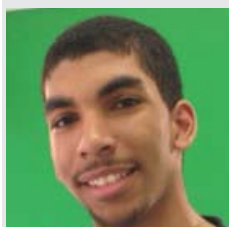


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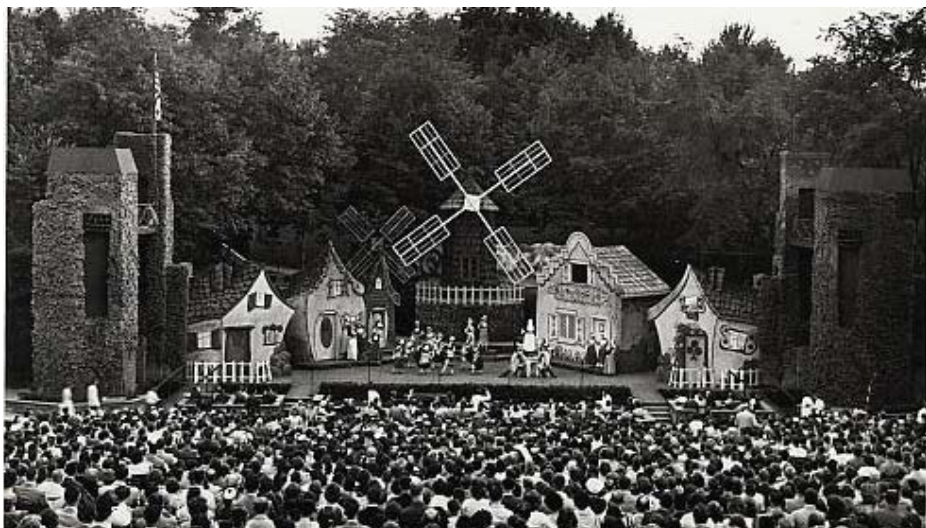
Deanna Bremer Fisher

"The City of Cleveland Heights recognizes and promotes our aesthetically diverse neighborhoods," said Kara Hamley O'Donnell, historic preservation planner for the city. It is one of the reasons why the city has participated in National Preservation Month for more than 20 years.

"We are particularly proud of the fact that Cleveland Heights is home to 11 historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places," she said. "That puts us sixth in the state, behind only Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo and Dayton."

Four events, presented by the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and Heights Libraries, mark National Preservation Month 2013 in the city.

During the month of May, Cleveland Heights joins communities throughout the United States to "See! Save! and Celebrate!" the significant places that have contributed to the American experience through presentations and



"The Red Mill" was performed at Cain Park in 1951.

walking tours. All of the events are free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Author Lecture, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at the Lee Road Library

Author Alan Dutka will discuss "Historic Nightlife" and chronicle the history of East Fourth Street and Short Vincent Avenue, two tiny downtown Cleveland streets that are long on character and excitement. Today, East Fourth Street is the center of a chic residential and entertainment district commanding

national attention—*The New York Times* has published articles about its amazing renaissance.

Short Vincent, once filled with elegant restaurants and seedy bars, also acquired a nationwide reputation, along with ample notoriety. Dutka's books will be available for purchase. Register for this event at www.heightslibrary.org or call 216-932-3600.

Walking Tour of Cedar Fairmount, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 18,

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Senior soloists featured in spring concert

Joy Henderson

Heights High oboist Mary O'Keefe and pianist Kate Miller will perform with the Heights High Symphony on Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. O'Keefe will perform "Oboe Concerto in One Movement" by Sir Eugene Goossen, and Miller will perform Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 1, First Movement."

The May 3 concert is one of three final performances this year by the Cleveland Heights High School Instrumental Music Department (IMD) scheduled for May 1, 3 and 10. All performances take place in the Dina Rees Evans Performing Arts Center at Heights High.

On May 1 at 7:30 p.m., the concert orchestra, percussion ensembles, concert and symphonic bands and a full combined orchestra perform. Both the May 1 and May 3 concerts are preceded by chamber ensemble group performances in the Heights High Social Room at 6:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble will perform its own



Oboist Mary O'Keefe and pianist Kate Miller will perform with the Heights High Symphony on May 3.

end-of-year "Jazz Night" concert on May 10 at 7 p.m. Tickets to each of the three concerts will be available at the door for \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Miller plays cello in the orchestra, but said her first love is piano. "Usually piano is more solitary, so playing with the symphony behind me is really fun."

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Heights Arts names Rachel Bernstein executive director

Greg Donley

The Heights Arts Board of Trustees announced on April 18 that it has selected Rachel Bernstein, arts administrator, educator and musician, to become Heights Arts' next executive director.

Bernstein will take over as director of the community arts organization on July 2. She steps into the position filled since 2000 by Peggy Spaeth, Heights Arts founding director.

A New Mexico native, Bernstein has lived in Cleveland Heights for 15 years. As a longtime employee of the Music Settlement, she has overseen that

organization's popular music education programs. Bernstein is also a cellist and maintains an active teaching practice.

"Rachel shares the Heights Arts vision that the arts are essential to a healthy community, and is eager to sustain and expand the vision," said Spaeth. "She knows the landscape of the creative life as an artist, educator and administrator. Her comprehensive experience in overseeing programs and systems, coupled with her passion for the arts and the community, ensure a vibrant future for Heights Arts and the region we serve."

Spaeth announced in January that she planned to retire, and said that

she would stay on until the board selected a new director. Bernstein will begin working with her predecessor part time in May and June, to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

A search committee of five Heights Arts board members, chaired by Michael Weil, was established early in the year and fielded more than 50 applications. Committee members narrowed these down through a process of tele-

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Rachel Bernstein

CH-UH Board of Education votes to cut 42 teaching positions

Kim Sergio Inglis

On April 23, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education (BOE) voted 5-0 to cut the positions of 42 teachers. According to the district, this constitutes a 7-percent reduction in its teaching staff.

Two of the 42 eliminated positions are half time, and the breakdown is as follows: Boulevard Elementary School (4), Canterbury Elementary School (2), Fairfax Elementary School (3), Gearity Professional Development School (3), Noble Elementary School (3), Oxford Elementary School (3), Roxboro Elementary School (4), Monticello Middle School (1), Wiley Middle School (2), the Options Center (1.5), Cleveland Heights High School (4), Bellefaire School (5.5), student services (3), permanent substitutes (3).

Additional cuts are planned to administrative and support staff; the board expects to vote on these at its May 21 meeting.

State law requires that teachers be notified by April 30 if they will be affected by a reduction in force. According to Angee Shaker, director of communications for the district, while the vote on teaching staff cuts took place first, to comply with state law, the district considered cuts to all personnel, both teachers and administrative/support positions, as a whole.

A statement distributed at the conclusion of the April 23 meeting said that the teachers "were recently notified

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The small story is the important one



OPENING THE OBSERVER

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Is too much good news harming our community? That is the contention of a few critics of the *Heights Observer*. The stories in these pages don’t seem important enough, or critical enough, in their view.

Perhaps the critics would like us to be more like the traditional news media they are used to. They want us to report on events as disinterested observers. They want us to be a watchdog of community institutions, to uncover all the bad things that are going on and broadcast them to the world.

I don’t see the value in being like other media outlets. Most people I know don’t enjoy reading bad news all the time. It doesn’t reflect reality. It generates fear and mistrust. And it doesn’t do anything to solve any of the problems it may uncover.

The *Observer* is different from mainstream media. It has no paid writing staff, instead it uses a citizen-journalism model, where all members of the community are empowered to write and submit their stories. These

community members aren’t disinterested observers of what’s going on, they are participants. By and large, our citizen-journalists have good stories to tell about life in the Heights as they know it. These are “small” stories, every-day stories, but together they weave a powerful narrative about who we are as a community.

Have you read a story in the *Observer* that spoke to you? Maybe you learned something about an independent business owner that you didn’t know before, read of the accomplishments of a student in our schools, or discovered an issue that you were previously knew nothing about. Did that increased awareness inspire you to notice, or even to take action?

At the FutureHeights annual meeting on April 18, Peter Pula, founder and CEO of Axiom News, spoke of a new type of journalism, Generative Journalism, which doesn’t just report on the status quo, but looks to the future. “All that is required for a community to live into its aspirations is for someone to go out and ask the questions that discover the gifts, identify the energies of the community, and amplify them by way of media and publication,” said Pula. (If you missed the meeting, you can view it at <http://vimeo.com/64661929>.)

Pula described a four-part process: engage the grassroots, ask catalytic

questions—questions that are thought-provoking and personal, and that invite people to think about the possibilities of what they would like to see—then write reasonably well, and publish often.

What we do at the *Observer* isn’t quite Generative Journalism, but we share many of its characteristics and aspirations. We write and publish “small” stories. We believe these small stories are important and can bring change over time. We’ve seen others learn from the stories they read, and then act. The challenge for us will be to see how these stories add up. Are our citizen-journalists asking the right questions? What is the new narrative that is emerging about our community?

Our critics are right about something: we do have an agenda. We seek to build a stronger community by offering the *Observer* as a forum for community participation. What is important to you? That’s what you should write about. We welcome the addition of your voice to the conversation. Submit an article on a topic that interests you at www.heightsobserver.org. Your participation can help determine the future of our community.

Deanna Bremer Fisher is executive director of FutureHeights and publisher of the Heights Observer.

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Winding Up and Shutting Down

The film festival ended last Sunday, and after a few days of rest, I’m ready to wrap-up the experience. I began winding down (preferable to going cold turkey) on Saturday, scheduling only two films on each of the last two days. They were all good!

“Good Ol’ Freda” was one classy lady. An early Beatles fan, co-president of their fan club, and member of a typing pool, Freda Kelly became the Fab Four’s secretary at the age of 17. Is that a job to die for, or what! Always loyal and discreet, never boastful nor gossipy about the enviable position she held, Kelly agreed to tell her story after she became a grandmother.

—Jewel Moulthrop

Film Festival 37 ends on a high note

Film festival 37 is history and I am a bit sad. Even though my cat and wife will (hopefully) be happier to see me, it was almost like being in high school where all you cared about was movies. Back to the grown-up world I guess. That said, here are my impressions:

EVERY year, I hear a number of people say that this year wasn’t as good as past years. Why is that? Is it because our expectations ratchet up slightly just because we have seen so many great films over the years? Or perhaps there are more film festivals and so the same number of movies are being spread across a larger number of festivals. Or do we have selective memories (like high school) where we only remember the good things? While I saw a number of

very good films, this was the first year that I did not see one excellent film.

—Jim Simler

CIFF 37: Movie about Movies

Oh boy, do I love movies about making movies! “Casting By,” a documentary about the unsung heroes—casting directors—who suggest and promote actors to directors, was an absolute treat. Marion Dougherty, the star of this documentary, began her career casting talent for Kraft Television Theatre. Around the same time, “method” acting was gaining popularity while the Hollywood star system and typecasting were losing ground. With an instinct for an actor’s range and potential, Dougherty compiled an enormous catalogue of young unknowns—Jon Voight, Dustin Hoffman, Clint Eastwood, Robert Duvall, the list goes on and on of those who credit her for their big break.

—Jewel Moulthrop

CIFF 37: Mixed Bag on Thursday

Following the failed Hungarian uprising in 1956, the secret police become obsessed with monitoring the actions of ordinary folk as well as their own colleagues. With agents, double agents, and double-triple agents . . . and so on, it’s a challenge to follow who’s doing what to whom. But with an excellent script, fine acting, dark and somber camera work, this thriller kept me on the edge of my seat. “A” for T”he Exam,” which refers to the 12-hour surveillance by the secret police to determine the trustworthiness of their own agents.

—Jewel Moulthrop

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Gun violence and gospel values

To the Editor:

The issue of gun accessibility and gun control divides our nation. Most Americans agree that sensible gun control is a good thing. Getting specific about what that looks like, however, separates us into confused and suspicious camps. Good people and good friends disagree. Within the Forest Hill congregation there exists a variety of opinions, shaped by where one grew up, where one lives now, previous gun usage or ownership, and one's interpretation of the Second Amendment.

People of faith disagree about all sorts of things, just like everybody else. As people of faith, however, we are bound in community by a common vocabulary and common storyline. With that in mind, I have invited the Reverend Jim Atwood, pastor emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Va., to speak to our community on Saturday, May 4 at Forest Hill Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd. in Cleveland Heights.

Forest Hill Church is co-sponsoring this event with the Church of the Covenant and the Presbytery of the Western

Reserve. The event is open to all—folks of all faith traditions or no faith tradition are welcome. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. The event is free, but a \$10 contribution is requested for food. Call the church office at 216-321-2660 to make a reservation.

Atwood helped write the social witness policy for the Presbyterian Church (USA), which was approved by the 219th General Assembly in 2010. The policy is titled "Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call." He has also written *America and its Guns: A Theological Exposé*, published in 2012. He is currently the chairperson of Heeding God's Call of Greater Washington, a faith-based ecumenical movement that encourages gun shop owners to adopt a code of conduct that deters illegal purchasing and the trafficking of handguns. Atwood will give three talks, and lead discussions, concluding with a segment on "What do we do now?"

John C. Lentz Jr.
Pastor, Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian

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at Cedar Fairmount

Roy Larick and Bill Barrow, who call themselves the Bluestone Heights Deep History Team, will offer a walking tour of Cedar Fairmount. The neighborhood holds a delightful mix of natural and cultural landscapes, and is home to two different types of rock layers, former quarries in surprising places, and many stone homes built from them. Explore how the Heights was first opened to settlement and suburban development. Find the underlying nature of Turkey Ridge and Blue Rock Brook, and learn about their transformations by developers. The tour begins from the upper parking lot, behind the Heights Medical Building, 2446-2482 Fairmount Blvd. at Cedar Road, and will take place rain or shine. To register, call the Cleveland Heights Planning Department at 216-291-4878.

Walking Tour of Lee Road, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, at the Lee Road Library

Local historians Mark Souther, Mazie Adams and Kara Hamley O'Donnell will give a crash course on the Cleveland Historical mobile phone app (bring your smart phone or tablet, if you have one),

followed by a short presentation on the history of Lee Road. Then, take a walking tour down Lee Road to learn about its architecture and older businesses, and end with an optional beer and whiskey tasting at Parnell's Pub (for a small fee). Registration begins May 15 at www.heightslibrary.org or 216-932-3600.

Cain Park 75th Anniversary Celebration, 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, at the Lee Road Library

This event kicks off a summer-long celebration of a Cleveland Heights treasure. Emily Smith, a master's degree candidate at Ursuline College, will share her wealth of knowledge of this WPA-built park. Learn about Cain Park's 75-year history through historic images, playbills and other items archived by the city. Smith will describe the physical changes made to the park, as well as its transformation from a summer stock theatre to the Cain Park of today. Registration begins May 22 at www.heightslibrary.org or 216-932-3600.

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phone and in-person interviews, with the finalists undergoing another round of in-person interviews with Spaeth and the Heights Arts staff, along with the committee chair.

The ideal candidate would exhibit a combination of creative vision, sound management skills, fundraising ability, and passion for the Heights—and numerous applicants met all the criteria, noted

Weil. "To have so many uniquely talented professionals so attracted to a rather under-compensated but vital community arts leadership position made this process a rewarding and validating experience for the search committee, Heights Arts, and for our community," he said.

"Peggy's astounding leadership over these past 13 years, and her excitement to work with Rachel during this tran-

sition period, point toward a vibrant future for Heights Arts," said Weil. "Rachel possesses a perfect balance of sound management skills, creative thinking, artistic sensibilities, community pride, and that certain twinkle that suggests big ideas are coming."

Greg Donley is on the Heights Arts Board of Trustees.

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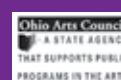
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Mayor appointed to county board

Mayor Susan Infeld was appointed to a county board charged with planning the use of federal funding for county projects, including clean air and water bridge projects and road repairs.

City's tree program

Jeff Pokorny, service director, and Tom Morgan, city arborist, discussed the care of the city's trees. There are four zones in the city, and one zone is chosen each year in a four-year cycle. Depending on an evaluation, trees are trimmed, removed, or left alone. Also, each year new trees are planted. If a tree is removed, residents choose from a list of about 25 trees and the city will plant one on their tree lawn. Trees are chosen based on size, [ability] to ward off insects, and relation to other trees on the street.

Street paving

The building commissioner requested council's authorization to submit a county community block grant with Shaker Heights for asphalt. The streets to be paved this year are East Carroll Boulevard from South Green Road to White Road, Washington Boulevard from Cedar Road to Silsby Road, Milford Road and Meadowbrook Boulevard.

School District Lay Facilities Committee

Mayor Infeld stated that two plans will come up for a vote, but neither of them can be decided until a bond issue is voted on, and even then it might change. Council is hoping that an elemen-

tary school can stay in University Heights.

LWV Observer: Michele Weiss.

APRIL 8, 2013

All council members were present.

Fuchs Mizrahi School

During the public comment portion of the meeting, two residents expressed concern about the expense of razing the former Fuch Mizrahi school building and converting the property into a park with no tax-generating potential. They suggested using the funds for [expenses such as] paving streets, saving a portion of the building for community use, or dividing the lot and building new homes on a portion of the property.

Later in the meeting, council accepted the bid by Lower Cork Company for the demolition of the Fuchs Mizrahi building at a cost not to exceed \$201,271. Council did not approve the demolition, only the bid, which is good for six months. Renovations would require numerous revisions to bring the building up to code and comply with ADA regulations. It would be less expensive to tear down the school and build what is appropriate for the need. Two ordinances will be presented at the next council meeting to demolish the school and to hire Lower Cork to do the work. Councilman Steven Sims stated that the park should raise home values in the surrounding neighborhood, and that the city now owns the property and must do something before it becomes a hazard. Vice Mayor Frankie Goldberg noted that there's much

excitement in the community about the potential of the park. Mayor Infeld stated that street and other repairs are ongoing needs, but the park is an opportunity that shouldn't be passed up.

Bid requirements

Mr. Hubman of Creekside Landscaping, speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting, expressed concern that the company that won the tree-planting bid had not submitted the required bid bond with its bid. Previously the lowest bid had been excluded if the paperwork was incomplete, and he wanted to know why that did not occur this time. Service Director Jeffery Pokorny explained it was an administrative oversight. The contractor was asked at the time about the missing bond and provided the necessary paperwork by 4 p.m. that afternoon. Several council members expressed concern that the missing form had not caused the bid to be set aside. Later in the meeting and following extensive discussion, council emphasized the need to follow bid rules and awarded the tree-planting contract to Creekside Landscaping, which was the second lowest bid and had complied with the requirements. The bid from Aaron Landscaping was set aside as not being the best bid. Councilman Sims abstained due to a personal relationship with one of the contractors, and Councilwoman Pamela Cameron voted no. Council awarded the contract to Creekside at the cost of \$22,124, approximately \$700 more than the bid from Aaron.

Texting while driving

Council heard a first reading to amend an ordi-



nance passed last year to prohibit the use of electronic wireless communication devices for text-based communication. Texting while driving would become a primary offense, meaning that someone can be pulled over for texting while driving. The fine for the first offense would be \$100, the second offense \$250, and the third and subsequent offenses up to \$500. There would be a 60-day warning period after the legislation is passed. The offenses are cumulative across Ohio, not only within University Heights.

LWV Observer: Wendy Deuring.

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Senior Citizen Happenings

Senior Citizen Happenings, sponsored by the City of University Heights, are open to all. Events take place on Thursdays at 2 p.m., at the University Heights Library.

May 2: Geri Unger, education and research director for Cleveland Botanical Garden, probes the life and legacy of Rachel Carson, whose 1962 landmark book, *Silent Spring*, launched Earth Day and a broad environmental movement.

May 9: With glorious clips from the best of traditional operetta and musical theatre, Laura Neill, executive director of Ohio Light Opera, unveils the marquee for its 35th season: "The King and I," "Silk Stockings," "HMS Pinafore," "The Gypsy Baron,"

"Lady, Be Good," and "The Gondoliers."

May 16: Kathleen Cerveney, the Cleveland Foundation's director of arts initiatives and cultural programming, talks about her job and her new role as poet laureate for Cleveland Heights.

May 23: Jim Paskert, chief researcher for Cleveland Underwater Explorers, locates shipwrecks of the Great Lakes. He describes the maritime survey techniques that yield valuable historical finds.

May 30: Father Tom Schubeck, S.J., professor of theology at John Carroll University, discusses the journey of newly chosen Pope Francis, from Argentina to Rome, and his impact in the post-Vatican Council II world.

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Both two- and four-legged visitors enjoyed the Cain Park Neighborhood Association's event on April 21 that welcomed dogs to Cain Park for a six-month trial period.

Dog Project celebrates dogs in Cain Park

Simone Quartell

This year, the dog days of summer will be dog-friendly days in Cain Park. For a six-month trial period, which began April 15, leashed dogs are allowed in the park.

On April 21, dogs and their owners met at Cain Park's Lee Road entrance for a "victory lap" around the park. The walk followed a welcome from Dog Project leaders and Jason Stein, the Cleveland Heights City Council member who introduced the legislation.

Stein acknowledged the work of several volunteers in his remarks. "Thanks to the Dog Project members Kerri, Paul, Hannah and many others for working so hard to make Dogs in Cain Park a reality," said Stein. "We did it! This is OUR victory! Congratulations to everyone."

Ground rules and general information were shared at the event. According to the terms of the legislation, all dogs must be on a leash, and they must be confined to the park's paved pathways. Four waste stations are set up around the park.

The initiative to pass legislation allowing dogs in Cain Park was driven by the Cain Park Neighborhood Association's Dog Project initiative. Kerri Whitehouse, Dog Project spokesperson, said that the project started last

June, with a goal of increasing foot traffic at Cain Park and encouraging productive use of the park. The group conducted a survey in July and polled 428 people; of those, 68 percent indicated they were in favor of allowing dogs in the park.

Whitehouse said that Cleveland Heights City Council was very open to listening to the ideas of the Dog Project members and were "very supportive." She also thanked the residents of Cleveland Heights for their support of the idea.

Suzy Pare, Dog Project volunteer coordinator who owns a Labrador retriever named Katy, was happy with the turnout at the event and the support of volunteers. She was hoping to find new volunteers to stock the park's four waste stations with plastic bags, and ended up getting enough people to cover each week of the six-month trial period.

After the walk, dog owners and supporters attended an after-party at the BottleHouse Brewery that featured three special microbrews, in honor of the occasion.

Visit the Dog Project's new website, www.clevelandheightsdogproject.weebly.com, for guidelines, resources and volunteer information.

Simone Quartell, a Heights High graduate, is a student at Cleveland State University and a Heights Observer intern.

The North Coventry Triangle



STEIN'S WAY

Jason Stein

For many area residents, Coventry Village is the hip place for great nightlife, unique stores, fabulous restaurants, and interesting, historical places to live and work. Unfortunately, the North Coventry neighborhood does not conjure up positive thoughts.

The North Coventry triangle extends into East Cleveland, bordered on the north by Forest Hills Park, on the east by the Community Center, and on the south by Mayfield Road and Coventry Village. This neighborhood has many vacant homes and apartment buildings. Property values are depressed, and there is an increased level of crime. The area north of Mayfield Road has long been a source of concern for the City of Cleveland Heights.

At its March 18 meeting, City Council began to implement a plan of action for North Coventry. With a unanimous vote, council declared five blighted properties public nuisances. In the coming weeks, those properties will be demolished and replaced with green spaces. This is only the first round of demolitions, with many more to come.

Demolition of vacant housing is nothing new in the aftermath of the mortgage crisis. What is unique about

this project is that it is a collaboration between the City of Cleveland Heights, the Cuyahoga Land Bank, and the City of East Cleveland.

The project is supported by grants. The former County Prosecutor Bill Mason's office awarded \$100,000 to Cleveland Heights and \$1 million to East Cleveland from delinquent tax assessment collections. The Ohio Attorney General's Office awarded an additional \$100,000 to Cleveland Heights and \$1 million to East Cleveland from settlement money received from the banks as penalty for predatory lending practices.

The Cuyahoga Land Bank is acting as the repository for the combined \$2.2 million. Currently, it is identifying problem properties on the East Cleveland side of North Coventry and will execute the demolitions. Most of the properties slated for demolition are multifamily homes and large apartment buildings. I believe that this project will transform the neighborhood.

With its proximity to Coventry Village, University Circle and Forest Hills Park, North Coventry should be able to attract and retain good neighbors. I hope that this summer will be a defining point in expanding the vibrancy and success of Coventry Village to benefit all of Cleveland Heights.

Jason Stein is a member of Cleveland Heights City Council, a Heights High graduate and a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident. He can be reached at 440-253-9613 or jstein@clvhts.com.

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Fifteen Selected for CH Youth Advisory Commission

Simone Quartell

On March 18, the City of Cleveland Heights selected 15 ninth, tenth and eleventh grade residents to serve on its first-ever Youth Advisory Commission (YAC).

The formation of YAC was spearheaded by Council Member Jason Stein, who came up with the idea because he wants young people in Cleveland Heights to have an opportunity to “speak out and be heard.”

Members of YAC met March 21 and April 18 and decided to host a teen night as their first project. While Stein serves as liaison to YAC and there are three non-voting adult members, Stein said that the group is “youth-driven.”

Before teens could begin applying for a position on YAC, Stein spoke to Doug Heuer, CH-UH superintendent, who was “very supportive” of the idea. He also sent letters to principals of private high schools in Cleveland Heights

and nearby cities.

More than 20 young people applied for a position, and because there were “so many qualified applicants,” council decided to select 15 members—five more than the 10 it had originally planned to choose. The youth members are Garth Bennett, Laurel Brown, Sydney Cook, Shani Gelles, H. Tre’ Grady, Joey Houser, Alice Janigro, Alexandria Keller, Payton Meeks, Amanda Murray, Joey Niccoletti, Ellen Posch, Kayla Primes, Joshselyn Smith and Emily Vinson. Eleven members attend Cleveland Heights High School, two attend Gilmour Academy, one attends Benedictine High School and one attends Beaumont School. Council selected the members unanimously.

In addition to Stein, Dee Marsky, recreation supervisor for the city, advises the group. The three adult members are Jeremy Holmes, a teacher at Cleveland Heights High School; Quintero Mack, a representative of



Cleveland Heights Youth Advisory Commission. Back row (from left) Jeremy Holmes, Dee Marsky, Joey Niccoletti, H. Tre’ Grady, James Moore, Emily Vinson, Amanda Murray, Quintero Mack, Alexandria Keller, Kayla Primes, Council Member Jason Stein, Laurel Brown, Payton Meeks and Garth Bennett. First row (from left) Joey Houser, Shani Gelles, Ellen Posch, Alice Janigro, Sydney Cook and Joshselyn Smith.

the Cleveland Heights Police Department; and James Moore, a Recreation Advisory Board member.

YAC will meet again on May 23 at the Cleveland Heights Community Center. YAC’s Teen Night will take

place June 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Community Center.

Simone Quartell, a Heights High graduate, is a student at Cleveland State University and a Heights Observer intern.

Cleveland Heights City Council Meeting highlights

MARCH 18, 2013

All council members were present.

Youth Advisory Commission appointments

Council amended the ordinance establishing the Youth Advisory Commission to expand the number of youth members from ten to fifteen, with ten students from Cleveland Heights High School and five students from private, parochial, or home schools. Council then approved the appointments of Joey Houser, Laurel Brown, Joey Niccoletti, Kayla Primes, Alexandria Keller, Sydney Cook, Amanda Murray, Emily Vinson, Shani Gelles, Payton Meeks, Alice Janigro, H. Tre’ Grady, Garth Bennett, Ellen Posch and Joshselyn Smith to be youth members. Council also appointed the nonvoting adult members: Quintero Mack of the police department, Jeremy Holmes of the school district, and James Moore of the Recreation Advisory Board. Dee Marsky, recreation supervisor, will staff the commission.

Nuisance properties

Council authorized demolition of five nuisance properties in the North Coventry area. These actions are part of a plan, created in collaboration with the Cuyahoga Land Bank and the City of East Cleveland, to improve and revitalize this section of the city. These properties are:

- 1632 Coventry Road
- 1634 Coventry Road
- 1691 Coventry Road
- 1667 Eddington Road
- 1681 Glenmont Road

Property assessments

Council approved two assessments against properties on which city work is done. These assessments will be in effect for a period of three years, beginning with the 2013 tax year, for collection in the years 2014 through 2016. Two percent of the expenses will be paid by the city.

- The first assessment, for the expense of lighting city streets and public spaces, will have an annual rate of \$1.02 per front foot (with a reduction for corner lots, if applicable).
- The second assessment, for the expense of street improvements, including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, sweeping or cleaning, as well as removing snow and the planting, maintaining, and removing of shade trees, will have an annual rate of \$0.98 per front foot (with a reduction for corner lots, if applicable).

Waterline replacement

Council authorized hiring Mackay Engineering & Surveying Company for engineering and surveying services for the Lecona Drive waterline replacement project. The cost of these services is not to exceed \$25,810. The project will be financed with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Property donations from banks

Council accepted two property donations from banks:

- 1640–42 Coventry Road, from JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. The city will determine whether to renovate or demolish the house on the property, which is in the North Coventry area.
- 3124 Eastwick Drive, from Wells Fargo Bank

N.A. The house on this property was damaged by fire and will be demolished.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

APRIL 3, 2013

All council members were present.

Bicycle Coalition

The Heights Bicycle Coalition is sponsoring a Smart Cycling Class for adults on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Heights High, for riders who want to learn more about using a bicycle to get around town, run errands, commute to work and have fun. Information about the bike coalition’s events is on its website, www.bikesintheheights.org.

Parking garage inspections

Council authorized hiring CT Consultants Inc. to conduct structural inspections of the parking garages located at Lennox and Surrey, Coventry, and Cedar and Lee roads to determine the cost of remediation, if any is needed. The cost of these engineering services is not to exceed \$9,500.

Monticello Boulevard

Council Member Bonnie Caplan noted that the third phase of the Monticello Boulevard road construction project would begin this week.

Free mulch

Free mulch is available from the city in the Forest Hill Park parking lot off Forest Hill Road. Residents must bring their own containers.

NeuroWave loan

Council amended the city’s commercial revolv-



ing loan agreement, dating from October 2008, with NeuroWave Systems Inc., a medical device company. NeuroWave, which currently has 14 employees on site, has requested a 24-month extension and permission to obtain additional outside financing and to subordinate its obligation to the city in return for a personal guarantee from the company’s president, Robert Schmidt, in the amount of \$30,000.

Thermal imaging cameras

Council accepted a grant to the city’s fire department from the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters grant program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The city will use the funds to purchase three thermal imaging cameras at a cost of \$9,000 each. The city will be obligated to provide \$3,600 (10 percent of the grant total) in matching funds. Thermal imaging allows firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke or darkness and locate hazards, victims, and overheated electrical wiring, among other things.

1020 Rushleigh Road

Council declared the property at 1020 Rushleigh Road to be a nuisance and authorized abatement.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

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Barratrous Orthographers win Reaching Heights Spelling Bee

Simone Quartell

The Barratrous Orthographers, a team of lawyers from Squire, Sanders and Dempsey, were the winners of the 22nd annual Reaching Heights Adult Community Spelling Bee.

The winning team consisted of four-time participants Bonnie Bealer and John Lazzaretti, and five-time participant Becky Bynum. They won in the ninth round of the bee, correctly spelling the word *integumentary*.

Last year's champions, the Noble-Oxford PTA team, came in second. They were eliminated in the ninth round when they misspelled the word *makebate*. The second-place team consisted of Lindy Burt, Kathy Soltis and Toni Thayer.

Finishing third and eliminated after misspelling *nephelometric* was the team representing the City of Cleveland Heights. It included Mary Dunbar and Cheryl Stephens, members of Cleveland Heights City Council, and community activist Jeff Coryell.

The FutureHeights team, consisting of board members Clare Taft and Kevin Smith, and Wayne Hatcher, the husband of board member Eustacia Netzel-Hatcher, was eliminated in the second round with the word *paraphernalia*.

Up to 25 teams can compete in the bee, and each three-person team pays a minimum of \$500 to enter. Most of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights

public schools sent a team of parents. There were also two teams of students — one from the high school's football team and one from the Instrumental Music Department.

The top fundraising team was Upper Case, a team of three professors from Case Western Reserve University. According to Krista Hawthorne, assistant director of Reaching Heights, Upper Case has consistently raised the most money. This year, the team's goal was \$1,250. Upper Case won the bee in 2008 and was runner-up in 2007.

Many past champions returned in 2013. Barratrous Orthographers took its second title, having previously won in 2010. The team came in second in 2011. Four-time champions OOPS (Orchestral Orthographers Prognosticate Success), representing the Cleveland Orchestra with members Lisa Boyko, Carolyn Warner and Beth Woodside, returned, as did the 2009 champions, the Know Knothings of the Cleveland Heights High School Parent Connections Council.

The bee lasted nine rounds. After only a few eliminations in the first three rounds, nine teams were eliminated in Round 4, leaving just seven in the fifth round. Every team misspelled its word in Round 5, keeping them all in the competition for Round 6. Teams representing Boulevard and Canterbury Elementary schools were eliminated in Round 6, followed in Round 7 by the Language Lovers, a team from Coventry



The winning team hold the coveted Plastic Bee trophy. Left to right, John Lazzaretti, Bonnie Bealer, and Becky Bynum, of Barratrous Orthographers, representing law firm of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey.

Village that was competing in honor of Kay Heylman, a librarian, educator and community activist.

The Boulevard Elementary School team had the loudest cheering section and was awarded a bag of candy.

The Reaching Heights Spelling Bee raises funds for programs that support academic and musical excellence in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights public schools. The group presented Reggie Evans, a longtime active parent and citizen, with the Friend of Public Education Award.

Solomon Oliver, Jr., chief judge for the U.S. District Court Northern

District of Ohio, served as the Bee's lead judge, working with Doug Heuer, CH-UH superintendent, and Tony Zupancic, a professor at Notre Dame College. Nancy Levin, director of the CH-UH Public Library System, served as pronouncer; Steve Titchenal projected the words for the audience for the 22nd time; and Steve Presser, owner of Big Fun, was the master of ceremonies. Kal Zucker, a member of the CH-UH Board of Education, took team photos.

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Cleveland Heights demolishes former Medic/Pick-N-Pay building



Back row (from left): Vice Mayor Dennis Wilcox, Richard Hollis, Pat McCarthy, Council Member Janine Boyd, Council Member Jason Stein, Cuyahoga Land Bank President Gus Frangos, Mayor Ed Kelley, Council Member Cheryl Stephens and Council Member Mary Dunbar. Front row (from left) Yaakov Stein, Avi Stein, Aaron Stein and Moshe Stein.

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Demolition of the former Medic Drug Store/Pick-N-Pay building at Noble and Glenwood roads in Cleveland Heights began March 29. The building had been empty for years. The demolition project was a collaboration between the City of Cleveland Heights and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank.

Mayor Ed Kelley said that once demolition is complete, "the city will issue a Request for Proposal to determine interest from developers. The city is interested in proposals that will serve the neighborhood and the community well."

On April 12, the city issued Requests

for Proposals (RFPs) for four city-owned properties. Links to the RFPs for new development on Euclid Heights Boulevard near Lee Road, at the intersection of Cedar and Coventry roads, on Noble Road near Greyton Road, and at the Turkey Ridge site on Edgemoor Road can be found at www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=365.

For more information, contact Kara Hamley O'Donnell, Cleveland Heights city planner, at kodonnell@clvhts.com or 216-291-4885.

Deanna Bremer Fisher is executive director of FutureHeights and publisher of the Heights Observer.

May Is Bike Month in the Heights



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The Heights Bicycle Coalition

May is Bike Month nationwide. The Heights Bicycle Coalition is supporting local celebrations of Bike Month through collaborations with Heights cities, schools and more. All are welcome to participate in free Bike Month activities in the Heights.

May 4: Smart Cycling class for adults at Cleveland Heights High School library, followed by skills instruction in the parking lot. This class, designed for inexperienced riders who want to learn how to ride a bicycle safely and confidently, as well as for experienced riders who want to be sure of best practices and become more expert, will be taught by certified instructor Wendy Soucie, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pay just \$12 for materials. Register by May 1 at smartcycling.eventbrite.com. Contact Joy Henderson for more information at Lammerson@sbcglobal.net.

May 6: 7:30 p.m. City Council declares May Bike Month in Cleveland Heights. Bicyclists will gather at the arch at Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park at 6:45 p.m. for a 7 p.m. ride to Cleveland Heights City Hall to thank the city for making the community more bicycle friendly and to highlight some next steps.

May 8: Bike or Walk to School Day at Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools. Kids who walk or

bike to school are better able to learn, get the exercise they need for optimal health, learn to navigate neighborhoods and avoid polluting the environment. Some schools will have bike rodeos during May.

May 13-17: Bike to Work Week includes:

- May 15: Ride of Silence to honor bicyclists who have died riding their bicycles. Heights riders will gather at 5:45 p.m. at John Carroll University, in the Carroll Expansion Parking Lot, which is just east of the Dolan Science Center and south of Hamlin Quad, adjacent to Carroll Boulevard. Be ready to start riding with the group to University Hospitals, Adelbert Road in Cleveland at 6 p.m. Bicyclists coming from Public Square in Cleveland will join us for a brief memorial ceremony.
- May 17, 7-9:30 a.m.: Bike to Work Day will be celebrated with free coffee and pastries at the intersection of Edgemoor and Overlook roads, which is one of the busiest bicycle routes in Northeast Ohio. Coffee provided courtesy of Phoenix Coffee.

Heights residents are encouraged to be part of the celebration of Bike Month by getting on their bicycles and riding, either in the events cited here, or for commuting, errands, trips around town, and fun. Bike Cleveland also lists many more Bike Month events in Cleveland and the region on its website, www.bikecleveland.org.

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LFC to present recommendations to BOE May 7

Deanna Bremer Fisher

The Lay Facilities Committee (LFC) is finalizing its school facilities master plan in preparation for a presentation to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education (BOE) at the board's May 7 meeting.

The LFC has met approximately every three weeks since last October. The BOE created the committee on the model of its lay finance committee, after an 18-month process that ended with the board voting against placing a bond issue on the November 2012 ballot to finance a school facilities master plan (Plan C).

Plan C would have closed three elementary schools; moved fourth and fifth graders to middle schools; and, through a combination of renovation

and new construction, created learning communities—flexible learning spaces—in all grades. The estimated cost to implement Plan C is \$205 million.

The LFC sought to address community concerns regarding Plan C, and the group's plan differs substantially from it. The LFC plan maintains the current grade configuration of K-5 in elementary school buildings, with space for pre-K programs, and 6-8 grades in middle schools. It maintains five of the current seven elementary buildings and closes one of three middle schools. It adds space to classrooms that are now too small, and adds flexibility, but does not create learning communities. It calls for an elementary school in University Heights, at Gearity Professional Development School.

"Our plan better balances our district's educational needs and our community's preferences," said Patrick Mullen, LFC chair. "We have acknowledged and responded to calls for an elementary school in University Heights. The scope of renovations we're calling for are comprehensive, creating schools that can serve our community for decades to come. And we call for a new competition swimming pool at Heights High, creating a much-needed community asset."

The estimated cost for the LFC plan is \$225 million, \$20 million more than Plan C.

"This year, we will ask for funding for Phase 1, which will cost less than last year's [proposed] Phase 1," said Mullen. "Given the strong desire to

renovate Heights High first, along with the middle schools, I'm hopeful the plan will win community support. The additional costs reflect more comprehensive renovation of the elementary schools. The community has several years to find the right balance between what we think we need and what we can afford."

The high school, to be renovated in the project's first phase, will cost \$6.5 million more under the LFC plan. The learning communities that were part of Plan C required less square footage, and estimates are based on square footage. The LFC plan also moves all career and technical education programs to the high school.

The middle schools, also to be part of the first phase, will cost \$12 million less under the LFC plan because there will be one less building.

The elementary schools, to be renovated in phase two of the project, seven to ten years later, will cost \$35 million more in the LFC plan. Five buildings, instead of Plan C's four, and less reliance on learning communities, added 72,000 square feet to the plan, and thus increased costs. Under the LFC plan, the buildings would receive a comprehensive renovation, including the demolition of 1950s and 1970s additions and construction of new spaces to improve circulation, safety and ADA accessibility.

The LFC decided to include a recommendation that geothermal be installed in each of the buildings even though, so far, only the high school site has been evaluated for feasibility. Geo-

thermal for the middle and elementary schools adds \$4.7 million to the project. "If we want to make the investment in geothermal, we would have to do it with this project; it could not be done later," said Mullen.

The renovation of the high school stadium and pool are not included in the costs for either plan. "We need to address that in our final recommendations," Mullen said. "That means deciding how much to include in our budget, and how much, if any, to anticipate from other funding sources."

The LFC discussed the differences between a renovated pool (\$4.5 million) and a new pool (\$7.6 million) at its March 24 meeting. While the LFC did not vote on the matter, several committee members expressed a desire to recommend a new pool. "It is a good selling point with the community and ADA accessibility is important," said Krissy Dietrich-Gallagher, LFC member.

Jim Posch, co-chair of the finance committee, said, "This is a big project and an important one for the community to support. We would need to pass a bond issue in November. We can do it for around the same cost as our last school operations levy, which we feel was a reasonably low amount—an amount we feel is affordable."

For more information, visit www.chuhfacilities.org.

Deanna Bremer Fisher is executive director of FutureHeights and publisher of the Heights Observer. She serves on the LFC and is co-chair of its buildings subcommittee.

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that their positions will not be available next school year." [Read the district's statement, and see a list of the teachers at www.heightsobserver.org.]

Shaker said that principals and supervisors gave letters to all affected teachers on April 18 or 19.

The district announced on April 10 that staff cuts would be needed, citing "continuing uncertainty around Gov. Kasich's proposed biennial budget and his education reform plan." Doug Heuer, superintendent, said in an April 10 statement that priority would be given "to retain the support and management positions that directly impact teaching and learning."

According to Scott Gainer, chief financial officer, the district remains on a three-year levy cycle, with the next operating levy anticipated for 2014, at an estimated 8.6 mills. Heights voters passed the district's last operating levy, 6.9 mills, in November 2011.

The board is expected to vote by this July on whether to place a capital improvement levy on the ballot this November, authorizing the district to issue bonds to fund an extensive rebuilding/renovation of the district's school buildings. Last July, the board voted unanimously against placing a school facilities capital improvement levy on the November 2012 ballot.

In the district's April 23 statement, Heuer said, "Our student population has decreased by 16 percent since 2001. Over that same time span, the district has reduced administrative staff by 21 percent and support staff by 6 percent, but the teaching staff has increased by 5 percent."

Prior to casting their votes on April 23, two board members commented on the staff cuts. Eric Coble said, "It's awful. I understand why we're doing this, but being from a family in education, I understand the impact."

Karen Jones commented, "This isn't something we're doing lightly. I've felt privileged for the past two years to not have had to do what a lot of districts were doing [in cutting staff]. It is my hope that this is just temporary and we can bring a lot back before the school year begins."

Kim Sergio Inglis is editor-in-chief of the Heights Observer. She lives in the Shaker Farm Historic District in Cleveland Heights.

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May 16 public panel to explain community gardening

Jeff Coryell

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The FutureNow committee of Future-Heights and the new Heights Community Garden Network are hosting a panel discussion about community gardening in the Heights, on Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the BottleHouse, 2050 Lee Road.

Gardening experts will discuss the benefits and practicalities of community gardening. Panelists are Nicole Wright, program coordinator, OSU Extension-Cuyahoga County; Lilah Zautner, sustainability manager, Neighborhood Progress; and Cleveland Heights resident Samantha Provencio, former leader of Fairfax Community Garden and founder of a new community garden in Little Italy.

Anyone interested learning more about community gardens or helping them thrive in the Heights is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.heightscommunitygardens.net.

Jeff Coryell is a visual artist, writer and community activist. He is a member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors and is the coordinator of the Heights Community Garden Network.

Community-Supported Agriculture in the Heights

Sarah Wean

More and more Heights residents are assuring themselves of an abundant supply of healthy produce from local farms by purchasing a share from one of our local Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) groups.

CSA subscribers pay at the outset of the growing season for a share of the anticipated harvest. Once harvesting begins, they receive weekly deliveries of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables. Following is a list of CSAs that deliver to the Heights. Contact individual vendors for complete 2013 share purchase information.

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Sarah Wean is a community activist and volunteer who coordinates the Sustainable Heights Network website at www.sustainableheightsnetwork.net. Do you have a Heights area CSA to add to this list? E-mail sustainablehts@gmail.com.

Welcome spring with the Nature Center's annual plant sale

Wendy Donkin

May flowers . . . and plants and herbs and vegetables . . . will color the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lot during its 31st annual plant sale on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sale features a wide variety of hard-to-find native plants, perennials and annuals selected by a local team of experienced horticulturalists. Annuals can be purchased in flats, individually, or in convenient preplanted hanging baskets. There will also be a wide selection of vegetable plants ready for a kitchen



A selection of annuals, vegetables, herbs, perennials and native plants at last year's sale.

the sale to help customers make their selections. The day also includes a free children's craft activity—make something for Mother's Day. Vendors and refreshments will be available to help make it a fun family day.

All proceeds benefit the Nature Center and its many programs. The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes (216-321-5935, www.shakerlakes.org) is located at 2600 South Park Blvd.

Wendy Donkin is an avid gardener in Cleveland Heights and the marketing manager at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

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Guatemalan women know what matters



THE COMMON GOOD

Susie Kaeser

The party invitation read, “How can you help send a child to school? It’s simple. Empower her Mom.”

Of course this caught my attention. The party was a benefit for Mercado Global, a nonprofit organization founded by Heights High graduate Ruth DeGolia, who has built a successful business that gives indigenous Guatemalan women financial stability. Mercado Global fosters women entrepreneurs and develops sales opportunities for the fashion accessories the women produce in their home-based workshops. It’s been a big success. Revive, on Lee Road, was an early outlet for these crafts, which are now also sold by national retailers including Nordstrom and Anthropologie.

Mercado Global artisans, indigenous women who have endured civil war, domestic violence, poverty and hunger, know that education is the key to a brighter future for their children. They use their new economic well-being to buy public education, which is not free in Guatemala, for their daughters.

In the United States we are fortunate to have a system of public schools that are free and open to all, which makes them true equalizers. I fear that many advocates for change in our nation’s current public school reform debate are indifferent to the role free public education has played in our national success. Some seem willing to squander this precious bedrock institution, but the women of Guatemala know something we may have forgotten.

I see us inching slowly but perilously away from our commitment to well-funded and actively supported public schools. In a culture driven by consumerism, is a free public education less valuable? Is it easier to shop around for a school than work to create a system that benefits everyone? Would we rather get away from each other than grow up

together, share our gifts and problems with one another, and be bound by our investment in each other’s success? If we allow the public system to become second rate, it will lose its ability to equalize. Public education is diminished if left only to those without choice. Is that what we really want?

Our commitment to and investment in public education must not wither. Each time we remove resources from our public schools in favor of unregulated, selective and often here-today-gone-tomorrow charter schools, we are pulling the legs out from our commitment to equal opportunity.

Each time a child moves from a public school to a charter school, chances increase that a public school—an expression of our commitment to one another—will be closed, destabilizing a community and diminishing the constituency for an effective public education system.

If we don’t value free public schools, we don’t value the students who attend them. The great equalizer of public education has succumbed to a preference for private schools, a widening of class distinction, and an erosion of mutuality and hope. What does this do for opportunity?

The women in Guatemala know what matters for their children. Let this remind us that a commitment to the common good that guarantees all children access to a free and valued public education helps explain our comfortable lives. We’ve been throwing rocks at public education and everyone associated with public schools for too long. What is the value of demonizing an institution that is so valuable, unless we don’t believe in its greater democratic purposes?

Let’s not undercut the future by disinvesting in an established resource with a wonderful history and track record!

To learn more about Mercado Global, visit www.mercadoglobal.org.

Susie Kaeser is a longtime resident of Cleveland Heights, former director of Reaching Heights, and serves on the national board of Parents for Public Schools.

SENIOR SOLOISTS continued from page 1

Of her senior solo piece, Miller said, “It is an unusual Beethoven piece—it’s not as romantic his other pieces.” She credited her Heights High music teacher, Dan Heim, with teaching her “resilience, integrity and tenacity.”

Miller began playing piano at age seven at the Cleveland Music Settlement. She has been a member of the Heights High Symphony and the Heights High Piano Trio since her freshman year, and served on the junior jury for the 2011 Cleveland International Piano Competition.

Eight years ago, O’Keefe attended a concert featuring a senior soloist playing the oboe. “That was when I knew what I wanted to do,” she said. O’Keefe described the movement she will perform as “a very modern piece,” and said, “I especially love the part where I play with the percussionist.”

O’Keefe said she is grateful to both of her music teachers, Dan Heim and Brett Baker. “Mr. Heim has really helped

me rein in my love of fast tempo. He said, ‘I know you can play fast, but that doesn’t mean it will sound good.’”

O’Keefe began playing oboe in fifth grade and went on to become principal oboe in Symphonic Winds and the Heights High Symphony. She has performed in the Pit Orchestra and played trumpet in Marching Band for four years. She has also played with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Contemporary Youth Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra.

Both Miller and O’Keefe plan to attend music conservatories in the fall, to study music performance.

Every fall, senior IMD members audition to become senior soloists at concerts. An especially strong field this year yielded five soloists overall.

Joy Henderson, parent/community liaison for Heights High, wrote this article with contributions from Hope Wright, president of Band Orchestra Parent Organization.

CH-UH Board of Education Meeting highlights



APRIL 9, 2013

All board members were present.

Public comments

Teacher’s union president Ari Klein raised union concerns at the high school involving class size, duty assignments, and assignment load, among others. These issues had been discussed with district administration in fall 2012 but weren’t satisfactorily resolved. Therefore, the union asked Klein to request that the board work with union stewards to resolve these problems.

Master teachers

The second cohort of master teachers participating in the professional development program that is run in collaboration with John Carroll University will graduate from the program in mid-May. Once these teachers finish, the district will have graduated 36 teachers from the program. This program gives them a state-level credential that is in addition to the master teacher designation they already have.

Library tax rate decrease

It was noted that the tax rate for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights libraries has been decreased as promised when the library bond issue was put forth; homeowners will see the changes starting in January 2014.

State budget impact

The board discussed district finances relative to the governor’s recently announced financial plans for public school systems. Board President Ron Register said he has asked Scott Gainer, district treasurer, and Doug Heuer,

superintendent, for recommendations on how to decrease operating costs without compromising educational programming. Gainer commented that the district almost certainly will lose some state funding but the amount is uncertain, given that the governor’s proposed plan seems to have little support from the legislature.

At the Ohio School Boards Association legislative conference, Register learned of a proposal to direct casino revenues toward funding vouchers for parental choice, in which case that money would not come to the Ohio public schools. He also reiterated that because Republicans are not united in support for Gov. Kasich’s budget, a revised plan is almost certain but would not likely include an increase in funding for the district.

Upcoming events

On May 2 the 33rd annual Hall of Fame banquet will be held at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven.

LWV Observer: Cassandra Talerico.

[Note: Board meetings on March 19 and 27 were not reported because the board met in executive session except for a few minor, routine agenda items.]

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Toledo BOE opts for internal candidate over Heuer

Kim Sergio Inglis

On April 8, the Toledo Public Schools (TPS) Board of Education voted unanimously (5-0) to enter into contract negotiations with Romules Durant, assistant superintendent for TPS, thus effectively selecting him as interim superintendent of its schools.

Doug Heuer, Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District superintendent, was the other finalist for the position.

The TPS board did not issue a statement regarding its April 8 vote. According to Patty Mazur, TPS director of communications, "the board want(ed) to wait until contract negotiations with Dr. Durant are complete and he is named as interim." On April 23, the board approved a one-year contract with Durant.

Board members interviewed both Heuer and Durant, the sole internal candidate, on Monday, April 8. The board previously interviewed both men the week of April 1, along with a third candidate. The finalists were narrowed down from an original field of five candidates.

Heuer became superintendent of Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools in 2009. He received an initial three-year contract, effective Aug. 1 of that year.

In June 2011, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education voted unanimously to extend Heuer's contract for three years, effective August 2012 through July 31, 2015.

An April 3 article in the *Toledo Blade* named Heuer as one of three finalists for the position of interim superintendent of TPS.



Doug Heuer

News that Heuer was interviewing for an interim position in another district came as the CH-UH district's Lay Facilities Committee (LFC) continues to work toward making a recommendation to the CH-UH Board of Education for a comprehensive school facilities plan. The board tasked the LFC with making its report no later than early May. The board would need to act by July in order to place a bond issue on the ballot this November.

Patrick Mullen, executive director of Reaching Heights and chair of the LFC, commented, "We're making recommendations that we hope will result in facilities that will serve our community for several decades, long after those of us with kids in our schools become empty nesters, and over the terms of multiple superintendents and school board members."

"I salute Superintendent Heuer for bringing the urgent need for upgrading our school facilities to the forefront of our civic conversation. The need preceded his tenure and the investments I hope we make will long outlast it."

Heuer did not respond to requests for comment from the *Heights Observer*.

Kim Sergio Inglis is editor-in-chief of the Heights Observer. She lives in the Shaker Farm Historic District in Cleveland Heights.



A group of Heights High students, along with administrators and staff, traveled to Kent State University on April 11 to hear Elie Wiesel speak.

Nobel Laureate Wiesel addresses CHHS students at KSU

Mark Sack

On April 11, 25 Cleveland Heights High School students visited Kent State University (KSU) to hear a speech by noted writer, professor, political activist and Holocaust survivor Elie Weisel, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

Wiesel's message to the large audience, including many students, was a call for compassion and for direct action to alleviate human suffering. He shared personal stories of persecution and suffering during World War II, including time at Auschwitz, and explained how these experiences influence his daily life. For example, when he goes to restaurants he asks the owner to arrange donations of leftover food for hunger relief.

The students were visibly moved by Weisel's speech and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to put a face and voice to the author of *Night*, Wiesel's book based on his experiences at Aschwitz, which they studied in their Lessons of the Holocaust class.

The Heights students' trip was preceded by a viewing of Oprah Winfrey's 2006 interview with Wiesel during a visit to Auschwitz, followed by a dinner provided by the Renaissance School at Heights High.

On the bus to Kent State University

the students visited with retired Heights High teacher Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, a nationally known Holocaust educator and founder of Holocaust Studies at Heights High in the 1970s.

On the return trip from Kent, the students were invited to take action in the spirit of Wiesel's message by participating in the 'Day of Silence' at Heights High on April 19, an annual event that recognizes the 'silencing' felt by members of the LGBTQ community.

In addition to Rabinsky, other special guests on the trip included Principal James Reed and Guidance Counselor David Peake of the Renaissance School, Social Justice Club staff adviser Lana Myers, and recently retired teacher Adrienne Yelsky, who formerly taught Lessons of the Holocaust at Heights High.

This field trip was supported by the Renaissance School, the Jewish Student Union at Heights High, and the Holocaust Education Fund of the Cleveland Heights High School Alumni Foundation. To help support similar enriching experiences for students in the future, readers can make a tax-deductible donation to the alumni foundation earmarked for Holocaust-related education.

Mark Sack teaches Lessons of the Holocaust and A.P. psychology at Heights High.

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Roxboro Elementary principal announces resignation

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Tara Grove, principal of Roxboro Elementary School, announced on April 8 that she will leave her position at the end of the school year.

"My husband has been commuting for the past year and a half to Columbus each week," Grove wrote in a letter to parents. "After the strain of being apart as a family, we have decided that my husband and I will be moving with our daughter to the Columbus area so our whole family can be together nearer to my husband's job. I am saddened beyond words to leave the Roxboro community after five wonderful years. The students have brought me joy each and every day. The staff is incomparable and I will never forget my time with them all. I have learned so much from our amazing group of educators, parents, and students."

Grove has been a Cleveland Heights resident for 11 years. She began her teaching career in the Chicago public schools and taught third through fifth grade at Oxford Elementary in CH-UH for five years.

During her tenure at Roxboro, the State of Ohio awarded the school Excellent with Distinction for the 2010-11 academic year. In 2011-12, Roxboro was rated Excellent, falling short of perfect by one indicator, but increasing its performance index to 99.1, an all-time high.

Rosemary Pierce and Jen Holland, Roxboro Elementary PTA co-presidents, said parents are sad and a little con-

cerned. "It was surprising," said Pierce, "because you can see how much she enjoys her job day in and day out. Parents are understanding and supportive of her decision to put her family first."

Holland concurred, commenting, "She was so accessible, and people knew her on a personal level. She leaves a strong legacy. I'm confident we will attract well-qualified candidates."

"The goal is to have someone in place by May," said Pierce, "so that the person can shadow Tara."

"Tara found success with a very diverse population," said Pierce. "She truly values each child and works hard to make them feel important. She is an excellent leader of teachers and parents. She created a positive, warm and welcoming culture that has set a high standard and leads to effective education."

Grove said the hardest part of leaving was saying goodbye to friends, families and neighbors. "It's so hard to leave," she said, "especially when you love coming in the door every day."

Deanna Bremer Fisher is executive director of FutureHeights, publisher of the Heights Observer and a Roxboro Elementary School parent.



Tara Grove

COURTESY, CH-UH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Beaumont students win at District and advance to State Science Day

Rita Kueber

At the Western Reserve District 5 Science Day, sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science, Beaumont students won seven awards. Of the 23 students who competed, 18 students scored high enough to qualify for State Science Day, to be held at Ohio State University on May 11. This is the largest Beaumont group ever to qualify for State Science Day.

The award winners in Category Awards were Anna Grushetsky '13, first place in mathematics; Megan Jones '13, second place in biochemistry; and Elizabeth Stanitz '14, third place in botany.

Beaumont students who received honors in the Sponsored Awards were Emily Boes '14, Akron District Society of Professional Engineers; Laura O'Meara '16, American Institute of Chemical Engineers; Courtney Prebul '13, ASM International; and Julia Parker '14, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC. The awards were presented March 16 at the University of Akron.

The 18 Beaumont students who qualified for State Science Day are Emily Boes, Yennmay Chia, Molly Cogan, Francesca Fabe, Grace Gamble, Rachel Graf, Anna Grushetsky, Megan Jones, Christina Kerner, Laura O'Meara, Michelle Park, Julia Parker, Alena Prcela, Marija Rowane, Sarah Salamone, Julie Schiffer, Klaudia Sirk and Elizabeth Stanitz.

At State Science Day, students will



Anna Grushetsky

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Rita Kueber is the public relations and marketing manager for Beaumont School.

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Oh, that explains it! The causes of age-related changes



SENIOR SCENE

Judith Eugene

Most of us know that our physical and mental abilities change as we age, but not many of us know exactly why. The short explanation is that, just like a car, parts naturally wear out over time. The longer explanation is an interesting look at human biology.

Gerontologists at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) study the differences between normal age-related changes and disease-related changes. They have found that normal changes, including hearing loss and a reduction in brain volume, occur even among healthy older people.

Over time, aging affects the cells

of every major organ of the body, which is what causes these changes. For example, lung tissue loses elasticity and causes us to get “winded” more easily. Digestive enzymes decrease, affecting our ability to properly absorb nutrients and putting us in danger of malnutrition. Blood vessels in the heart lose flexibility, causing the heart to work harder, often resulting in high blood pressure.

Bones and muscles are also naturally affected by age. According to the Mayo Clinic, bones tend to shrink in size and density, making them more susceptible to fracture and causing us to lose height. Muscles lose strength and flexibility, which causes a decrease in coordination and trouble with balance.

Aging also affects our eyes and ears. We naturally become more sensitive to glare, have trouble adapting to different levels of light and have trouble reading

small print. Hearing is also diminished, and we have difficulty hearing high frequencies or following a conversation in a crowded room.

Urinary incontinence is another common complaint in older adults, and can be brought on by menopause in women and an enlarged prostate in men.

Our skin gets thinner and less elastic with age, causing more sores and bruising. Decreased production of natural oils can also make skin drier.

A decrease in taste and smell is also natural with aging, often leading to decreased appetite and poor nutrition. It can also cause a temptation to use excess salt or sugar, which can aggravate high blood pressure and diabetes.

Perhaps of greatest concern to older adults is a decrease in memory. It can bring with it a fear of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

Publications are available from The Alzheimer’s Association (800-272-3900) that compare normal age-related memory symptoms with memory symptoms that may indicate something more serious.

The Mayo Clinic and the NIA both agree that maintaining good health can reduce the severity of age-related changes. They report that physical activity, a healthy diet, stress management, abstinence from smoking and excess alcohol, and staying mentally and socially active can help keep us as healthy as possible as we age.

Judith Eugene is a native of Cleveland Heights who provides classes and activities for senior adults and those with physical and mental challenges through www.LovingHandsGroup.com. She may be reached at 216-408-5578 or Judith@LovingHandsGroup.com.

Home ownership, aging, accessibility



AN HRRC PERSPECTIVE

Allison Urbanek

I recently attended a senior focus group at the Cleveland Heights (CH) Senior Center. I went because I wanted to hear about the concerns of our city’s

aging population. Here’s what I learned: Cleveland Heights residents are die-hard fans—they want to age right here, if not in their homes, in a senior housing facility within the city limits. Furthermore, they are concerned with the lack of senior-friendly housing in the city. They want single-floor living with universal design, close to a bus line and the senior center.

The meeting ended with group members pledging to be “squeaky

wheels” and I left feeling energized. After all, at Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) we have begun to incorporate the principles of aging in place and universal design into our workshops. We believe it is essential that people consider these issues whenever they make home improvements. I was surprised to learn that there are not many affordable options for accessible housing in Cleveland Heights, nor in other communities in the region.

I also attended a seminar offered by Services for Independent Living Inc. It, too, bemoaned the lack of affordable options and predicted that the need for accessible housing will increase over the next decade.

When I returned home after the seminar, I began to panic. I told Dave, my fiancé, about the focus group and the seminar, and told him that we need to start thinking about aging in place, right now! What will happen if I am in a freak accident and break both of my legs, so I can’t get into my house, let alone up the stairs.

I know I have a tendency to over-react (maybe because I turned 30 in April), but I would have real problems if I were no longer able to handle stairs or needed a wheelchair to get around. My home is a typical inner-ring suburban structure, with exterior stairs leading to both front and rear doors. There’s a half bath on the first floor with an extremely small doorway and no room for a wheelchair, a tall and narrow staircase up to the second floor where the full bath and bedrooms are located, then more steps to the finished third floor.

“So,” I continued freaking out to Dave, “what could I possibly do in this

situation?” He stared at me and calmly said, “We would find a way. We’d turn the dining room into your new bedroom. It’s freshly painted, you’d have a great view, you’d enjoy it.” Seriously, that’s the best answer?

We—all of us—need to think about these possibilities as we age and as we repair and renovate our aging homes. It helps to become informed. Accessibility doesn’t have to look sterile and hospital-like. Universal design can be visually pleasing, as well as practical. In most cases, it will increase a home’s value.

AARP has published *Beautiful Living for the Second Half of Life*, a book that focuses on “refurbishing and renovating—inside and out—to promote personal freedom and healthy longevity.” It promotes universal design features including “wide, no-threshold doorways, a first-floor bedroom, and a walk-in shower.”

AARP also offers a Home Fit Guide to help determine if your home is a healthy and safe environment where you can age in place. Search for Home Fit Guide at www.aarp.org/sitemap/ or call 877-926-8300 to request one.

The CH Senior Center will host “Senior Housing Matters” on May 30 from 1-3 p.m. This forum will provide an opportunity to learn about the future of elder-friendly housing in the Heights and surrounding areas. I will be there; join me. I have heard the seniors loud and clear and hope that others are listening, too. Let’s be part of the “squeaky-wheel” group and push for change.

Allison Urbanek is the program director for HRRC.



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Lake Erie Ink to host
Teen Fiction Symposium,
summer camps

Heights Observer Editor

Lake Erie Ink (LEI) is a Cleveland Heights-based nonprofit that provides creative expression opportunities and academic support to youth in the Greater Cleveland community. The organization is wrapping up a year of creative programming with a Teen Fiction Symposium on Saturday, May 11, from 1-4 p.m.

Held at LEI's home in the former Coventry Elementary School, at 2843 Washington Blvd., this event is a chance for teens from throughout Greater Cleveland to meet local authors, become inspired, and experiment with new writing techniques. Teens in grades 6-12 can look forward to panel discussions and workshops with published writers in a variety of genres, including mystery writer Les Roberts, science fiction writer Charles Oberndorf, and young adult novelist J.T. Dutton, author of *Freaked*.

Admission is \$5, with scholarships available. This program is made possible by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Events at Lake Erie Ink don't end with the school year. LEI is offering seven weeks of summer camp that will offer opportunities for creative-expression, indoor and outdoor play, snacks, and collaborative team games. Summer Ink Writing Camp, which is open to students entering grades 4 through 12, runs from 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with session topics including playwriting and puppetry, writing outside-the-box, comics and graphic storytelling, and community connections.

Summer Ink costs \$85 per week, with financial assistance available. LEI's teen programming continues throughout the summer. For more information and session dates, visit <http://lakeerieink.org/summer-ink-creative-writing-summer-camp/>, or call 216-320-4757.

Heights senior triumphs at Hathaway Brown film festival

Bill Kramer

Cleveland Heights High School senior Antonio Harper was the big winner at Hathaway Brown School's iImagine Film Festival. On April 12, Harper's film, "Larry," won first place in the comedy category, and then was named Best in Show as the festival's single most outstanding film.

"I was thrilled, excited and nervous all bundled into one," Harper said. He added that his film's humorous look at a day in the life of a Heights student came from staying true to his own creative instincts. "When Mr. Glass told me about the competition, I started thinking about complex things. But when it came down to doing it, I went with what's natural to me. I'm a comedian and it paid off."

Harper went home with \$150 in gift certificates and valuable contacts in Cleveland's film community. Harper's dream is to continue making films in college and then turn his passion into a career in the film industry.

All five of Heights High's film entries were well received by the enthusiastic audience. Jeff Glass, Heights High's video production instructor, was not surprised. "The film work coming out of our program can compete with any school—public or private—in Northeast Ohio. We have extremely talented students, and we appreciate that this film festival, and others like it, are providing this type of exposure for their work."

Antonio Harper said that he felt well prepared by his four years of working in Glass's program. "From storyboarding, to setting up shots, to lighting and filming; I learned how to take an idea from my imagination and bring it to life!"

Harper's film will be available for public viewing by the beginning of May, when all of the films in the competition will be uploaded to Hathaway Brown's iImagine Film Festival website.

The iImagine Film Festival was cre-



COURTESY BILL KRAMER

Heights High senior Antonio Harper.

ated to provide Northeast Ohio high school filmmakers a venue to show their original films and receive feedback from local industry professionals. This year's festival screened 35 student films

in three categories: comedy, drama and miscellaneous.

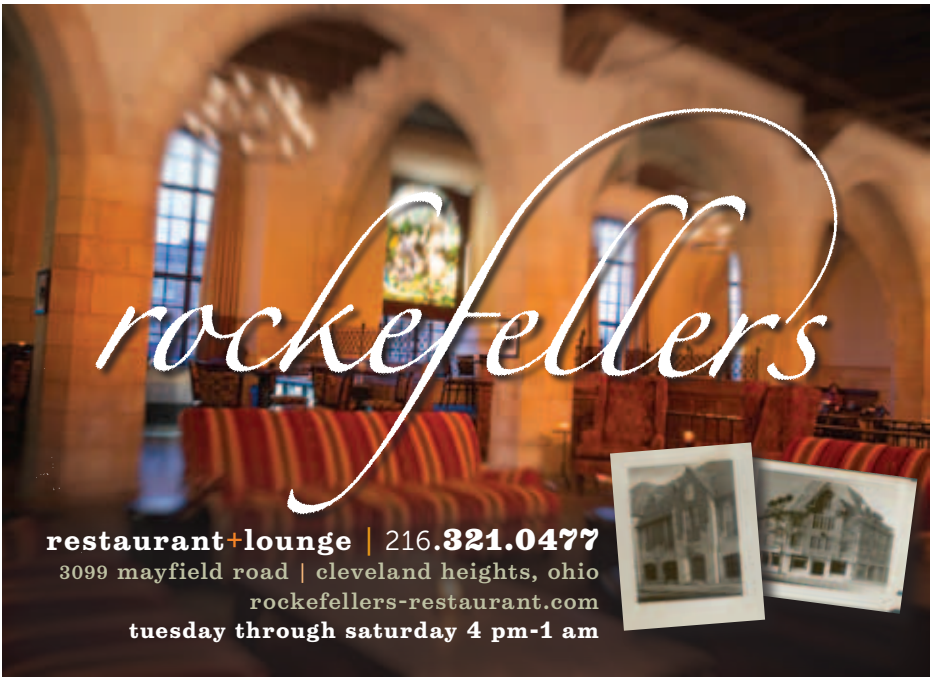
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Heights Libraries and CSU bring Small Business Development Center to the Lee Road Library



The new Heights Knowledge and Innovation Center is set to open June 2.

Sheryl Banks

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library will partner with Cleveland State University's (CSU) Monte Ahuja College of Business and the City of Cleveland Heights to move the existing Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to its new Heights Knowledge and Innovation Center (HKIC) opens a new avenue for the small business person in the region," said Kraft. "Combining the resources of the CSU SBDC and the library will give small businesses access to information in a whole new way. The CSU SBDC will be able to utilize all of the databases that are available and will be able to pass this on to our clients. This partnership is a first in the SBDC network and we are excited to be part of it."

This move will increase the customer base of the SBDC, currently located in Cleveland Heights City Hall, and enable those seeking advice on business plans, marketing, staffing or other related issues to use the library's resources to put their plans into action.

"We are a model for the whole country," said Nancy Levin, Heights Libraries director. "We will be documenting our activities so that other libraries can follow our lead. This is a partnership that makes complete sense."

Jim Kraft, director of the Cuyahoga County SBDC at CSU and a graduate student at CSU's Monte Ahuja College of Business, will staff the SBDC. Kraft

has been advising small business owners for more than 20 years.

Staff will be funded by the Ohio Department of Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration. There are 39 SBDCs in the state of Ohio.

"Locating the CSU SBDC in the Heights Knowledge and Innovation Center (HKIC) opens a new avenue for the small business person in the region," said Kraft. "Combining the resources of the CSU SBDC and the library will give small businesses access to information in a whole new way. The CSU SBDC will be able to utilize all of the databases that are available and will be able to pass this on to our clients. This partnership is a first in the SBDC network and we are excited to be part of it."

"We are very enthusiastic about this opportunity to collaborate with Heights Libraries to advance economic development in the region and hope to set a positive example for other SBDCs and library systems to follow," said Steve Percy, dean of the Monte Ahuja College of Business.

The new HKIC at Heights Libraries will include:

- An improved computer lab with 26 roomy work stations and computers featuring Microsoft Office software
- Expanded wireless access in the HKIC lounge area
- Two small meeting rooms
- iPad rental (coming in July)
- A special collection of business- and technology-related books and magazines
- A production work area and office supplies such as a copier, printer, scanner and fax machine
- A video, sound and digital media lab

The building currently houses Dobama Theatre, which will not be affected by the renovation, and Family Connections' Little Heights Literacy Playroom, which will move to the space currently occupied by the Library's existing computer lab.

The grand opening for the HKIC will be on Sunday, June 2, 1-4 p.m. at the Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road. The SBDC will open later that month.

Sheryl Banks is the marketing and community relations manager for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library.

What's going on at your library?

Coventry Village Library

1925 Coventry Road, 216-321-3400
Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Cedar-Coventry Author Series: Vegan Cookbooks with Tamasin Noyes. Noyes will talk about her cookbooks (*Vegan Sandwiches Save the Day!*, *Grills Gone Vegan*, and *Whole Grain Vegan Baking*) and the vegan philosophy, and will bring delicious vegan snacks for the audience to sample. Read her food blog at www.veganappetite.com.

Lee Road Library

2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600
Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.

Free Comic Book Day. Visit your friendly neighborhood librarians for activities, games and a costume contest to celebrate Free Comic Book Day. Everyone who comes gets a free comic book. For comic lovers in grades K-8.

Noble Neighborhood Library

2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665
Wednesdays, May 1-29, 3:30 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays (LAF - Library After-school Fun). Join us every Wednesday after school for fun in the library. We might be playing games, making origami figures, painting, doing wacky weird science, crafting, or creating other fun projects. Every week is different, so stop in to see what we're up to.

University Heights Library

13866 Cedar Road, 216-321-4700
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Ibero-American Film Festival. (English subtitles). Visit www.heightslibrary.org for complete film listings for this month-long festival.

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Collection of historic prints featured at Friends Spring Mega Book Sale

Louisa Oliver

This year's Friends of Heights Libraries Spring Mega Book Sale, May 2-5 at the Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road, will feature an exciting addition to its usual collection of used books and AV materials.

In partnership with Heights Arts, Friends of Heights Libraries is selling a collection of more than 1,200 prints, including maps and illustrations from the *Atlas of Cuyahoga County* (1874); wood engravings from *Harper's Weekly* and other 19th-century news publications, including images by Thomas Nast, an early political cartoonist; mezzotints; Cadart prints; reproductions of famous paintings; and sheet music. Proceeds from the sale of the prints will benefit Friends of Heights Libraries and Heights Arts.

Friends of Heights Libraries is extremely grateful to Vixseboxse Art Gallery for the opportunity to offer these prints to the community. The collection was assembled over three generations and covers a wide expanse of time, geography, subject matter and media.

Today, old prints are valued for their aesthetic quality but many were originally created for mass media, such as *Harper's Weekly*.

Published between 1857 and 1916 in New York City, *Harper's Weekly* was one of the first illustrated newspapers, bringing the war home in much the same way as television did for the Vietnam

War. These illustrations were facilitated by an advance in printing technology,

as engravings on hard wood could be set with metal type and printed in tens of thousands of copies.

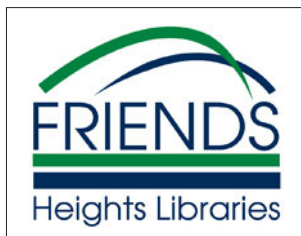
The Spring Mega Book Sale will take place in and around the Harvey & Friends Bookshop on the second floor of the library.

On Thursday, May 2, from 5-8:30 p.m., there will be a special preview for Friends of Heights Libraries members, featuring discounted prices. Memberships (\$10) will be available at the door.

On May 3-5, the sale is open to the public during regular library hours (9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday). On Sunday, all remaining books (except for children's books and those specially marked) will be sold in bulk for \$4 per grocery bag.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to see and buy prints not offered elsewhere, and to get a fascinating glimpse into times and places that chronicle both history and art.

Louisa Oliver is president of the Friends of Heights Libraries. She was director of Heights Parent Center (now Family Connections) and is a 35-year resident of Cleveland Heights.



Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Board Meeting highlights

MARCH 18, 2013

Board Member Abby Botnick was absent.



Community survey available on website

Sheryl Banks, marketing and community relations manager, worked with Baldwin Wallace University on finalizing, promoting and launching the community survey. Those not on the random phone-survey list can fill out the survey form on the library's website.

Public libraries confront e-book pricing

The nine public libraries in the county have signed an op-ed piece submitted to the *Plain Dealer* concerning the fact that six of the largest trade publishers refuse to sell e-books to public libraries. When e-books are available, the pricing can be as much as five times higher than the pricing for print copies of the same titles. For example, Justin Cronin's bestseller *The Twelve* is priced at \$9.99 as an Amazon e-book, \$15.51 in print, and \$84 as an e-book for libraries.

Friends' activities

A partnership with Heights Arts will enable Friends of Heights Libraries to sell prints from the Vixseboxse Gallery and share the proceeds equally with Heights Arts. The prints will be available at the May 3-5 book sale.

The March "First Friday" sale brought in \$600. On May 18 there will be a fundraiser at The Wine Spot.

2013, property taxes are certified to be approximately 5 percent lower than in 2012. The collection budget is increased and will include more e-books and downloadable material. Periodicals and business books for the Heights Knowledge and Information Center (HKIC) will be included. A contingency budget will remain at \$150,000 for unexpected expenditures.

Public Service Report highlights for February

- Coventry Librarian Pat Gray served as a judge at the Roxboro Middle School Spelling Bee, which went 19 rounds.
- Noble Librarian Constance Dickerson was on the jury to select the 2013 Mary V. Gaver scholarship recipient. The American Library Association awards this scholarship to a library school student specializing in youth services.
- Youth Services Librarian Sarah Biscuso and Youth Services Associate Shamekia Chandler collaborated with the Heights High GRADS class to present early literacy concepts to seven teen mothers. The librarians gave them a bibliography of books and taught them read-aloud techniques.

LWV Observer: Anne S. McFarland.

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Wrapping up CIFF 37

Jewel Moulthrop

The 37th annual Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) is now history—but what an exciting time it was! What follows may be old news for the thousands who attended the closing night celebration, but for those who missed the festival, here is what it was all about.

CIFF, presented by Dollar Bank, hosted record-breaking crowds during the 12-day event held in downtown Cleveland. The festival welcomed 93,235 attendees (a 9.7-percent increase over last year's record attendance). One of the most exciting moments came on the second Saturday when it was announced that festival fans had contributed more than \$140,000 to the annual fund that Cuyahoga Arts & Culture will match. The festival's goal had been to raise \$100,000. The final amount on Sunday was \$154,138 in Challenge Match donations.

CIFF 37 showcased 180 feature films and 165 short subjects from 64 countries. FilmSlam, the festival's high school and middle school mini-fest, brought 6,009 engaged and enthusiastic students to Tower City.

An estimated 730 volunteers contributed 8,334 hours of their time, and support from 210 sponsors and funders, 165 nonprofit community partners, and 73 media and neighborhood outreach partners also contributed to the success of CIFF 37.

More than 200 filmmakers from around the world shared their films and many participated in Film Forums and

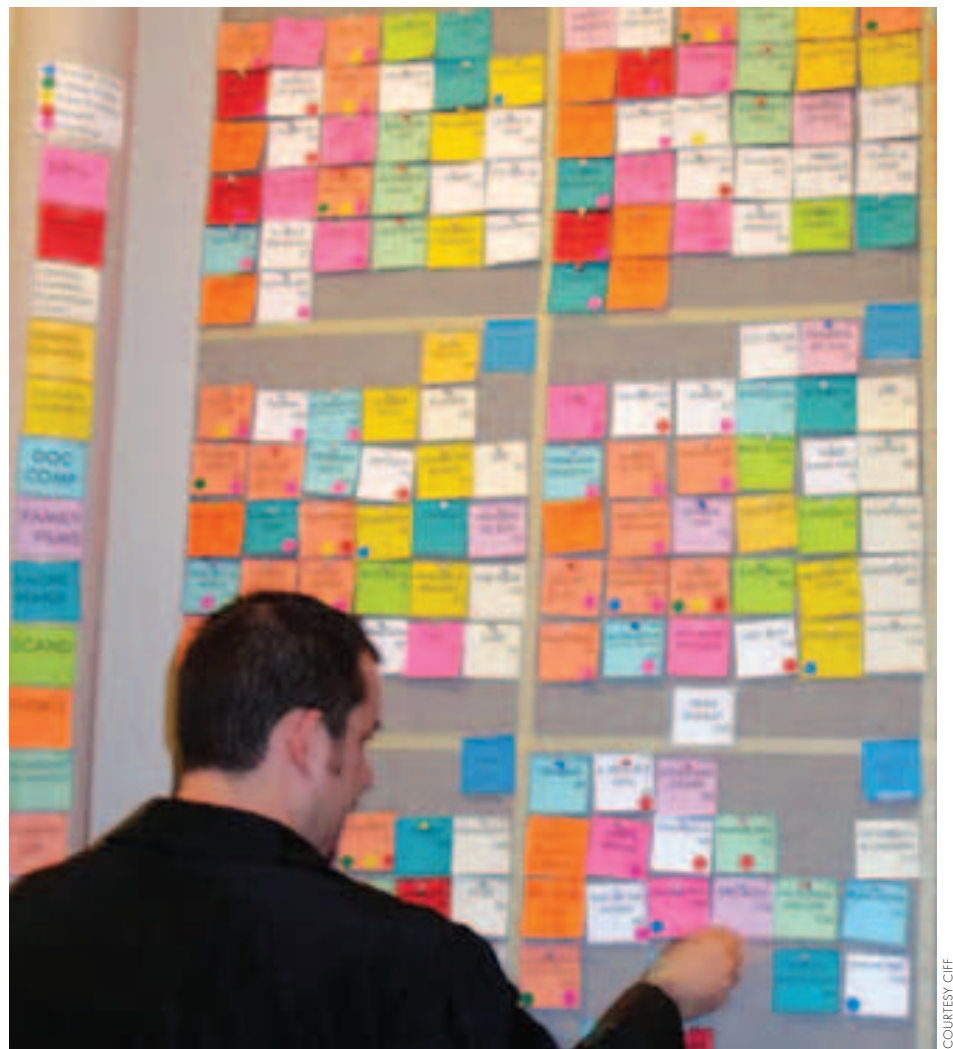
Q&A sessions following the screening of their films. Winners of the competitions and awards, which were announced at the Closing Night ceremony on Sunday, April 14, received cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 for short films to \$10,000 for the festival's newest award—ReelWomenDirect. And the winners are:

The Roxanne T. Mueller Audience Choice Award For Best Film went to "Good Ol' Freda"; the winner of the George Gund III Memorial Central and Eastern Film Competition was "When Day Breaks"; the Nesnadny + Schwartz Documentary Film Competition Award went to "Shepard & Dark"; "Honor Flight" won the Greg Gund Memorial Standing Up "For" Film Competition; and "In the Shadow of the Sun" won the Greg Gund Memorial Standing Up "To" Film Competition.

The American Independents Film Competition went to "Mariachi Gringo"; "Underdogs" won the Local Heroes Film Competition; and The ReelWomenDirect Award for Excellence in Directing by a Woman went to "G-Dog."

"Bear Me" won the Best Animated Short Film Award and "Kolona" won the Best Live Action Short Award. Each of these will qualify for consideration in the Short Films category of the annual Academy Awards. For a full list of short subject film award winners, please visit www.clevelandfilm.org.

Jewel Moulthrop is a Cleveland Heights resident, a member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors, and chair of the Heights Observer's Editorial Advisory Committee.



Tallying the votes to determine the winners at the Cleveland International Film Festival.

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'Matryoshka, Memory'

Every spring, the anniversary of my grandfather's death returns, alongside the blooming of leaves and flowers and the rising choruses of birdsong, awakening us before dawn. This poem recalls a visit to my grandfather, who suffered from Alzheimer's at the end of his life. — *Philip Metres*

Inside, where bay opened past bay
windows, Grandpa sat, rocking himself
like a mother and child. My mother recalled
our day to him—awakening to salt breezes,
the bleached white shoreline churches
against the almost painful glitter of breakers.
Unmoored from words, his face still spoke—
the waves stinging his eyes to tears.
Soon, in the wake of his brain, he will lose
the harbor, a daughter's face. His sea legs leave.
His hands will anchor to his lap. Soon, the world
will narrow to a bed, bread taken through a tube.
Mercy, mercy when he forgets, at last, to breathe.

—from "Matryoshka, Memory" (published in the book *To See the Earth*)

Philip Metres is a poet and professor of English at John Carroll University. His recent book, A Concordance of Leaves, was published by Diode Editions in 2013.

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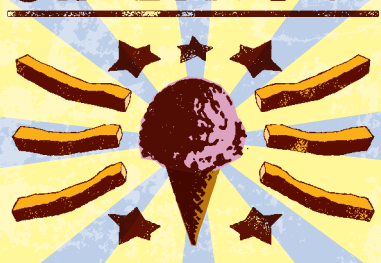
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New Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate reaches out with social media

Meredith Holmes

The recently appointed Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate, Kathleen Cerven, manages major arts initiatives at the Cleveland Foundation and has never been afraid to venture into new territory. One of the founders of the Coventry Village arts festival, Cerven initiated arts and culture programming on WCPN, was the first winner of the famed Heights Arts “Haiku Death Match,” and last year embarked on a low-residency M.F.A. program in creative writing at the University of Southern Maine.

As poet laureate, Cerven is now exploring another new realm—the place where poetry and social media meet—namely Twitter. Her “Poetweet” will get the Twittering public involved in the process of creating poems. Each month, Cerven will invite people to submit tweets on a given subject to hash tag #htspoetweet. These tweets will serve as inspiration for a poem that Cerven will then write and publish on the Heights Arts website.

For a list of Poetweet topics, visit www.heightsarts.org.



Kathleen Cerven was recently appointed Poet Laureate of Cleveland Heights.

Peggy Spaeth, Heights Arts executive director, commented on the organization’s selection of Cerven as poet laureate, noting, “Heights Arts has a knack for finding and revealing the artist in people. It’s a delight to provide Kathleen with an opportunity to share her gifts, since she has helped so many other artists shine over the years.”

“I have always been a community person,” Cerven said. “I am thrilled to be living in Cleveland Heights; it’s my artistic and emotional home.” Explaining why she hit on the Poetweet idea, she said, “I wanted the collective understanding of my fellow Cleveland Heights residents to be part of my contribution to the city’s creative life.

I hope hundreds of current—and maybe former—Cleveland Heights residents participate in this project.”

Cerven, who has a bachelor of fine arts from the Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA) and for 20 years made a living as an artist, has appreciated poetry since she was a small child. “My grandfather read poetry to me before I could read myself,” she recalled, and said she enjoyed the CIA instructors who integrated poetry and visual art. “I’ve always loved to write. I got serious about poetry when I gave up my visual art practice, and a good friend encouraged me.”

Acknowledging that writing is a solitary activity, Cerven noted that many poets participate in workshops, groups and classes to grow as writers and hone their skills. She points out that the raw material from which poets make poems comes from a life fully lived among others. “Poetry depends on having experiences with the world,” said Cerven, “so that in those moments of reflection, you are honest.”

Meredith Holmes is a poet, freelance writer and longtime Cleveland Heights resident.

Friends with benefits: Soak up summer at Cain Park

Lisa Manzari

Summer in the Heights. What could be better? How about dance, music and theater under the stars at Cain Park with the best seats in the house? The Friends of Cain Park (FOCP) has been supporting Cain Park for more than 20 years. “A \$30 membership, or \$40 for a family, gets you preferred and discount seating for most shows,” said David Budin, president of the FOCP board. “And you’ll get your name in the season program.”

This summer marks Cain Park’s 75th anniversary. The season-long celebration begins June 5 with a free concert in the Evans Theater. This year’s lineup features legendary progressive-rock band Yes, as well as Melissa Etheridge, Amy Grant, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Kris Kristofferson, from June through August. Jazz, folk, blues, dance, theater—even singing angels—are slated for performances in the Evans and Alma theaters.

FOCP supports programming such as \$2 Tuesdays, \$5 Fridays and other special events throughout the season.

“The mission of Cain Park is to make arts and cultural events accessible to everyone in the community,” said Chessie Bleick, founder of FOCP and its current board vice president and treasurer. “We are delighted to support the park and members of our community in presenting the incredible performances right in our very own neighborhood.”

On Saturday, May 25, beginning at 9 a.m., Cleveland Heights residents get a jump on 2013 season ticket sales. FOCP will be there bright and early to sign up new members at its table across the courtyard from the main ticket windows, and to encourage people to attend the group’s annual benefit.

FOCP’s 2013 fundraiser takes place on Aug. 8 with a concert by Kris Kristofferson. “He has not played in Northeast Ohio for many years,” said Budin. “It should be a great show and we invite everyone to join us for dinner—an after-work picnic—before the concert, to enjoy food from local restaurants and our sponsoring partner, Trader Joe’s, plus beer and wine, in the covered Colonnade, right behind the lawn-seating

area. And then you get the best seats in the house for the concert.”

Most of FOCP’s budget comes from membership fees, plus bottled-water sales during the Cain Park Arts Festival in July and the benefit in August. “We encourage nonmembers to come to our fundraiser,” said Budin. “We’ll have great food, and a keg, and then you just walk down to those first few rows in the front to enjoy the show.”

“If you’re not able to attend the benefit, consider buying an engraved brick,” Budin suggested. “For \$50, your brick will have a permanent place in the park, where friends and family members can see it. And for \$75 you can take advantage of FOCP’s Brick & Membership Package.

Membership fees increase after June 15, to \$40 for a single membership and \$50 for a couple/family. In addition to supporting Cain Park programming, FOCP provides the funds to award prizes to the artists during the Cain Park Arts Festival, and monetary scholarships to two Heights High graduating seniors planning to study

performing and visual arts.

For information on becoming a FOCP member and the complete 2013 schedule, visit www.cainpark.com.

Lisa Manzari is a board member of the Friends of Cain Park.

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At 50, Severance faces challenges



An aerial view of the Severance estate from the west in 1949.



An aerial view of Severance Mall soon after it opened in 1963. Except for the Austin Company's campus, the perimeter sites were all still undeveloped.

Vince Reddy

Heights residents are now accustomed to the 1960s-vintage Severance Town Center in our midst, though the site was still the lushly landscaped 161-acre estate of John L. Severance as late as the 1950s, decades after the surrounding residential neighborhoods were developed.

In 1953, Severance Millikin, a nephew, hired the Austin Company to develop plans for future use of the Severance property. Austin opened its since-demolished headquarters there in 1960 and the Winmar Company of Seattle broke ground in 1962 for Ohio's first automobile-era enclosed shopping mall. The center opened in 1963, anchored by branches of old-line

Cleveland department stores, Halle's and Higbee's. Most perimeter properties—those located outside Severance Circle—were still unoccupied. Austin's campus, in the northeast corner of the perimeter, was the exception.

The new mall competed with Cedar Center in University Heights, which opened in 1956, and would face many other competitors beginning with Richmond Mall in 1966, and the formidable Beachwood Place in 1978.

Severance Mall underwent major renovation in 1972 and a new wing anchored by discounter Gold Circle opened off the south end of the mall in 1981. A year later, the entire Halle's chain was liquidated by an investor group that had purchased it from Chicago-based Marshall Field's. Gold Circle closed its underperforming Severance store in 1984.

A \$20-million renovation in 1986 replaced Gold Circle with a food court and several new stores. Dillard's bought Higbee's in 1987 but kept the Higbee's name until 1992. Joseph Horne Company of Pittsburgh, a chain whose Ohio stores would soon to be acquired by Dillard's, opened in the long-vacant Halle's space in 1989, and both anchor stores carried the Dillard's name when they closed in 1995.

Severance's anchor stores were demolished in 1996. The rest of the mall was dismantled in 1998, though the steel skeleton and some inner spaces were retained. The original convenience wing also survived, now anchored by a

Dave's Market. The center opened in its current format—as a double-sided strip center—in 2000, with a Home Depot store occupying the former Halle's site and Walmart and Regal Cinemas where Higbee's once stood. Winmar sold the property in 2004. At the same time, privately-owned Severance Circle and its four access roads were rebuilt and turned over to the City of Cleveland Heights as public streets. It is currently managed by Pine Tree Commercial Realty of Northbrook, Ill.

The reconfigured retail center once again faces challenges. Several smaller stores are vacant and the 126,000-square-foot Walmart store will go dark this summer when its much larger replacement opens in South Euclid. The center's 600,000 square feet of retail space will then be 30-percent vacant.

Of course, Severance consists of more than the core retail center. Numerous residential properties, including three mid-rise apartment buildings, a converted office building, and the Courtyards of Severance townhouse community (occupying the former Austin campus), are joined by the Cleveland Heights City Hall, a post office, a Kaiser Permanente facility, and other entities on the outside of Severance Circle.

The Severance estate would almost certainly be developed differently if done today, but the original 1956 preliminary land-use plan was forward-looking for its time. It limited retail and commercial uses to inside Severance Circle, restricted perimeter properties to office,

institutional, and residential uses, and required a 150-foot-deep wooded buffer between the Severance buildings and surrounding residences. In keeping with the time, Severance was laid out without much regard for pedestrian circulation, but it has always been somewhat friendly to public transit and continues to be served by RTA routes 9 and 37.

Severance's preliminary land-use plan was revised by the city in 2000. The revision began to address the adverse retail trends and the challenge of getting to the shopping center without an automobile. The 150-foot buffer was retained. Though the types of permitted uses were adjusted, restrictions on retail and commercial development remained in order to avoid what the revised plan called "the visual blight of uncoordinated strip development."

In keeping with the revised plan, a sidewalk and bike lane—accommodating counter-clockwise traffic only—were added in the early 2000s, but the site remains difficult and uninviting for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Perhaps the challenges now facing Severance—which despite its problems provides the community with access to a wide array of goods and services—present an opportunity to once again rethink its form and content.

Vince Reddy, a 16-year resident and the former zoning administrator of the City of Cleveland Heights, is a member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors.

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Mitchell's Chocolates celebrates 74 years

Simone Quartell

Bill Mitchell remembers when his parents, Chris and Penelope, opened Mitchell's Fine Chocolates (www.mitchellschocolates.com, 216-932-3200). It was originally on Coventry Road, next door to the Centrum Theatre.

Back then, candy was not available at the movie theater, so patrons would stop in Mitchell's to buy some chocolate to eat during the feature.

Now Bill Mitchell is owner of the family business, which he describes as "a tradition in Cleveland Heights for 74 years." It moved from Coventry to Lee Road in 1991.

The store, which has been operating since 1939, has its biggest sales during the Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day seasons, but is a favorite with Heights residents all year long.

Mitchell's uses more than 800 molds for its dark and milk chocolates. Among them are some that were manufactured during World War I. There are contemporary molds as well, and the owner said he has "too many favorite molds to name."

"We have so many good recipes here," Mitchell said. A traditional 14-ounce box of assorted chocolate costs \$25.95. Popular choices with customers are chocolate-covered almonds, cashews, oranges and apricots. Pecan turtles and chocolates filled with caramel or cream are also big sellers.

The most expensive, and one of the most unusual, items Mitchell's offers is the Graecia collection. It consists of six hand-crafted chocolates from European molds, each named for a



A spring-themed assortment of chocolates at Mitchell's.

Greek figure. The set costs \$40 and is made only four times a year. The next production will be for Mother's Day. "These help celebrate our Greek heritage," said Mitchell, adding, "We're

proud to be small, artisan and unique."

Simone Quartell, a Heights High graduate, is a student at Cleveland State University and a Heights Observer intern.

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Best of the Heights seeks nominations

Daniel Budin

The Best of the Heights Awards, an annual recognition program presented by FutureHeights, is accepting nominations for each of its 22 categories.

Write-in nominations will be accepted until June 15, at which time the finalists in each category will be determined. During the months of July and August, voters will have the opportunity to elect the Best of the Heights winners from among the top nominees.

In past years, all votes were cast on write-in ballots. This year, voters will select from a slate of finalists in each category. Write-in nominations, however, are still an important part of the process, as they are necessary to establish the finalists.

The finalists will be announced at the beginning of July, and the Best of the Heights Awards ceremony will be held in October. Nomination forms can be found on page 24 of this issue of the *Heights Observer* or at online at www.futureheights.org.

Daniel Budin, a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident, is a member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors.

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Coventry continues to evolve

James Henke

For decades, Coventry Road has been one of Cleveland's most eclectic—and successful—shopping districts. Over the years, the shops and restaurants on the street have changed to reflect the times, and now, Coventry Road is changing again.

Two new frozen-yogurt shops have opened. Phoenix Coffee, a longtime fixture on the street, is moving. The old Centrum Theatre has become a video dance club, and the B-Side Liquor Lounge is transforming into a video-game arcade.

"These are all independently owned businesses," said Steve Presser, owner of Big Fun toy store and marketing director for the Coventry Village Special Improvement District. "We try to stay one step ahead of other shopping areas, and we want to bring new people to the street. It's a very walkable neighborhood, with morning, afternoon and evening traffic."

One of the new frozen-yogurt shops, Piccadilly, is near the north end of the street, in a space that had been vacant since the Grog Shop moved up the street 10 years ago. Owned by Romanian-immigrant brothers Adrian and Cosmin Bota, the shop serves organic artisan yogurt, with toppings, including fruits, that are all fresh and locally produced. The furniture is made of reclaimed wood, including some that came from the old Grog Shop's doors. The brothers moved to Cleveland in 1991 and worked at the West Side Market as kids.

Another frozen-yogurt shop, Kiwi Spoon, is owned by Mao Lin, a Tallmadge native who studied accounting at the University of Akron. The shop is located above bd's Mongolian Grill and will serve gluten- and fat-free, low-sodium yogurt. Kiwi has a clean, modern look, and features a bar table along its front windows, where customers can sit and look out over the street.

The former Centrum Theatre, which has hosted several businesses since closing as a movie house, is now Club Centrum. Operator Mike Mercer, who grew up in Cleveland Heights, sees the club as a kind of homecoming. Mercer hopes to attract many age groups to a program of music presented by deejays, and videos shown on the big screen. Thursday is college ID night, when the club is open to those 18 and older. Fridays, which feature electronic dance music, are restricted to those 21 and up, and Saturday nights are the club's old-school-music nights, geared to those 30 and older. Mercer, who previously ran Club Coconuts and Howl at the Moon in the Flats, is hoping to use the club for private events on other nights. Pay-per-view TV and sports events are also planned.

Just up the street is B-Side, one of the city's first electronic dance-music clubs. Located under the Grog Shop and, like the Grog Shop, owned by Kathy Blackman, the club had closed on April 7 for renovation. Now called the B-Side Liquor Lounge and Arcade, it features 30 classic arcade games, ranging from Pac Man to Mortal Kombat, as well as pinball machines and other games. "We've been a popular dance club for 10 years and, instead of wait-



Mao Lin at Kiwi Spoon on Coventry.



Cosmin and Andrian Bota of Picadilly Yogurt.



Mike Mercer runs Club Centrum.

ing for our buzz to die, we wanted to be proactive and add something fun to our already popular design," said Brad Petty, the club's manager.

The other big change on the street is Phoenix Coffee's planned move to the former C. Jones Books & Tea Shop space at Coventry and Hampshire roads later this year.

During the summer, as in the past, Coventry will offer special events, including outdoor movie screenings in Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park and live music on the street.

James Henke was a writer and editor for Rolling Stone magazine for many years. He has also written biographies of Jim Morrison, John Lennon and Bob Marley. He lives in Cleveland Heights.

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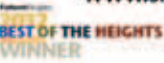
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