH RES Team

\$475 NON RES Team

Men's League: W/F, beginning 5/5

Cost: \$650 CH RES Team

\$800 NON RES Team

Contact: Chris Kendel at ckendel@clvhts.com for more information.

USTA Group Tennis Lessons at Cain Park

Ages: 18-59

Instructor: Staff

Cost: \$60 CH RES, \$80 NON RES

Advanced Beginner

Days: M/W, 6/7-7/14

Time: 9:00-10:00am

Advanced Beginner

Day: W, 6/9-7/14

Time: 7:30-9:00pm

IN-PERSON CLASSES

Tai Shin Doh with David Jones

Due to the pandemic, the Community Center remains closed and classes will be held outdoors, weather permitting (no restrooms). Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Intermediate
Day: T, 6/8-7/13
Time: 7:30-9:00pm

Raquettes (Cain Park)
Doubles action for experienced female players.
Days: T/TH, beginning 6/8
Time: 9:00am
Cost: \$45 CH RES, \$60 NON RES
Private Lessons, call 216-691-7373

PRESCHOOL & YOUTH SPORTS

TENNIS

USTA Group Tennis Lessons at Cain Park
Ages: 4-6
Beginner
Days: M/W, 6/7-7/9
Times: 10:00-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00 noon
Days: T/TH, 6/8-7/19
Times: 10:00-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00 noon
Cost: \$35 CH RES, \$50 NON RES

USTA Group Tennis Lessons at Cain Park
Ages: 7-17
Beginner
Days: M/W, 6/7-7/16
Times: 10:00-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00 noon
Days: T/TH, 6/8-7/16
Times: 10:00-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00 noon or Tuesday 6:00-7:30pm
Intermediate
Days: M/W, 6/7-7/16
Times: 12:00 noon-1:00pm
Days: T/TH, 6/8-7/16
Times: 12:00 noon-1:00pm
Cost: \$45 CH RES, \$60 NON RES

Junior Competitive Skills Clinic at Cain Park
This program offers high level instruction and supervised match play in order to introduce and develop the skills you need to compete on your school's team or in tournaments.
Ages: 12-18
Days: M/W/F or T/TH/F, 6/7-7/16
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Cost: \$80 CH RES, \$110 NON RES
Private Lessons, call 216-691-7373

Youth Developmental Tennis Camp
Camp activities include drill stations, team play, tournament matches and individual evaluations. Camp T-shirt will be provided.
Ages: 9-18
Days: M/F, 7/19-23
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm
Location: Cain Park Tennis Courts
Cost: \$150 CH RES, \$180 NON RES
\$25 discount for multiple children

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
Jump Start Sports T-Birds T-Ball
Ages: 3-4, boys & girls
Day: W, June-July, 5:30-6:30pm
Location: Denison Park Turf Field
Cost: \$80
Register: www.jumpstartsports.com

Jump Start Sports
Rookie League Baseball
Ages: 5-6, boys & girls
Day: W, June-July, 6:30-7:30pm
Location: Denison Park Turf Field
Cost: \$80
Register: www.jumpstartsports.com

Jump Start Sports
Major League Baseball
*age as of 4/30/21
Ages: 7-8*
Day: M, June-July, 6:30-7:30pm
Location: Forest Hill Meadow
Cost: \$75
Register: www.jumpstartsports.com

Heights Girls' Softball
In-person registration March 27 & April 10, 9:00-1:00pm at Community Center. Practices will begin in May at Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation fields. Games are held in late May, June and July. *age as of 04/30/21

Coach Pitch
Ages: 7-8* teams will participate in South Euclid Pixie League
Cost: \$55 CH RES, \$80 NON RES

Fast Pitch Travel Teams
Ages: 9-10* teams, 11-12* teams, 13-14* teams
Cost: \$75 CH RES, \$85 NON RES
Scholarships are available for eligible Cleveland Heights residents.

Heights Youth Baseball
In-person registration March 27 & April 10, 9:00-1:00pm at Community Center. *age as of 4/30/21

Recreation League
Practices will be held in early May. Both practices and games are held in late May, June and July at Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation fields.
*8-year-olds may try for 9-10 division at player assessments.
Ages: 9-10* Player Pitch
Cost: \$85 CH RES, \$115 NON RES

Local Recreation Travel Leagues
Ages: 11-12* & 13-14* Player Pitch
Practices will be held in early May. Both practices and games are held in late May, June and July at Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation fields. Games are also held in South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Mayfield Heights.
Cost: \$85 CH RES, \$115 NON RES
Player assessments at Forest Hill Park or if bad weather, indoors at the Community Center
Ages: 9-10* includes 8-year-olds trying out for 9-10
Date: TBD
Time: 10:00am-12:00 noon
Ages: 11-12*
Time: 12:15-2:00pm
Registration began in March. Call 216-691-7373 for registration information.

Challenger Baseball
Ages: 5-22 for those physically/mentally challenged
Cost: \$30
Call 216-691-7373 for registration information.

ICE SKATING
USFS Learn to Skate
Registration begins May 3
Contact 216-691-7434 or email learntoskate@clvhts.com for more information.
Ages: 3-5 (Snow Plow 1, 2, 3)
6 & up (Youth Basic 1-6, Freestyle 1-6)
Separate class for adults
Date: W, 6/9-7/28
Times: 6:30-7:00pm or 7:30-8:00pm
Cost: \$64 CH RES, \$80 NON RES
Skate Rental \$2

Learn to Play / Tot Hockey

Ages: 6-10
Day: M, 6/7-8/2 (skip July 5)
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Cost: \$80 CH RES, \$96 NON RES
Prerequisite: pass Snow Plow or Basic 2. Boys and girls continue to learn fundamental skating skills and get their first experience with a hockey stick. Sticks and helmets are provided for first-time players and skates and full equipment are available for rental. Please call 216-691-7434 to schedule equipment fitting prior to first class.

Eastside Tigers Youth Travel Hockey

Email info@chyha.org for more information.

Pavilion Skating Club

Email pscoffice@pavilionfsc.com for more information.

Speedskating

Contact Barb Rosenbaum 216-401-9392 or bkrosenbaum97@gmail.com for more information.

INDEPENDENT YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Several independent youth sports programs use Cleveland Heights facilities. Such use does not constitute sponsorship or endorsement of such programs by the City of Cleveland Heights.

Cleveland Heights Recreational Soccer Academy

Preschool Tiger Cub Soccer Training
Your child will receive professional soccer training from Cleveland Heights High Hall of Fame teacher and coach, Sean Sullivan. Coach Sullivan and his all Heights High graduates staff will provide elite functional soccer instruction and developmentally appropriate speed, agility and core balance training. Come be a part of a Cleveland Heights tradition!

Due to the complexities of Covid-19, games and scrimmages will not be available this season. In their place will be technical functional drills and stations within a personal 10 ft. by 10 ft. space on Denison's premier turfed

field. The drills and stations will include foundational foot skills, dribbling and shooting on goal. All sessions will end with our famous speed and agility training to music within your child's own personal space. Our primary focus is to provide a safe and welcoming soccer environment to be enjoyed by all.

Limited spaces are available for each 1-hour session

Where: Denison Soccer Park

When: April 17-May 22

Cost: \$49 (plus \$5 online registration fee) for each session

Once registered, you will receive an email regarding your session time.

www.heightsunitedsoccer.com, 216-849-4505

Heights United Soccer Academy Summer Soccer Camp

Heights United Soccer Academy (HUSA), a summer tradition in the Heights for over 30 years!

Your child will receive professional soccer training from Cleveland Heights High Hall of Fame teacher and coach, Sean Sullivan. There are pricing options to fit any budget.

www.heightsunitedsoccer.com, 216-849-4505

Beginning June 7

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

Eastside Kickers Premier Travel Soccer Club

Ages 8-13. Contact Dan Powell at 216-2213-6752 or dapowell78@gmail.com for more information.

Heights Tigers Tackle Football & Cheerleading

Ages: 6-11* (no weight limit) football
5-13 cheerleading

Contact: Coach Mike Payne at 216-906-4168 or mcpayne74@gmail.com
*age as of 08/01/21

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The Senior Center is anticipating reopening as soon as it's determined to be safe. Staff continues to be available by calling 216 691-7377.

VIRTUAL CLASSES

Call the Office on Aging at 216-691-7377 for log-in and meeting information and to register.

- Weekly sessions of Strength Training with Orlando, Workout with Ms. Duck, Gentle Yoga with Sue, Zumba Gold with Anita, and Breathe and Stretch with Lucky meet via Facebook Live.
- Zoom meetings of Genealogy, Hablamanos and Hum and Strum.
- Collage session with Susan Morse scheduled for May and monthly craft projects delivered to your door!

OUTDOOR CLASSES

Meet in the Community Center parking lot when temperatures reach 50 degrees. Masks are required to participate.

- Walking Club: walk on paved trails at Forest Hill Park Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00am.
- Tai Chi with Robert on Tuesdays at 10:00am
- McGregor Parking Lot Bingo: Friday, April 16, 1:00pm. Join Angela from the McGregor Home for Bingo (complete with prizes!!) from your car in the Senior Center parking lot. Call to reserve your parking space.
- Seeking Connection Over the Phone? Join Stronger Together for weekly phone conversation with friends.

OOA SERVICES INCLUDE

- Van Transportation to area medical appointments and grocery. Registration and advance scheduling required
- Meal Options: a variety of food assistance programs are available
- Social work including wellness check-in, information and referral
- Medicare and Legal Consultation by appointment
- Cleaning supplies, masks and other home products donated by the community and available for pick-up or delivery.
- Also available are puzzles, books, assistive devices and technology lending (coming soon)!

Call 216 691-7377 for more information.

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