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University Heights considers Cedar Taylor gateway

Eli Auerbach

On March 7, a dozen University Heights residents joined Mayor Susan Infeld at University Heights City Hall as she introduced the city's first Public Art Listening Session. The purpose of the community meeting was to present grant-eligible projects aimed at improving and beautifying various public spaces around the city. Infeld said she felt it was critical to the city's process to engage with the community in order to explore creative uses for the city's public spaces.

The city recently applied for an Art Start grant, offered through the Ohio Arts Council. The grant awards recipients up to \$5,000 with a one-to-one match.

This meeting focused on the intersection of Cedar and Taylor roads, and the adjoining business district. Specifically, the mayor and her staff are looking to improve the intersection's northeast corner, the site of a building that was once home to a long-defunct Kentucky Fried



The northeast corner of Cedar and Taylor roads. Chicken restaurant.

The Cedar-Taylor intersection straddles a border with Cleveland Heights and serves as the first impression visitors have of University Heights when traveling east from Cleveland.

The mayor stated that "the space has wonderful potential," and came armed with several ideas to help jump-start the community dialogue. The mayor presented several creative uses for the space, such as a monu-

ment welcoming visitors adorned with the University Heights name, decorative lighting, benches and art displays. The city would look to work with local entities, such as the Heights Art Council, to acquire potential art.

Another issue of concern is the intersection's sidewalks, which have deteriorated and need repaving and leveling. After an unsuccessful application to the county seeking funds, UH City Council approved the use of city

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High school renovation on schedule as middle school plans take shape

Deanna Bremer Fisher

As the renovation of Cleveland Heights High School nears completion, the district will enter the final part of its Phase I comprehensive school facilities renovation project and begin renovation of its two middle schools. The high school is on schedule to reopen to students in August. When school begins this fall, all district middle schoolers will attend the temporary campus at Wiley, 2181 Miramar Blvd., while construction begins at the Roxboro and Monticello buildings.

Construction on the two middle schools will take an estimated two years, with students returning to the renovated buildings at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

At its Jan. 3 meeting, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights



A portion of the historic high school is incorporated into the high school's new east-side entrance.

Board of Education (BOE) approved the design schematic for the middle schools, created by

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Heights Observer begins its 10th year of publication



Deanna Bremer Fisher

This April, the *Heights Observer*, a citizen-journalism publication written by and for Heights residents, begins its tenth year of publication—Volume 10, Issue 4.

As the *Observer* reaches this milestone, FutureHeights is taking a look back at the project's goals and asks readers to give feedback through an online survey.

Readers can access the survey on the homepage of the FutureHeights website at www.futureheights.org.

The *Heights Observer* has its origins in a quarterly newsletter that FutureHeights began publishing in 2002.

FutureHeights was founded as a nonprofit with a mission to preserve and strengthen neighborhoods and commercial districts in Cleveland Heights, and volunteers published the newsletter for its members, focusing on city planning, design quality and historic preservation. A strategic planning process in 2007 led to the creation of the *Observer*.

"As part of this strategic plan, one idea rose to the surface: that a big part

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Heights senior soloists to take the stage

Audrey Wynne

Heights High's Instrumental Music Department (IMD) presents its Spring Concert Series on the Wiley campus. Part I, on Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., will feature the Concert Band, Symphonic Band and the Concert Orchestra. Part II, on Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., will feature the Symphonic Winds and the Heights High Symphony, with senior soloists Andrew Bell on percussion and William van den Bogert on piano. Both concerts are preceded by Chamber

Ensembles at 6:30 p.m.

Andrew Bell began his musical endeavors as a third-grader at Fairfax Elementary School, and has since studied with Chris Vandall and Thomas Haywood at the Fairmount School of Music, and with Fairfax school music teacher Bob Adamson. Since entering high school, Bell has been the principal percussionist in the Symphonic Winds, and head percussionist for the school's marching band drumline since sophomore year. He has participated in the pit orchestra for three Heights High

musicals and has been playing with the school's jazz department since his sophomore year.

"Andy has developed into a complete percussionist throughout his time at Heights High," said Heights IMD Director Brett Baker. "He has committed to becoming proficient on timpani, rudimental snare drum, drum set and, as you will see in his senior solo, the mallet instruments including the marimba."

Bell has both attended and counseled at the Reaching Heights

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The *Observer* has no writing staff; it is written by you—the readers.

Individuals throughout the community decide what stories they want to write, then submit them for publication. Anyone in University Heights or Cleveland Heights is welcome to contribute regularly, occasionally or even just once.

Is there something you think should be covered in the *Heights Observer*? If so, please write it on your own, or with friends, neighbors or colleagues. Our volunteer editors will make sure it's ready to publish and contact you with any questions.

If you're writing a news article, it should be clear and factual. If you want to express an opinion, submit it as a letter to the editor or an opinion piece. Either way, make sure it's about something specific to our two cities.

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- For information about writing style, article length, etc., click on "Become an Observer" at the left. For questions that aren't answered there, call the FutureHeights office at 216-320-1423 or e-mail info@futureheights.org.

Articles to be considered for the May issue must be submitted by April 13. We publish some articles online as they come in—and still consider them for the next print issue. We also publish an e-newsletter each Tuesday.

Letter writer was 'nauseated and surprised'

To the Editor:

No thanks for the letter you printed titled "Democracy Day was entertaining, and informative" [March 2017 issue]. It was mean-spirited from the start. The writer began by slinging mud on the good intentions of good people. He stated that they were there [at the annual Democracy Day hearing] to restrict the first amendment. Untrue.

He follows this with two bad analogies. One about the inner workings of the minds of the judges. At the same time insulting the intelligence of anyone there by doubting that any of them had read the decision. Maybe he read it maybe not.

Next, one had to wonder what was meant when there was a reference to lyrics of a song from "The Music Man." Was he saying that everyone knows that there is too much money in politics, or that there is not[?]? Not sure. My guess, he was mocking people, saying "dugh, everybody knows that."

I started to feel sick when he described some [of] the speakers as cranks and crackpots. I had to walk away when he called people losers and wrote like this: "(you know who you are)." I am surprised to see that words as insulting, degrading and mean-spirited would appear in the *Heights Observer*. Could it be that bullying has become acceptable argument in the eyes of the editor?

Rick Adorjan
Cleveland Heights

[Editor's note: The *Heights Observer* publishes letters and opinions representing diverse viewpoints. The *Heights Observer* (www.heightsobserver.org/read/policies) asks that submissions be civil, and reminds contributors that they "own [their] posts and words." While the tone of the Democracy Day letter gave us pause, as it was not directed at any named individual(s), we opted to publish rather than censor the letter.]

Teachers deserve to be well-paid

To the Editor:

I attended the school board meeting March 7 to clarify some information I had read. I asked for confirmation of the contracts offered to Superintendent Dixon and Treasurer Gainer. These contracts total \$2.5 million for the next 5 years. No one could or would answer my question. [Board of Education President] Register replied that he did not have the figures in front of him, and asked for me to contact him further. I did the next day. He responded with a phone call requesting me to put my request in writing and submit it to Mr. Gainer. I did this also. I left a letter for Mr. Gainer on Monday, March 13. No response as of yet. [Editor's note: This letter was submitted on March 14; as of March 23, the letter writer said she had not received a response. On March 23, Scott Gainer said in an e-mail that a response was sent "to her home address by mail earlier this week."]

I [also] asked if it was true that the teachers have been offered zero percent raise for this year, with added cost of benefits, and raises of 1 percent for the next two years after that. Mr. Register responded that negotiations are ongoing and no comment could be given. I understand that. Teachers in the district have been given this information, and a vote will soon be taken.

Supt. Dixon recently suggested in a letter on the [district's] website that teachers make about \$115,000 with benefits. Most teachers make about half that. Correct me if I am wrong. This misinformation seems to be intentionally misleading, especially in the middle of contract negotiations.

I sincerely wish the school board would be as eager to reward the teachers as they seem to be agreeable to reward two individuals for this district. How will this district keep our fine teachers, or attract new ones, when this is the appreciation shown? I am anxiously awaiting the opening of the beautiful new high school. I hope it will be filled with well-paid teachers as well.

Mary Sickbert [a retired CH-UH district teacher]
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Rebuilding the infrastructure of democracy



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DEMOCRACY

Greg Coleridge

From the local to the global, the ability of people to govern ourselves has been under assault for many decades. We can expect this to intensify for multiple reasons, including:

- Business corporations seeking huge profits by converting what once had been “public” to “private” (called privatization, though a more descriptive term would be “corporatization”), including traditional public assets such as water and sewer systems, roads, police and fire protection, airports, hospitals and schools.
- Individuals looking to increase their power, status and/or privileges by concentrating decision-making from many (“We the People” and government) to a few (their own) hands.
- Continual legal and constitutional definitions that further restrict and redefine “public” arenas as other “p” words: private, property, proprietary, privileged—and thus [place them] beyond the reach of public planning, shaping and evaluation.
- A national government that uses the excuse of “terrorism” to stifle dissent, intimidate dissenters and interrupt efforts of self-determination, even at the local level.
- A culture that tells us public policies are too complicated for ordinary people to understand (thus restricting policymaking to “experts”); distracts public attention from self-determination, toward the trivial and inane; worships “the market” as the sole route to financial and economic salvation; defines economic arenas as outside the scope of public input; erases the memory of historical examples of citizen control and self-governance; denigrates anything that is “public” as inefficient, wasteful, outdated and dangerous; celebrates anything “private” as efficient, modern and safe; and encourages social isolation, keeping us from learning from each other and organizing to (re)assert meaningful changes.

There is another side to this—an existing democratic/self-determination culture or “infrastructure” that perhaps many of us seldom think about. Alternatives to corporations, corporate governance and elite control exist right now in our communities and states.

Scores of documents, policies, institutions, structures and groups reflecting inclusiveness, accountability and responsibility are commonplace—and provide] examples [of] where those who are affected by decisions and policies have a legitimate role in the making of those decision—or could [have] if

we made the effort. They are where “We the People” have a voice—or could if we merely flexed our self-determination muscles.

Examples of a democratic infrastructure abound right here in the Heights, including:

- A legacy of active citizen engagement over many decades, on many issues, through block or street groups and communitywide campaigns.
- Municipal charters (our local constitutions) defining the cities’ overarching governing rules, including provisions for charter amendments.
- Council elections, open and televised meetings, public records, and multiple boards and commissions composed of citizens who advise and assist our city councils.
- Public fire, police, water and other basic municipal services.
- Municipal courts and citizen juries.
- A public library system.
- Public schools with an elected school board, active engagement of parents and even a student union.
- Labor unions of city workers, teachers and others.
- This publication, the *Heights Observer*, a volunteer, not-for-profit hyper-local news source.
- P.E.A.C.E. Park and other public spaces where events that build community occur.
- Vibrant groups of residents, such as Noble Neighbors and the Cain Park Neighborhood Association, who have formed to fight foreclosures and revitalize their neighborhoods.
- Community gardens and the City Fresh community supported agricultural (CSA) program.
- Nearby community credit unions, which, unlike banks, are member-owned and governed.
- Active social action or change organizations, including Sustainable Heights Network, Heights Community Congress, the Heights Coalition for Public Education, Reaching Heights and Future-Heights.

It’s all too easy to take the above examples for granted, even if some are not (yet) perfect democratic expressions. When we fail to utilize or be involved in them, they will wither and die or will be manipulated, eliminated, replaced or co-opted by corporations, top-down government and/or the powerful few.

To really make the Heights the “Heights of Democracy” will require us all to be actively engaged in strengthening our democratic infrastructure.

Guest columnist Greg Coleridge, a Cleveland Heights resident, is coordinator of the Move to Amend Ohio Campaign and writer of the blog Create Real Democracy (<https://createrealdemocracy.wordpress.com>). He can be reached at gcoleridge1@gmail.com.



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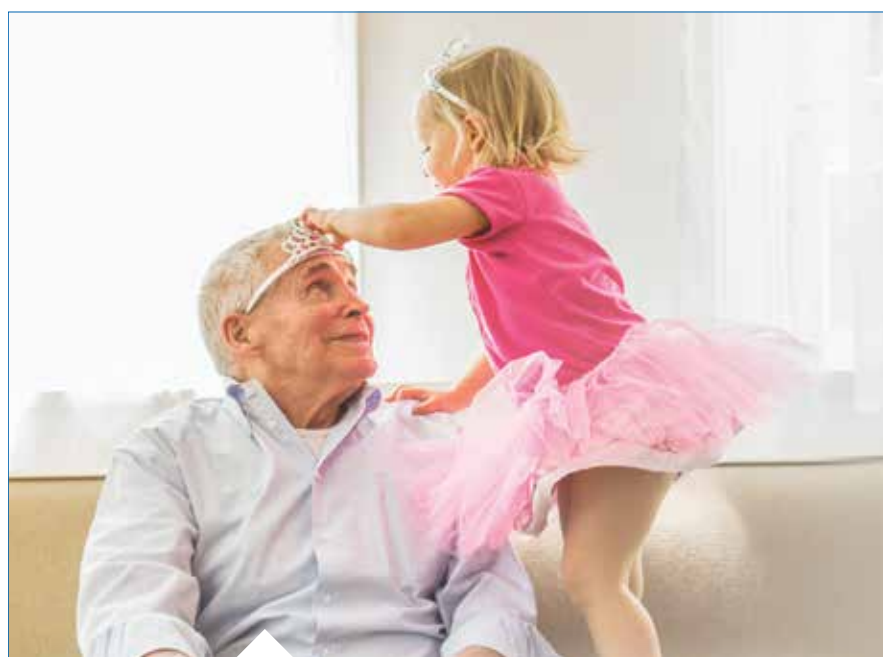
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Teachers union draws on parent input in contract negotiations



A TEACHER'S VOICE

Ari Klein

Last school year the Cleveland Heights Teachers Union conducted a listening project with various parent groups throughout our community. Our purpose was to find out what parents like about their child's school as well as what they believe needs to be changed. In March 2016, I reported out some of our findings in the *Heights Observer*. In preparing for contract nego-

tiations last spring, the concerns we heard from parents were fresh in our minds. The first union issue brought to the negotiating table was "How can we ensure the success of our partnerships with parents and the community?"

We advocated for a wrap-around services commission dedicated to coordinating supports that outside agencies offer in our schools. From our own knowledge and discussions with parents, we know that there are great things happening in all of our schools. However, sometimes a need exists that is not filled.

We promoted limits on the testing of our students.

We wanted to discuss the best time of day to hold parent conferenc-

es. Currently, conference nights are 3-9 p.m., twice a year, which restricts access for some of our parents.

We brought up the need for: more after-school tutoring, securing a late bus for each school for students who need to stay, providing universal before-school care for families who need to drop off students early, creating the possibility for teachers to work different overlapping shifts to serve some students longer during the day, and defining when it would be too hot in a building to provide instruction.

We had excellent conversations with the [school] board team regarding these issues, and have five tentative agreements that will be listed as "consensus statements" in our contract, when ratified. These statements are non-binding, but provide a clear picture of what both our teachers and the board could agree on for the students in our district.

The first consensus statement recognizes that we need to do a better job communicating with our parents the value of their attendance at school events, and that some parents need an orientation to better navigate their child's school. The second statement also involves communication, specifically helping parents understand why their student is

taking a particular standardized test and what the test results tell us.

The third confirms that a wrap-around services commission will be created.

The fourth commits the district to finding solutions that will alleviate lost instructional time due to student testing mandates. The fifth is also centered on testing: We reached consensus that when using standardized tests that are not state mandated, their purpose should be clearly explained to teachers and parents. The results from these tests should be used to inform instruction and should be kept to an absolute minimum. Teacher voice will be used in determining whether non-mandatory tests are useful to instruction, timely, and if the tool should be used in the future.

Our teachers have always advocated for their students. A fundamental goal of the Cleveland Heights Teachers Union is to promote the welfare of children and ensure that they receive a quality public education. We take this seriously enough to have made it the first of the four major topics of the current contract negotiations. We will be conducting a listening project this spring and hope to learn even more.

Ari Klein is a lifelong community member, math teacher at Cleveland Heights High School, and president of the Cleveland Heights Teachers Union.



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Summer Music Camp—an experience he feels has taught him how to be a better musician and teacher. He has competed at multiple Ohio Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble competitions, performing both snare and mallet solos. As a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, Bell has fundraised and played at community events. He often plays the timpani during services at his church.

When not playing music, Bell works as an auto mechanic at Bryan's Marathon in Cleveland Heights. He enjoys spending time with his friends on the weekends and playing golf. Next year, he plans to pursue a degree in finance while continuing his love of music.

William van den Bogert first encountered the piano when he visited his sister's lesson at age 5. A year later, he began studying piano at Cleveland Institute of Music with Rozetta Kim, his teacher of 11 years. In third grade, he chose the trumpet as his primary instrument and began studying at age 8 with teacher Eric Hasselquist. He would later study with Stephen Chapdelaine as well. He studied music theory and composition with Alissa Shuster and jazz trumpet with Joe Miller at Cleveland State University.

Van den Bogert is the principal trumpet player of the Symphonic Winds. He is a sergeant in the marching band, and performs with the Heights High Symphony and Heights Chamber Ensembles.

He has been a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society for two years, and serves as its vice president of finance. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and



Senior soloist and percussionist Andrew Bell.



Senior soloist and pianist William van den Bogert.

a former member of the soccer and robotics teams.

He enjoys improvising, and owns the Instagram account @minute-soundtracks, devoted to his improvisations on movie soundtracks. After graduation, he plans to study engineering and hopes to attend Columbia University.

According to IMD Director Daniel Heim, "William is a gifted musician with a wide range of skills and an excellent ear, but he also understands being a team player and the value of working in the large group, which has made him an incredibly valuable leader."

Audrey Wynne is a member of BOPO, the Cleveland Heights High School Band and Orchestra Parent Organization.

School vouchers do not support public education



THE COMMON GOOD

Susie Kaeser

Senator Rob Portman voted to confirm Betsy DeVos as secretary of education, despite a fervent outcry from his constituents—including me and the Heights Coalition for Public Education. He defended the decision on his website, saying DeVos had expressed her commitment to “strongly support public education.” And he liked her embrace of local control.

She sure fooled him. The DeVos agenda supports neither public education nor local control.

Shortly after taking office, DeVos and her boss announced their commitment to making vouchers the centerpiece of their education plan. Rather than advancing civil rights by investing in our public schools, for them the road to equality is giving more poor children the same opportunity as the wealthy to reject public schools.

School vouchers are anti-public education. Vouchers use public funds to pay for private education, most of which is religious. According to education researcher Gary Orfield, four-fifths of private schools are religious. The Cleveland Heights experience with vouchers shows that public funds are most frequently used for religious education. It doesn’t help public education, and it blurs the division of church and state.

It looks like tax breaks using tuition tax credits will be the implementation method. Tax breaks reduce resources for the common good and advantage individuals. How does moving children out of public schools honor local control?

Choice advocates assume that public is bad, and choice, regardless of quality, is good. They argue that increasing choice through vouchers and charters will give more children access to better schools and will force public schools to improve. Sadly, the evidence does not support either claim. The push for privatization is sold as a way to advance civil rights, even if it fails to improve learning and

destroys a public system that serves the majority of students.

DeVos has publicly stated that reforming public education is a way to “advance God’s kingdom.” I imagine she has more than one kind of salvation in mind when she argues that poor and minority children need to be saved from those terrible public schools by shopping around with a voucher.

Unlike many communities, Cleveland Heights is loaded with private options. Within a few miles there are high-end college preparatory schools, Montessori schools for all grade levels, and progressive “alternative” schools. Religious schools run the gamut from Jewish and Catholic options, to a sprinkling of Seventh Day Adventist, Lutheran, and Christian schools.

Cleveland Heights-University Heights public schools have been hit hard by Ohio’s voucher program, which transfers state funding allocated to local school districts directly to private schools that enroll district residents who qualify for one of three voucher programs.

The largest program is called EdChoice. Vouchers pay for children

who reside in the attendance area of a school with low test scores to “escape” that school at public expense.

This year the Heights schools lost more than \$4.6 million to 659 students using vouchers under EdChoice and the autism and Peterson grants for students with special education needs. The combined cost of charters and vouchers is greater than the income that the newest levy will generate. How is this helping public schools get better?

Vouchers, as noted, by and large support religious education. Last year, all but seven of the 273 students who used an Edchoice voucher to attend a private school attended a religious school. Almost half the students were in kindergarten and had never spent one day in public school. This year the number of EdChoice students increased to 483, and, once again, all but seven of these students attended a religious school. It’s questionable if they are providing public school children more options or simply subsidizing people’s existing plans to give their children a religious education—a choice our education tradition has always al-

lowed, but not at public expense.

In *Educational Delusions? Why Choice Can Deepen Inequality and How to Make Schools Fair*, Orfield explains that while choice is a very seductive idea, it is not an American tradition. Public schools were designed to serve communities, not individuals. Public agencies, he reminds us, “are created to do something essential.” Having an educated citizenry is essential. We achieve that with a professional system of free public education for all.

Participation by all is what makes the system strong. Choice discourages participation and transforms the common good into a consumer item. Individual choice ignores the common good and destroys the capacity to serve it.

Please, Senator Portman, if you support public education and local control, stop the DeVos agenda.

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

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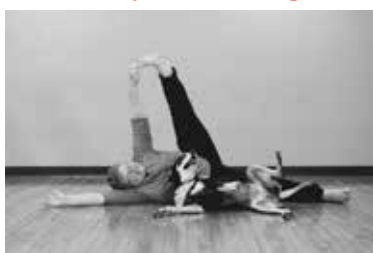
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POINT OF VIEW

Anita Kazarian

University Heights taxes are among the highest in Ohio. We pay these taxes because we expect excellent city services from our elected officials in return.

I believe the most critical services for our densely populated city are our safety forces: fire, police and EMS. Mayor Susan Infeld wears a second hat as safety director for University Heights. In that role, she ensures that our fire department has current equipment and trucks.

Our fire department has an aging ladder truck, and I believe our high taxes warrant the purchase of a Rolls Royce-style truck. While our city many not need such a high-end version, for our tax money the least UH residents should expect is a new, fully equipped truck with all the bells and whistles our firefighters request.

In fact, UH residents paid so much in taxes that the fire department had \$800,000 left over from its 2016 budget that went back into the city's coffers. A new ladder truck does not even come close to costing that much. We have the funds.

In 2011, our city saved \$275,000 on a new engine truck for our fire department. How did that happen? University Heights firefighter

Robert Perko led the department's firefighters in researching and writing a grant application to try "to help the city in difficult economic times." They did this on their own time and initiative, and won a grant of \$275,000 for University Heights' new engine truck.

In 2014, Perko obtained another grant for the UHFD, this time for \$206,000.

Why am I writing about this? I have heard, unsubstantiated, talk that our elected officials are considering alternatives to a new ladder truck for our fire department. These rumors are hard to believe, but where there is smoke . . .

A few of the rumors regard a plan to patch up the old truck; another regards buying a used truck. Does this mean that cities whose residents pay less in taxes can afford a new truck, and University Heights can only afford a "hand-me-down?"

The most troubling rumor is that we [will] not replace our ladder truck. Again, this is just a rumor, but I hear the safety director is considering the option to rely upon mutual aid from other cities for use of their ladder trucks each time University Heights needs one.

This rumor speaks to the priority of our elected city officials. Residents were encouraged to approve a ballot to tax ourselves for 15 years for a little neighborhood park, but are officials now actually thinking that they do not have to maintain our only fully equipped fire station?

In her State of the City address, Mayor Infeld cited city council's "purchases of equipment for our safety forces . . ." I hope council will continue to provide this highly taxed city with such purchases, especially a fully equipped new ladder truck.

I look forward to council supporting our firefighters with the proper equipment and trucks they need to perform their job.

Anita Kazarian, a 31-year resident of University Heights, has been active in many of the city's volunteer organizations. She wants to hear your thoughts; write to her at anitakazarian@gmail.com.



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architects Moody Nolan.

In November 2013, the Heights community passed Issue 81 to finance a bond to fund \$134.8 million of the \$157 million project. The Ohio Schools Facility Commission [OSFC] was to provide an 11 percent reimbursement of eligible costs, which would then assist the district in financing the renovation of its elementary school buildings, for which the community would also have to pass an additional bond issue.

Phase I of the district's facilities renovation project comprises four sub-phases: renovation of the high school athletic field and stadium; preparation of the Wiley building (to house high school students for two years and then middle school students for two years); selective demolition at the high school site, renovation of the original 1926 building, and new construction; and renovation of the two middle schools. The first three sub-phases have exceeded budget forecasts, leaving approximately \$30 million for the middle schools.

According to Jim Posch, BOE member, it is uncertain if the district will ever see the state's 11 percent reimbursement, and the board has not officially talked about the elementary school phase. "At the start of the project, the OSFC told us that we should receive the reimbursement in five years, but now they are saying it could be five years from now," Posch said. He confirmed that this could hold up the start of the elementary school phase.

In 2014, the BOE appointed the Facilities Accountability Committee (FAC), comprising community members, to monitor the project and regularly report to the board on "the project's status, progress and expenditure of funds." The BOE called a special meeting on Jan. 26 at which Seku Shabazz, FAC chair, presented a written report on 11 specific commitments the BOE had made to the public during the facilities planning process.

The FAC used a green-yellow-red rating system to communicate how successful it thought the district had been in meeting each of the commitments. Eight items received "green" ratings, meaning that the FAC believed the district was on track to meet or exceed the community's expectations: completing all Phase I work by 2019, achieving a minimum LEED Silver certification, increasing the energy-efficiency in renovated buildings, complying with the ADA (American Disabilities Act) in renovated buildings, relocating career and technical programs to the high school, preserving the core architecture of historic buildings, ensuring that the new construction design is consistent with the historic design of existing structures, enhancing safety and security in renovated buildings and maximizing EDGE participation—diverse hiring practices.

The FAC gave the "competition pool with community access" objec-

tive a "yellow" rating because there was "no concrete agreement between the city and school board yet about how the community would access the pool." [The CH-UH Board of Education held a joint meeting with CH City Council on March 6 and worked out an agreement for community access to the pool.]

The FAC gave two items a "red" rating: the budget, and communication and community engagement.

Shabazz stated that the first sub-phases of the project were over-budget for several reasons, such as the unforeseen circumstances of poor soil conditions, increased labor costs and changes in the scope of the project. "The high school's finished product will be excellent," he said, "but because of the \$104 million total cost, it is a possibility that the middle school projects will not have all of the components they should and there might be a feeling from the community that the overall project is a failure. And that might put in jeopardy the elementary school project."

BOE President Ron Register responded that, despite cost overruns, the total project will not exceed its \$157 million budget. "We will accept the report as presented," he said, "But we also have a responsibility to enlighten the public on some things that are off target."

Posch thanked the FAC for its work and stated that, although the middle schools renovation will not include everything, "we will know once the project is bid this summer what we can do with those [\$30 million] dollars." He explained, "We are told by our consultants and our experts that we can do a lot in the middle schools with what we have. Pretty much stuff that you don't see gets fixed, which is the expensive stuff, you get HVAC in the buildings, all new electricity, new lighting fixtures, mostly new paint in pretty much all common areas, some re-configuring of things to make the buildings more efficient. We don't get new entrances, which is sort of sad. But we can't overstep with what we promised the community that we would spend."

Board Member Eric Silverman stated that because the middle schools project is not as invasive nor as comprehensive as the high school project, he did not believe there would be the same unforeseen conditions that there were at the high school.

Although communication and community engagement was not on the original list of 11 commitments, FAC members believed that there had not been enough communication or opportunities for the public to be engaged in the project. Chanelle Truitt, community engagement sub-committee chair, said that communication and engagement was the purpose of the FAC. She attended 27 FAC meetings and said there were ongoing discussions about the frustrations and concerns they were hearing from the community. She said that the

district "started out strong with big meetings and working groups" but efforts petered out and engagement in the latter part of the project was "nonexistent." She emphasized the importance of engagement in getting parents and community members involved so that they could be proud of the result.

In his concluding remarks, Shabazz concurred: "We want to change the narrative. Our schools are not viewed by people—even those who are in the schools—as as great as they are. [When the project is completed,] we will have a first-class facility. We hope that won't be lost on the middle schools. We are a

community that maybe took a few steps back, but we are back and better than ever. Cleveland Heights and University Heights is a community where folks should want to come to and raise their families."

View a copy of the FAC report and the BOE's comments here: <http://www.chuh.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5U32BB&da=i=3Y2I#sthash.5lTokyuB.dpuf>. Videos of CH-UH BOE meetings are available at <http://www.chuh.org/2017MeetingVideos.aspx>.

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University Heights City Council Meeting highlights

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Present were Mayor Susan Infeld and Vice Mayor Susan Pardee, and council members Pamela Cameron (arrived after roll call), Phil Ertel, John Rach, Steven Sims and Mark Wiseman. Also present were Law Director Luke McConnell and Clerk of Council Kelly Thomas.

Public comments

Thanks to EMS and police: Sheila Hubman thanked members of the emergency medical service and police for their kind and professional assistance during her recent medical emergencies. She asked council to consider installing an elevator in city hall, moving meetings to a nearby empty store (Tops?), or installing a stationary camera in the back of council chambers. Mayor Infeld reported that they had been looking at elevator options, but because of particular circumstances in the building, the cost would be close to \$1 million dollars.

JCU outreach: Mike Bishop, a student at John Carroll University (JCU) announced that he is a member of the university's Committee for Community Outreach and that he would be happy to meet with council regarding any university-related issues.

State of the city address

The entirety of the mayor's address can be found at universityheights.com in the February newsletter. Mayor Infeld reported that the city has expanded green space, improved streets and utilities, collaborated with neighboring communities, and remained a strong steward of the city's finances, carrying more than \$2.5 million dollars into 2017, or 19 percent of the city's funds, which is recommended by the Government Finance Officers' Association. The new park has already become a popular feature, and movie nights will be added this summer. Pool enhancements are continuing, and now senior citizens are able to join the Cleveland Heights Senior Center. Streets are being paved and water and gas lines replaced. Warrensville Center Road is being altered to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and the joint dispatch center will become a reality shortly with the build-out beginning later this year.

Street beautification

Council approved submitting a grant application to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for replacing the double-wide sidewalks along Warrensville Center, Bushnell and Lansdale roads, and restoring tree lawns with trees and grass.

LWV Observer: Wendy Deuring.

MARCH 6, 2017

Present were Mayor Susan Infeld, Vice Mayor Susan Pardee, and council members Pamela Cameron, John Rach, Steven Sims and Mark Wiseman. Councilman Philip Ertel and Councilwoman Michele Weiss were absent. Also present were Law Director Luke McConnell and Clerk of Council Kelly Thomas.

Mayor's report

Cedar-Taylor public space: Mayor Infeld hopes to create a public square at the intersection of Cedar and Taylor roads, making it a gateway to University Heights. She envisions installing a

monument sign and [creating] a gathering space with benches and plantings. She has received positive input from University Heights residents, and welcomes more. The mayor reported that the empty KFC building at the intersection has been purchased, and that the owners of Cedar-Taylor Garage & Autobody have retired and closed shop.

Gas line replacement: The Dominion gas line replacement project has begun on Green Road, and will eventually move to Churchill Road. There will be periodic street closures. The good news is that Churchill Road's infrastructure will be placed underground, and the street will be repaved.

EPA control measures: The County Planning Commission recently approved an expenditure of money that will be reimbursed by the Northeast Ohio Sewer District. The money will be used for EPA minimum control measures, and will be provided by the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District. The project will include a stream cleanup component, and will address the improper disposal of hazardous wastes, restaurant waste and yard waste.

Small cell towers

Council approved a motion, on emergency, to add Resolution 2017-09, which places a moratorium on small cell towers and related equipment in University Heights. Law Director McConnell reported that a measure that restricts a municipality's ability to negotiate the installation of small cell towers on street lights, utility poles and traffic lights was added to an Ohio General Assembly bill, SB 331, which regulates pet stores in Ohio. The legislation has passed and is set to become effective March 21. McConnell said the measure is damaging because cities have their own set of ordinances that require an applicant to locate small cell towers on existing poles or prove its technology won't work on an existing structure. He expects that litigation will be filed prior to March 21 and municipalities across the state are hoping the legislation will be stayed. He and the mayor plan to study the city's ordinances to enact measures that will help UH protect its right of way.

LWV Observer: Siobhan Leftwich.

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of our job was not just to educate citizens about issues of planning and design, but more simply to provide a forum for citizens to voice their opinions and stand for their values,” said Greg Donley, a founding member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors.

FutureHeights found a model in the *Lakewood Observer*, a community-based website and print newspaper that began publishing in 2005.

The organization found Lakewood’s mix of civic pride, hyper-local focus and community participation to be a winning combination, worth replicating in the Heights, and entered into an agreement to license its software and create a similar product, the *Heights Observer*. (The Observer group now comprises several local community-based and independently owned and operated newspapers.)

The mission of the *Heights Observer* is to serve as a self-sustaining media outlet that strengthens the communities of Cleveland Heights and University Heights.

Its goals are to be a community advocate; to be a catalyst for public discourse; to keep residents informed; to promote citizen involvement; to reflect diversity and improve the overall quality of life for residents; and to be a resource for the local, independent businesses that are central to the community’s unique and vibrant character.

It does this with small, part-time staff—publisher, editor-in-chief, e-news manager and advertising manager—and submissions from volunteer writers across the community.

Paid advertisements from local businesses finance the design and printing of both the monthly print issue and weekly e-news, and cover a portion of the staffing costs. Volunteers also help deliver the print issue each month to more than 300 locations throughout the Heights.

FutureHeights launched the *Heights Observer* on April 10, 2008, at its annual meeting.

The first issue—Volume 1, Issue 1—featured an article explaining the phenomenon of citizen journalism where average people, rather than trained professionals, cover and disseminate the news—news that is important to them on the local level and news that they may know more about and care more about than a paid professional because they are involved in it.

“Some readers are still unaware that we are a citizen-journalism publication, or are unclear what that means,” said Kim Sergio Inglis, editor-in-chief of the *Heights Observer*.

“We have no staff writers—we need community members who think there are stories the *Observer* should be covering to understand that we invite them to write those stories themselves.”

“Because the author of any given story may have a particular point of view about a news item, because of his or her connection to it, we ask that writers disclose any affiliation—personal or professional—that they may have with the topic they are writing about,” explained Sergio Inglis. “We ask that they include this information in the brief bio that appears at the end of each article. This is not something that Lakewood does, but we feel this is essential.”

The first issue comprised 16 pages of articles written by community members, including several FutureHeights board members.

There were articles about community issues, such as the uncertain future of the then recently closed Coventry Elementary School building (FutureHeights is now one of several community service and cultural organizations that are housed in the building), schools, arts organizations and local businesses.

You can view a PDF copy of each issue of the *Observer* at www.heightsobserver.org/download-issues/.

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Cleveland Heights City Council Meeting highlights

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Mayor Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Mayor Jason Stein, Mary Dunbar, Carol Roe, Kahlil Seren and Melissa Yasinow were present. Michael N. Ungar was absent.

Fire department 2016 report

Fire Chief Dave Freeman presented the fire department’s 2016 year-end report, noting 6,412 total runs (15 percent of these were emergency fire runs; the rest were medical emergency calls). In addition, 1,638 fire inspections were completed and 157 free smoke detectors were distributed. Other activities included fire safety classes for students in grades K–7, safety classes at senior apartments, a CPR event at the community center, and Public Safety Night Out in partnership with the police department. Freeman also discussed special projects, including completion of an agreement for joint dispatch that merges the Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and University Heights police and fire into a single space at the MetroHealth facility on Severance Circle, and new fire response protocols with Automatic Aid Partners Shaker Heights and University Heights to improve coverage. Among the department’s 2016 notable achievements were the SAFER grant from FEMA, which pays salary and benefits for three employees for two years, totaling nearly \$600,000, and a partnership with Tri-C for a new vocational education program with Heights High, focusing on fire and EMS training. He thanked the residents who support the department’s efforts.

Police department 2016 report

Police Chief Annette Mecklenburg presented the police department’s 2016 year-end report, providing statistics on staffing levels, calls for service (41,850; up 820 from 2015), animal calls (943), motor vehicle accidents (1,393), crime rates (of these, robbery and aggravated assault were both up; burglary and theft were at an all-time low), and arrests of adults (1,627, down from 2,019 in 2015) and juveniles (369, down from 411 in 2015). She also described activities of the community response team, crime suppression team, special response team, juvenile diversion program, and Cleveland Heights Police Academy. Among the goals and priorities for the coming year were strengthening the police-community relationship, developing strategies to recruit and retain a qualified and diverse workforce, training and employee development, and exploring opportunities for inter-municipal resource sharing.

Loan approval

Council authorized a loan under the city’s Commercial Revolving Loan Fund program to the Wine Cave Inc. to assist in the acquisition of La Cave Du Vin at 2785 Euclid Heights Blvd. The \$60,000 loan will bear an annual interest rate of 3 percent, with a five-year repayment schedule. An important consideration is the fact that La



Cave Du Vin currently has a total of three full-time jobs and projects to create three additional full-time jobs during the first year, at least two of which will be made available to low-to-moderate income persons. It was also noted that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available for this purpose.

Sanctuary city, rental issues

Kahlil Seren announced that on Feb. 23 he would be hosting a meeting in council chambers to discuss policies relevant to the sanctuary city debate, as well as rental occupancy permit restrictions related to delinquent taxes and nuisance abatement charges. [A video of the meeting is available on the city’s YouTube channel and at <http://bit.ly/2mDO4HX>.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

MARCH 6, 2017

All council members were present: Mayor Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Mayor Jason Stein, Mary Dunbar, Carol Roe, Kahlil Seren, Michael N. Ungar and Melissa Yasinow.

Liquor control notices

Q70 Grille, 2573 Noble Road, applied for a D5 permit from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. Police Chief Mecklenburg provided a letter, addressed to the department of liquor control, objecting to this permit. Council voted to support the objection due to numerous police calls to that location.

Energy conservation project

Council passed an amended resolution to extend the term of a letter of intent with Evans Energy to conduct an energy conservation project for an additional 90 days past the March 17 expiration. Seren voted no. Ungar proposed the amendment, which was a provision to refer the extension to the law department for review. He was concerned that the city’s interests be protected.

Non-bank ATM regulations

Council presented on first reading an ordinance that would regulate the placement and installation of ATMs, and would require security measures at stores to deter criminals from committing smash-and-grab robberies. Smash-and-grab robberies and burglaries are increasingly [targeting] convenience stores, grocery stores and gas stations, as criminals drive stolen vehicles into storefronts to steal non-bank-owned ATMs. There were six such robberies in Cleveland Heights in 2016 and one already this year. Council members thanked the police chief for bringing to [their attention] the need for this legislation.

LWV Observer: Blanche Valancy.

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Cedar Fairmount streetscape project to begin in April

Deanna Bremer Fisher

After a year's delay, the Cedar Fairmount Streetscape and Cedar Road Resurfacing project is set to begin in April. The city awarded a \$3.99 million contract to Perk Company Inc. in January.

According to Joseph Kickel, assistant to the director of public works for Cleveland Heights, the project was designed as two separate projects with multiple funding sources for each, but was combined into one in order to reduce costs and construction time. Of the total project cost, the resurfacing portion will be \$2.95 million and the streetscape \$1.04 million.

The streetscape project, designed by Osborne Engineering and City Architecture, will add several amenities to the Cedar Fairmount Business District, including new trees, sidewalks and sidewalk features—such as widened sidewalks, brick pavers and custom benches—from Fairmount Boulevard to Euclid Heights Boulevard. This portion of the project also includes a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle path that will be constructed along Cedar Glen Parkway to connect the area to University Circle.

"We are excited to start the long-anticipated Cedar Fairmount Streetscape Project that will add new breath to this vital, historic district of Cleveland Heights," said Kaye Lowe, executive director of Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District (CFSID).

Planning for the streetscape project began in 2009 with a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative study. Then, in 2013, the city awarded a contract to Osborn Engineering and City Architecture for engineering, bidding support, and post-bidding design services for the project. The project is expected to be completed in October.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) had delayed the resurfacing project—repaving Cedar Road from the top of Cedar Hill to the city's border with University Heights at Taylor Road—until 2017, and that work needs to be completed before work on the streetscape project can begin. The resurfacing project will include new ADA-compliant curb



View of expanded sidewalk area along Fairmount Boulevard.

ramps from South Taylor Road to Euclid Heights Boulevard.

Dominion East Ohio, which has been working on a multi-year gas line replacement project in the city, began replacing gas lines under the sidewalks beginning at Euclid Heights Boulevard and Cedar Road to Surrey Road in March. The company has cut down several trees where it is working. Those trees will be replaced and the landscaping enhanced at the completion of the streetscape.

According to Kickel, the project is scheduled to receive \$3.48 million in federal funds, \$443,000 in Ohio Public Works Commission funds, and \$69,000 in Ohio Department of Natural Resource funds. CFSID has already contributed \$100,000 to the project and will be paying separately for add-on amenities, such as signage.

The city has placed a button on its home page that connects users directly to information and updates for the project: www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=1959. CFSID will keep residents and businesses apprised of progress, schedule changes, and other issues relating to the project on its website, www.cedarfairmount.org, where it has added a button to its home page, and via social media.

CFSID hosted, in conjunction with FutureHeights, a Construction Survival Workshop for business and property owners, and is planning several special events. The first is a Hard Hat Happy Hour on Friday, April 28, 5-8 p.m. Merchants will offer specials to all who purchase a Hard Hat Happy Hour hat and wear it during the event. There will be children's activities, music, hard hat decorating, a raffle, cupcake decorating, and fun for all.

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Noble Road resurfacing project gets underway

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Noble Road will be resurfaced from where it begins at Mayfield Road to Cleveland Heights' northern border with East Cleveland. Cuyahoga County is overseeing the \$2.947 project, which is completely funded by the county, including engineering, administration and construction costs.

C. A. Agresta Construction Co. won the contract, and will begin work in April. Construction is expected to be completed by October.

According to Mike Tworzydlo, area construction manager for Cuyahoga County, the road resurfacing will include repairing the underlying structure and replacing curb ramps so that they are ADA compliant. Any broken curbs will be repaired. Although there was some initial discussion about adding bike lanes to Noble Road, this is not part of the project. The road will be re-stripped to match what is currently there.

Traffic will be maintained in two directions on all parts of the road, except for the first block at Mayfield Road, where traffic will be redirected to Warrensville Center Road. Access to businesses will be maintained because the sidewalks will not be affected. The county will publish and distribute a flyer

to businesses and residents a week or so before construction starts.

The city of Cleveland Heights will place a button on its home page to directly connect users to information and updates on the Noble Road project. Contact the city's Department of Public Works at 216-691-7300 for more information.

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Cleveland Heights crime rates stable in most categories for 2016

Bob Rosenbaum

While the number of property crimes in Cleveland Heights continued a four-year downward trend in 2016, the overall number of violent crimes increased last year for the first time since 2012.

Three murders were committed in the city last year, the same as in 2015. Nine rapes were reported,

compared to eight the previous year. But there were 83 robberies, up from 53 in 2015; and 55 aggravated assaults, compared to 33 the year before.

Police Chief Annette Mecklenburg said citizens shouldn't be alarmed by the increase. "We'd love the rates to keep going down until we're at zero crime, but it doesn't work that way," she said, emphasizing that it doesn't

mean the city's streets are less safe.

Often, several crimes are solved with a single arrest. For example, one person apprehended after allegedly shooting at cars in the Noble Road area was charged with eight of last year's assaults, Mecklenburg said. And Rise Nightclub & Restaurant, in the lower level at Severance Center (within sight of the police station), was closed following city action in response to several violent incidents.

Further, the chief said, most of the assaults reported over the course of a year are domestic disputes—in many cases at homes where police have answered repeated calls.

Mecklenburg highlighted three important areas of concern:

1. Thefts of freestanding ATM machines at convenience stores and the like. These have taken place in other communities as well, including Beachwood, South Euclid, Wiloughby and Cleveland. They often involve two stolen cars; one is used to crash into the store and ram the ATM from the bolts that secure it, then the machine is loaded into the other car for the getaway. Cleveland

Heights saw one such theft in 2015, six in 2016 and three already this year.

Mecklenburg said the department is participating in an informal task force with agencies across the region. She also has asked city council to pass a law requiring stores to install protective bollards around freestanding ATMs. If it passes, it will take effect in June. It was awaiting a second reading before city council as of mid-March.

2. Aggressive car robberies—also not limited to Cleveland Heights—in which a driver is hit from behind, and, when approached to exchange insurance information, is pulled from the car. There were three in the city last year. "We feel like they're connected, but we haven't been able to [solve it] yet," she said.

3. Opioid drug overdoses. Police responded to least nine overdoses in the city last year—six of them fatal. "In southern Ohio, departments our size are getting four, five, six calls a day. We don't have anything like that, but it's moving this way," Mecklenburg said.

In 2016, all Cleveland Heights police officers began carrying Naloxone, which can reverse an opioid overdose. It saved three lives last year, Mecklenburg said. The Cleveland Heights Fire Department also deals with such cases, which are counted separately.

The crime data are compiled by the CHPD according to definitions from the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting system, and published on the Cleveland Heights city website. The reports include serious "Part I" offenses. They do not include "Part II" minor offenses, such as trespassing or DUI—which the FBI does not seek from local agencies due to cost.

For more information about how the CHPD collects and validates crime statistics, and why the *Observer* publishes them regularly, see the original article in this series by scanning the QR code or visiting <http://tiny.cc/chcrimestats>.

[See charts on page 11.]

Cleveland Heights resident Bob Rosenbaum is co-chair of the Heights Observer Advisory Committee, and is responsible for its advertising sales and market development.

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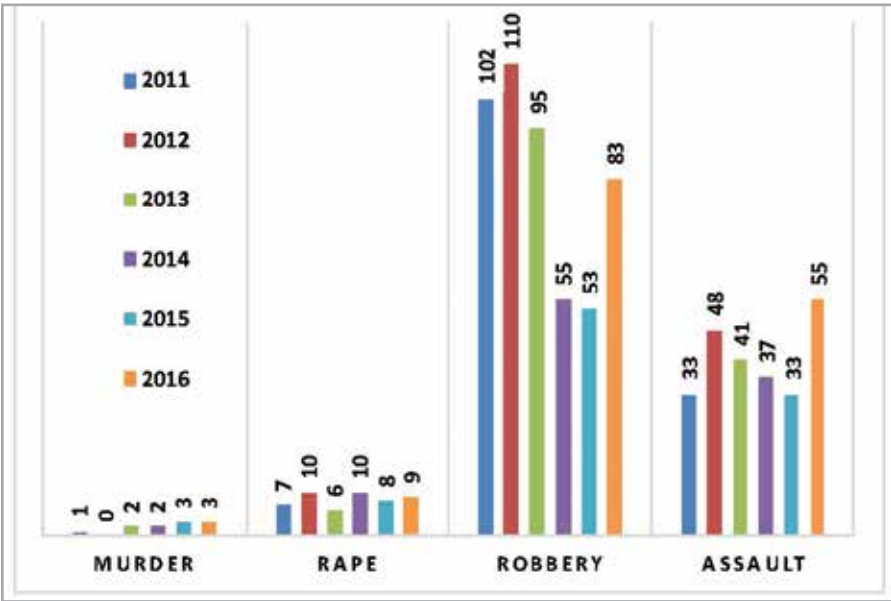
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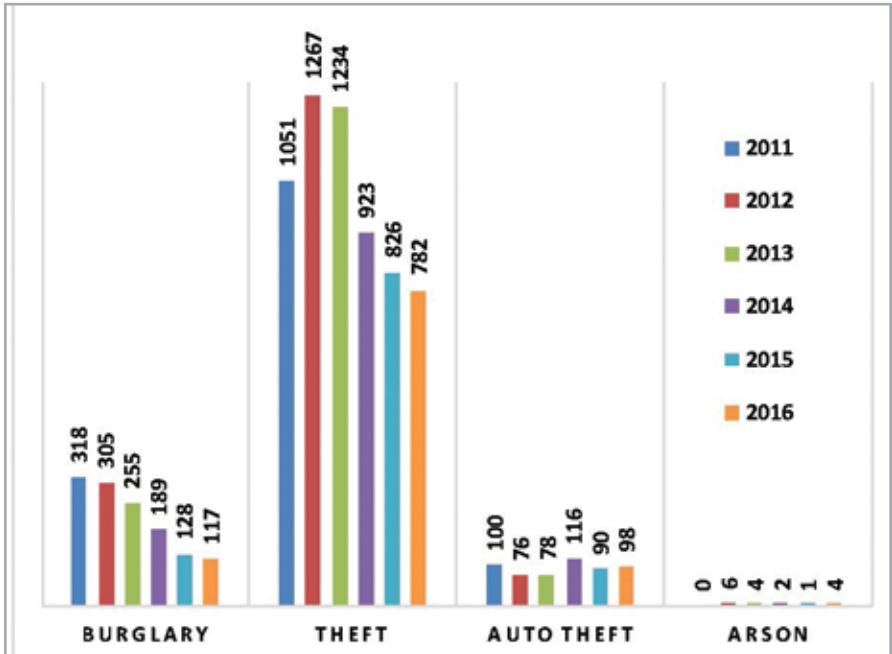
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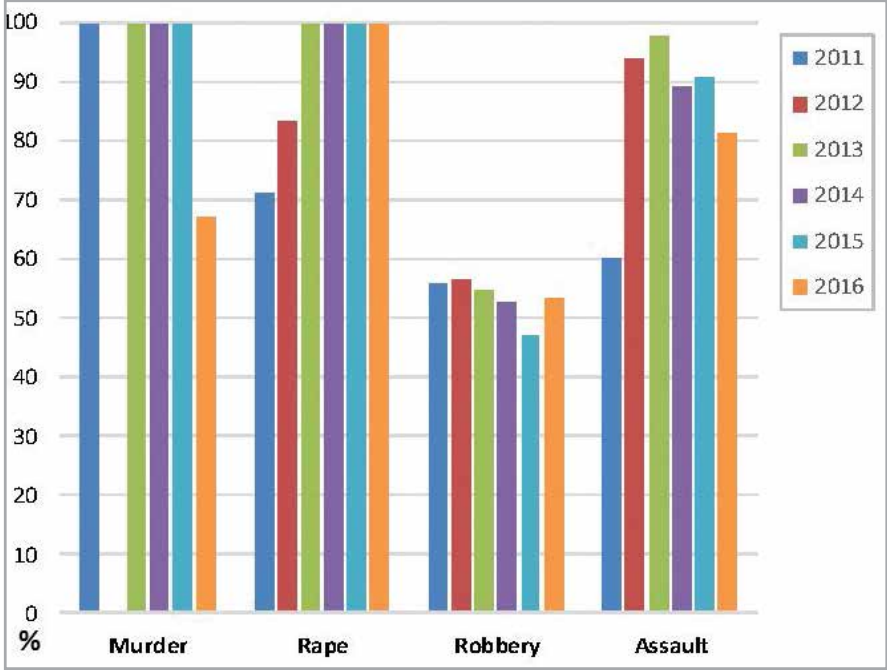


Overall crime trend in Cleveland Heights, 2011-2016



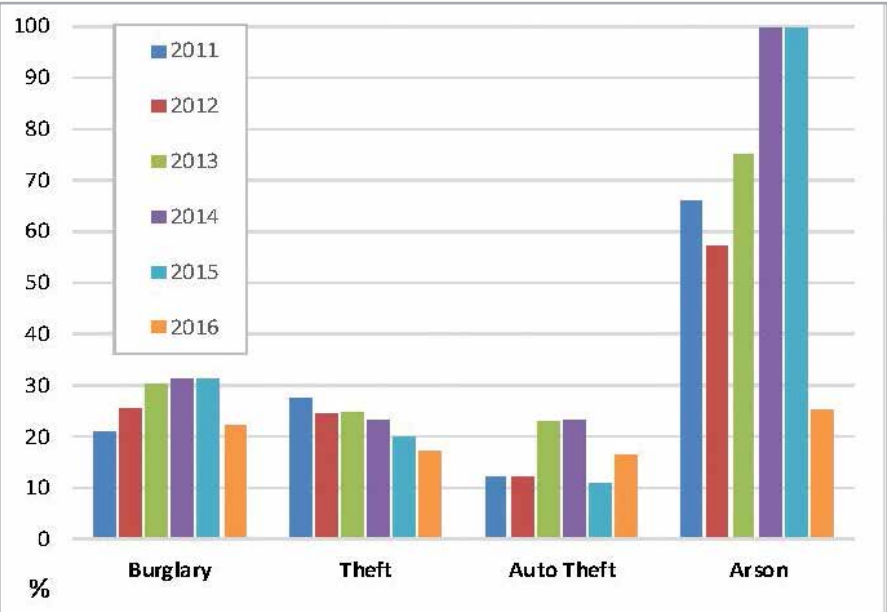
Percentage of violent crimes solved, 2011-2016

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Percentage of property crimes solved, 2011-2016

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CH advised to create a CDC

Joy Roller

A special Economic Development Advisory Committee appointed by Cleveland Heights City Council delivered its recommendations to the council's Committee of the Whole on Feb. 13.

Its top recommendation is the creation of a Community Development Corporation (CDC) in Cleveland Heights that will partner with the city and other organizations to promote the city's economic development.

The CDC would focus on revitalizing mixed-use business districts, coordinating Special Improvement Districts (SIDs), and work with the city and civic organizations to create visions and plans for neighborhoods and business districts throughout the city.

The CDC would also focus on enhancing the identity of the city and its unique neighborhoods and business districts, and marketing the city throughout the region.

CDCs are private, nonprofit corporations that drive economic development and strive to improve the quality of residents' lives. Shaker Heights, Lakewood, South Euclid and other local communities work with CDCs in attracting, maintaining and developing business activity.

The committee recommended to council that FutureHeights, a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization serving the residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights, fill the CDC role.

Over the past 15 years, FutureHeights has developed the *Heights Observer*, Heights Music Hop, Neighborhood Mini-Grants and the Neighborhood Leadership Workshop Series—all designed to market the city and get residents involved in improving their community.

According to FutureHeights Executive Director Deanna Bremer Fisher, "FutureHeights is now poised, with a fantastic group of volunteers who have both the energy and the experience, to create a comprehensive CDC that will partner with the city to strengthen our neighborhoods and commercial districts through planning, development and creative place-making."

The Economic Development Advisory Committee also recommended that the city's new economic development staff, assisted by the CDC, develop targeted business district

strategies; that the city improve its image by investing in the community and by marketing its assets; and that city government continue and increase its support for the arts, which are a catalyst for economic development.

The committee comprises seven residents with expertise in economic development, city planning, banking, organizational development and community engagement.

It received presentations from the Cuyahoga County Planning Department, Mark Chupp of Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, and various economic development experts from Greater Cleveland. Each expert who presented to the committee supported the establishment of a CDC for Cleveland Heights.

In response to the committee's recommendation to create a CDC, Mayor Cheryl Stephens stated, "It creates a new opportunity for Cleveland Heights to work with a nonprofit to create more investment in its neighborhoods and business districts."

Michael Ungar, a member of Cleveland Heights City Council and chair of its finance committee, said he is "100 percent in favor of creating a CDC in Cleveland Heights."

Expressing his thanks to the committee members and Bremer Fisher for their leadership on this initiative, he said, "There are a number of exciting opportunities—and challenges as well—that we, as a city, are primed to capture and capitalize on, and I believe that a CDC, working arm-in-arm with the city's outstanding economic development team, represents the right vehicle with which to do so."

According to Ungar, CH City Council will consider recommendations of the city's Master Plan Steering Committee, as well as the recommendations of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, in making a decision on the role of a CDC in Cleveland Heights.

Joy Roller served on the Economic Development Advisory Committee. She is a new member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors, the founder of Archer Consulting, former president of Global Cleveland, and former executive director of Gordon Square Arts District.

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Cleveland Heights adopts Master Plan

Robert Brown

Cleveland Heights City Council voted unanimously on March 20 to adopt a new Master Plan as a long-term guide for the community's development and revitalization.

The 250-page plan was prepared by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission during a 16-month period that included three community meetings attended by about 230 people. At its March 20 meeting, CH City Council committed to begin implementing the plan immediately.

Among the plan's more noteworthy recommendations are the following:

Mayfield Corridor Innovation District. As part of a strategy to increase jobs and tax revenues, the plan proposes targeting the Mayfield Road corridor as an "innovation district," building off of its connection to University Circle and re-using some on the corridor's currently under-utilized buildings.

Severance Town Center Redevelopment. The plan supports citizen recommendations to redevelop Severance Town Center as a mixed-use and walkable area consistent with the character of Cleveland Heights.

Hub for Arts. The plan advocates use of the city's arts venues and organizations as catalysts for neighborhood revitalization.

Attracting Families. As part of a strategy to make Cleveland Heights a more family-friendly place, the

plan suggests holding more events oriented to families with children.

Preservation. The plan recommends amending the city's zoning regulations to require review and approval of proposed demolitions of architecturally significant buildings.

Community Development Corporation. The plan encourages the city to partner with a nonprofit community development organization to help spearhead the plan's implementation. FutureHeights has offered to fill that role in Cleveland Heights.

The Master Plan estimates the cost of various recommendations, identifies grant opportunities to provide some of the required funding, and prioritizes the recommendations with respect to the timing of their implementation.

Twelve local citizens served on a steering committee that guided development of the plan: Jeanne Diamond, Ken Dowell, Mike Gaynier, Kristin Hopkins, Howard Maier, Allison McCallum, Chuck Miller, William C. Mitchell, Yovan Radivoyevitch, Eric Silverman, Saroya Queen Tabor and Julia Kious Zabell.

The complete Master Plan can be found in the Cleveland Heights website, under the Planning & Development Department, at <http://www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=1827>.

Robert Brown is a city planner with 40 years of experience. He has been a resident of Cleveland Heights for more than 40 years and recently joined the FutureHeights Board of Directors.

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funds through its city road program—one of many such projects that will take place over the next couple of years.

Attendees provided feedback. Several stated that lighting should be an essential component of the project, as it would provide increased safety, enhance walkability and aesthetic appeal, and help to define the district.

Other suggestions from residents focused on continuity between the northeast and southeast corners (University Square). Ideas ranged from creating a "mirror image" reflected by a monument, benches and greenery, to an arch that could extend across the street. Some suggestions may not be feasible due to the southeast cor-

ner being privately owned property, but the mayor expressed interest in exploring all suggestions.

Overall, the proposed project was well received by those in attendance. Infeld said she would hold additional public discussions and continue a dialogue for this and other proposed projects throughout the city.

The city invites feedback from all residents. They can send thoughts and recommendations to the city at info@universityheights.com or call 216-932-7800, ext. 203.

Eli Auerbach is a 10-year University Heights resident and a board member of both FutureHeights and the Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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A preview of May Preservation Month events

Kim Sergio Inglis

May is National Preservation Month and, for the 15th year, the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, Cleveland Heights Historical Society and Heights Libraries will be celebrating the rich history and architecture of the Heights through a series of lectures, workshops and tours.

A complete listing of events will appear in the May issue of the *Heights Observer*. Highlighted below are two programs—one scheduled for early May, and a May 20 tour that requires advance registration, and is sure to fill up:

Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., Cleveland Heights House History Workshop

Using local research tools and on-line sites, this workshop will teach participants how to research their home's history, including when it was built and by whom, past owners and historic photos. Learn how to use *Plain Dealer* indexes to find out

what may have happened at a property—home sales, lost pets, society events and more. Participants who preregister and provide a mailing address will receive advance information to start a search on a property. Others can receive the information at a later date. [Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road. To preregister, call 216-291-4878, after April 1.]

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m., Cleveland Heights Rocks & Waters 2017: Compton Creek

This guided walking tour will explore the geology, history and ecology of Compton Creek, the Dugway tributary that flows through the Park Synagogue site and reappears in Forest Hill Park, where it tumbles over bluestone to join Dugway Brook. [Reservations are required for this tour. To register, call 216-4878, after April 20.]

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

Benefit breakfast is April 8 at Coit market

Joe Jerdonek

The Coit Road Farmers Market's Annual French Toast Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. to noon. Ten bucks gets you three slices of French toast and maple syrup, with a choice of bacon or chicken sausage, and coffee or apple cider. Plates will be provided for those who

want to share with children under 10. As always, this meal is made using all locally produced ingredients.

Located for 84 years at 1500 Woodworth Road, near East 152nd Street and Noble Road, the market is non-profit and community-based. Its mission is to provide residents of Cleveland's urban East Side and inner-ring suburbs with access to affordable, locally grown, farm-fresh products. Ohio Direction Card users get \$20 worth of food for \$10 charged to their card each day they shop at the market.

The addition of a full kitchen in the market's rear utility building is expected this year—realizing a longtime goal. The addition is being helped by donations of roofing materials from Johns Manville Corp. and installation by Professional Roofing of Strongsville.

The market is open on Saturdays year round, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday hours, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., begin on May 31. Call 216-249-5455 during market hours or visit www.coitmarket.org for additional information.

Joe Jerdonek is a volunteer for the Coit Road Farmers Market.



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Burgess aims to expand HYC membership

Mike McGraw

Beverly Burgess's ambitions for Heights Youth Club (HYC) are straightforward: Reach more of the youth of Cleveland Heights, University Heights and South Euclid with the after-school programming she has been overseeing as the club's director since November.

Burgess, who joined HYC as assistant director in February 2016, said that the club currently has about 200 members. The sign-up fee, posted on a recruitment sign on the club's front door, is just \$10.

Another sign on the door makes clear that the first order of business when a young person arrives at the club on a Monday through Friday afternoon is to do his or her homework for the day, and then move on to more fun activities.

On the last day of February, those activities included a poetry slam honoring Black History Month.

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Beverly Burgess, Heights Youth Club director.

Heights Youth Club launched the club some years ago and still owns the building, a former church, at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Lee Road. All HYC programming, however, is now run by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland (BGCC).

Volunteers help supplement the staff of three full-time and seven part-time employees. Asked what the general public could do to help, Burgess said that she was particularly interested in business owners coming in to talk about

their success, to spread the message of entrepreneurship. Other areas of programming that volunteers could help with include any art, music or other skills that they would enjoy teaching.

Those interested in volunteering should e-mail Cindy Newton at the BGCC office, at cnewton@clevekids.org. Heights Youth Club (216-321-2582) is located at 2065 Lee Road. The BGCC website provides information about joining HYC: www.clevekids.org/find-a-club/join-a-club.

Mike McGraw has lived near Coventry since 1999. His writing on local issues of poverty and homelessness has appeared in the Cleveland Street Chronicle.

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Law professor's talk will explore bystander duty laws on April 27

Peg Weissbrod



Amos N. Guiora

Forest Hill Church is co-sponsoring a presentation by Amos N. Guiora on "Complicity: The Role of the Bystander in the Holocaust"

in the auditorium of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

A professor of law and a child of the Holocaust, whose parents are concentration camp survivors, Guiora will address the bystander-victim relationship from both a personal and legal perspective. He examines not only the Holocaust but also campus sexual assault cases and other crimes where witnesses failed to come to the victims' aid.

Complicity: The Role of the Bystander in the Holocaust, is also the title of Guiora's new book, which considers whether society should impose

a legal duty to act on bystanders who witness a crime, or simply rely on the bystander's sense of moral responsibility. Recognizing that a "duty to intervene" law would raise complicated questions, such as the kind of duty owed and to whom it is owed, Guiora nevertheless argues in favor of criminalizing the failure to intervene.

According to John C. Lentz, Forest Hill Church's senior pastor, and a longtime friend and colleague of Guiora, the evening presents "a rare opportunity to hear an internationally recognized expert on national and international security issues."

The lecture at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd. in Pepper Pike, is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation and the nonprofit international organization Facing History and Ourselves.

Peg Weissbrod is the outreach director for Forest Hill Church in Cleveland Heights.

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<p>Good Friday April 14, 2017 Morning Prayer—8:00 am St. Ann Church Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion—3:00 pm St. Ann Church</p>	<p>Easter Sunday April 16, 2017 Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 am St. Philomena Church 8:00 am—9:30 am—11:30 am St. Ann Church</p>

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Women out Walking (WOW), an initiative of the Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation Department, is set to kick off its second year on Sunday, April 23, 2-4 pm., at the CH Community Center. WOW offers various activities to help women get healthy and fit, including yoga, tai chi and self-defense, while meeting new people and exploring Cleveland Heights parks. The free 12-week program is limited to 150 women, so sign up soon. The April 23 kick-off will feature group exercise, a T-shirt and swag bag giveaway, speakers and a celebration walk.



LIFE CYCLE

Heights Bicycle Coalition

Ohio motorists are now required by law to give 3 feet of clearance when passing bicyclists. House Bill 154 went into effect on March 21, after the legislature passed it and Gov. John Kasich signed the bill into law. The previous law required a safe passing distance for vehicles overtaking other vehicles, but did not specify what that distance would be and did not mention bicycles specifically.

The new law defines the “safe distance” by which Ohio motorists must pass bicyclists as at least 3 feet, and permits any Ohio vehicle to proceed through an intersection, after stopping and yielding right-of-way, when not detected by the device meant to move the signal from red to green.

Being passed too closely by a car or truck when bicycling is scary and can be dangerous, which is why 3-foot “safe passing” laws are becoming common nationally. Thanks to all motor vehicle drivers for observing this rule!

Having to wait for a signal that only changes when detectors buried in the roadway sense traffic can be very frustrating for bicyclists, because too often the detectors aren’t sensitive enough to trigger a light to change for a bicycle. Sometimes, the detectors don’t work for heavier vehicles either. The new law lets all vehicles proceed with caution if they are stuck at a light that does not change.

Heights Bicycle Coalition is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to educating and encouraging Heights community members to use bicycles as a sustainable and healthy form of transportation and recreation. Mary Dunbar, HBC member and CH council member, wrote this month’s column.

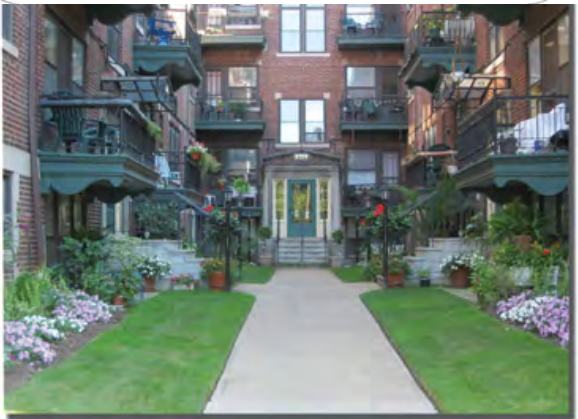
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Annual Home Remodeling Fair returns in April

Pam Wetherill

Are you looking for home repair advice or home remodeling ideas? Are you tired of being “sold” expensive solutions for problems you might not have? The Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) invites homeowners to attend this year’s Home Remodeling Fair, on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free, informative annual event is presented by HRRC in cooperation with the city of Cleveland Heights.

The fair features “Ask an Expert” tables, where professionals from many repair specialties (plumbing,



roofing, HVAC, lawn care and more) will answer questions and give free advice.

In addition, representatives from local banks, community organizations and the city of Cleveland Heights will be on hand to discuss how they can help homeowners with their concerns and projects. Attendees will have a chance to meet with representatives of SAFEbuilt—the company now handling building

inspections for the city.

Fairgoers will also have the opportunity to attend free home improvement workshops, win prizes, and talk with HRRC staff about its programs.

This year’s fair will take place at Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. Both the fair and parking are free—but the information available is priceless.

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Pam Wetherill, a resident of University Heights, is the former repair education coordinator at HRRC and a lifelong fan of the nonprofit.

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Pancakes to benefit Heights schools on April 9

Cathan Cavanaugh

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The Heights Schools Foundation (formerly the alumni foundation) invites attendees to enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast to benefit opportunity grants for every school in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District.

Guests will enjoy the grill stylings of master flipper Chris Cakes,

and the morning will also feature raffles of Heights Gear spirit wear baskets. A short program at 11 a.m. will include the presentation of grants for needs across the district. A large selection of spirit wear will also be available for purchase.

Tickets, sold at the door only, are \$7 for standard admission, \$5 for seniors (60 and older) and kids (5–12); kids 4 and younger will be admitted free of charge.

Cathan Cavanaugh is the communications administrative assistant for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District.

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Keesha Allen

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to garden decor and supplies, Bremec on the Heights is geared toward the needs of the urban homeowner. It also offers organic alternatives for sustainable gardening—organic fertilizer and pest control, rain barrels and compost bins, and more.

Gift cards are available, and purchases of those enable shoppers to decide what items to purchase later, while still benefitting HRRC.

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Keesha Allen is the executive director of the Home Repair Resource Center.

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Fairfax students explore the state capitol and zoo

Krissy Dietrich Gallagher

On March 2, Fairfax Elementary School's fourth-graders arrived at school more than an hour before the first bell to board a charter bus bound for Columbus.

By late morning, 40 students from three classrooms, plus eight chaperones, arrived at the Ohio State House. The group went on a 90-minute tour of the capitol building, marveling at the height of the ceiling in the famed rotunda and admiring the 1857 painting "The Battle of Lake Erie."

Students were officially recognized when they visited the senate chambers, an event entered into the state ledger, forever immortalizing their visit.

They had the opportunity to meet with Janine Boyd, their local representative, who claimed the meeting was the "highlight of her day." She encouraged the children to work hard in school, ask questions, and pay attention to current events so that one day they, too, might serve in the Ohio legislature.

The group then braved the wind and snow to walk to Ohio's Supreme Court building, where they learned about its architecture and how the judicial system works. As part of the social studies curriculum—understanding the work of each governmental



Sierra Green, Tamy Wallace, Austin Gallagher and Lelynd Chapman at the zoo.

branch—students participated in a mock trial taking on the roles of judge, jury, defendant, plaintiff, opposing attorneys and bailiff.

Students were particularly enthusiastic in their answer to a question about which branch is the most important: "None of them! They're equally important!"

Teacher Eric Cohen had applied for and received a grant from the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Education Center Foundation, which helped cover part of the transportation cost and admission to the legislature and court buildings. Students paid \$10 for the extended-day field trip, and the PTA provided full scholarships, as needed.

Cohen wanted to make the most of their time in Columbus, because a return trip was unlikely, so he arranged for the students to visit the Columbus Zoo. Arriving in late afternoon, in a light snow shower, students found the zoo nearly abandoned, creating an almost magical experience.

Most groups headed for indoor spaces, visiting the aquarium where they observed seals and manatees. This was particularly

exciting for those students who had studied manatees earlier in the year for a report on endangered animals.

Another group headed in the opposite direction where they saw wild animals, including bears, moose, cougars, elephants, rhinos and tigers. Sierra Green said this was the best part of the day: "I did a report on the red panda and then I got to see a real one. Plus you could see how endangered each animal was. The tiger was the most endangered. That made me sad."

Yet, the overall mood of the trip was a positive one. Teacher Nancy MacDonald declared it the best field trip she'd ever been on: "We saw so many things that we'd been studying in class—from the branches of government to the Revolutionary War to endangered species. It really connected our learning to the real world."

Krissy Dietrich Gallagher, a longtime resident of Cleveland Heights, is a former district teacher and a freelance journalist under contract with the CH-UH City School District. A longer version of this story appeared at www.chub.org.

UH resident joins Beaumont School's advancement staff

Rick Haase

Christy Salata has joined Beaumont School's advancement department as associate director of alumnae relations.

"We are excited to have Christy join our staff in this very important position for the Beaumont advancement effort. Keeping our alumnae connected and engaged is critical for us. We tell our alumnae that they are part of Beaumont for four years, but they are part of the Beaumont family forever," said Gerard P. Grim, Beaumont's director of advancement.

Salata holds an undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Notre Dame, and earned a master's in community counseling from John Carroll University (JCU). She most recently worked at JCU.

"I'm very excited to start work-



Christy Salata

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ing at Beaumont," Salata said. "I've admired the alumnae that I have met here, and I look forward to making a significant contribution to Beaumont's advancement department through my work. I believe strongly in Beaumont's mission as an International Baccalaureate World School to educate young women in the Ursuline tradition for life, leadership and service."

Salata lives in University Heights with her husband, Chris, and their four children.

Salata is director of public relations and marketing at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights.

Rick Haase is director of public relations and marketing at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights.



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Roxboro music students perform at Coventry library

Bruce Tyler

The Coventry Village Library was the venue for a community concert on a sunny Sunday afternoon in early March. String, wind and brass students in Roxboro Middle School's Instrumental Music Department performed in small ensembles for their families and library patrons in the building's large, ornate reading room.

Cellist Pamela Kelly, the parent of a Roxboro cellist, conceived and organized the concert to give students the opportunity to perform the music they would play at the Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest on March 11.

Roxboro's orchestra conductor Nicole Clouser, band conductor Paul Hungerford, and string coach Stew Pharis were present to help run the concert and help the students polish their performances for the competition.

"What is so fantastic about performances like the one at the Coventry library is that it brings the community together in a meaningful way," said Clouser. "The students



Roxboro Middle School music students post-concert at the Coventry Village Library.

gain relevant performance experience while honing their skills for contest. It's a win-win for everyone."

At the the Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest, participants play only before a judge and perhaps some family members. The Coventry library concert allowed the students to play for a full audience in a good acoustical space.

"The concert at Coventry was the first and probably only chance we'll have to hear our son's trio play," said Dil Bartlett, parent of a string bass player. "We really en-

joyed listening to all the groups."

Clouser is well aware of the legacy of quality in the musical arts in the Heights schools. "The public performance allowed the audience to see the importance of music edu-

cation, its relevance and meaning for the students and our community," she said. "Music education is preparing our students for success through teamwork, building self-confidence and achieving goals. The city's support of the recent school levy makes these experiences possible."

Kelly, who is on the teaching staff of the Cleveland Institute of Music, had three of her own students in the concert and has coached string players in the Heights schools in the past. She would like to schedule another concert next year. "It is important for students to perform, and to hear each other play," she said.

Bruce Tyler is a native of Cleveland Heights and the father of a Roxboro Middle School student.

St. Paul's preschool hosts April 17 open houses

Marjorie Preston

Saint Paul's Cooperative Preschool is planning two open house sessions on Monday, April 17, at 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Families are invited to explore the preschool and learn about its programs, ranging from a separation class for children who will be 2 1/2 by Dec. 31 to a pre-K class for those nearly ready for kindergarten. St. Paul's offers both morning and afternoon options.

St. Paul's Cooperative Preschool offers children the chance to get outside and experience nature in its children's playground space. In addition to full-size playground equipment, playhouses and toys, the area features trees and open green space to entice little explorers. The school makes unstructured outdoor play a part of every day, except when it's raining or extremely cold.

The topic of children exploring nature has been hot for years, and there are even nature preschools opening up. Beyond the trend, it's common sense and proven science that participating in physical activity and experiencing nature both play important roles in positively influenc-

ing the health and well-being of young bodies and minds.

The school's mission is developing and encouraging social, emotional, intellectual and physical development in the children entrusted to its care. St. Paul's Cooperative Preschool follows the Emergent Curriculum philosophy, which emphasizes the capabilities and creativity of the child and teacher.

A typical day may include a child exploring learning centers set up in a room, plus (healthy) snack time, circle time and outside play. Literacy and numeracy development are interwoven with other activities. There is no homework, as the co-op believes that children this age learn best through meaningful play.

In addition to the scheduled open houses, St. Paul's is open for tours any school day. For more information call 216-932-0002 or visit www.stpaulscoop-preschool.com. St. Paul's preschool is located at 2747 Fairmount Blvd., at Coventry Road. Parking is available in the lot at the intersection of North St. James Parkway and Fairmount Boulevard.

Marjorie Preston is a South Euclid resident and parent of a child at St. Paul's Preschool.

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Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education Meeting highlights



FEBRUARY 21, 2017

All board members were present: President Ron Register, Vice President Kal Zucker, Jim Posch, Eric Silverman and Beverly Wright. Also present were Superintendent Talisa and Treasurer and Scott Gainer.

Update on middle schools facilities project

Doug Myers of Project Management Consultants and Ann Hartman and Jack Sanders, Moody Nolan Design representatives, were present to discuss the project and answer questions. They foresee completing the project under the budgeted \$30 million, which should allow for some items from the alternate list to be added. Air conditioning in the gyms has been determined to be a necessary alternate item.

Board members' questions about the project

In answer to Eric Silverman's questions, at both schools there will be fresh paint; new floor bases; and air conditioning in all classrooms, reception areas, corridors, music rooms, gymnasias and cafeteria; as well as new fixtures in bathrooms. Roxboro Middle School will receive new exterior doors and airflow improvement in the auditorium. The stairwells will not be painted. At Monticello Middle School, the competition gym will not be renovated, and very little will be done in the second gym.

Silverman also asked if all state requirements will be met, thus qualifying the district for a possible 14 percent match from the state. Hartman explained that this would depend on approval of several necessary zoning variances by the city of Cleveland Heights.

In response to Jim Posch's questions, the HVAC system to be installed at the middle schools will be of the same quality and warranty, and from the same manufacturer, as that used in the high school renovation. New windows are on the list of alternates but may not be affordable.

Kal Zucker questioned the safety of not installing sprinkler systems and was told that fire suppression and alarms have been improved. He asked for assurance that the buildings will be safe. Posch echoed the concern and stated that he would research the issue. Zucker asked what factors could pose risks to meeting the budget. Sanders responded that the current \$500,000 leeway would probably allow for the addition of alternatives, but that it was too soon to act on this.

The board will receive another update in six weeks.

LWV Observer: Nancy Dietrich.

MARCH 7, 2017

All board members were present: President Ron Register, Vice President Kal Zucker, Jim Posch, Eric Silverman and Beverly Wright. Also present were Superintendent Talisa and Treasurer and Scott Gainer.

Facilities renovation change orders

Doug Myers of Project Management Consultants presented, and the board approved, change orders for the high school facilities project totaling \$344,102.50. Reasons given were unforeseen conditions, zoning requirements and design clarifications. The project is expected to be finished on time.

FAC discussion

Posch reminded the board that the Facilities Accountability Committee (FAC) submitted its final report in December, as assigned when its work began, and that the board must now decide whether to disband the committee, extend its operation until project completion, or make other changes. He asked whether the committee has satisfied the community's need for oversight regarding the use of the bond funds. The board agreed that the FAC's role is important in terms of the project's budget and timeline, but whether its charge includes evaluation of design and building use is less clear. Dixon stressed that it is an accountability committee, not an advisory committee. Register summed up the discussion, and the board decided that the committee will continue to operate until project completion, and that the board will clarify its role, which includes reporting to the public on budgetary aspects of the project.

Funds diverted to charter schools

Posch initiated discussion of the vast amount of money that public school districts are losing as the state redirects education funds to charter schools. The CH-UH district is losing \$7.6 million [this year], close to half of the funding that the state used to [provide], with this loss increasing each year. Other East Side districts face the same situation. Ohio House Bill 102 has been introduced, which would fund all schools through a voucher-based system, which Posch stated would destroy public education in Ohio. He spoke of the need to join other districts and organizations in addressing the problem. Silverman volunteered to create a spreadsheet, based on Ohio Department of Education information, identifying districts with which [CH-UH] could partner. Posch will also work on this and enlist the guidance of local expert Susie Kaeser.

LWV Observer: Nancy Dietrich.

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

[A joint Cleveland Heights-University Heights school board and Cleveland Heights City Council meeting on February 27 was observed and reported online at www.heightsobserver.org.]

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New program will assist senior homeowners

Bridget McQuaide

Last year, the Cleveland Heights Senior Activity Center collaborated with three other senior service agencies—the Community Partnership on Aging, the Maple Heights Senior Center and Solon Senior Services—to develop a program that will better assist older homeowners with the upkeep and maintenance necessary to remain independent and safe within their homes.

The initiative, funded in part by a senior center innovation grant from the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services, is in response to a call for innovation in senior centers as the aging population changes due to the large number of baby boomers now entering older adulthood.

The result of this collaboration, the CARE Program, is set to launch in April and will be open to seniors in the communities served by the participating senior service agencies, which include Cleveland Heights, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Solon and South Euclid.

CARE will assist older homeowners, some of whom may not qualify for existing home repair



programs, with service tasks and minor home repairs.

For many people, their home is one of their greatest assets—an asset that requires a large amount of work to maintain.

CARE hopes to ease some of the stress that comes with taking care of a home by coordinating and completing service tasks. The program emphasizes person-centered care, which means that homeowners will receive assistance tailored to their specific needs.

The new program will also strengthen the relationships between the four participating senior service providers and improve their ability to serve the seniors in their respective communities.

Homeowners 60 years of age or older, living in Cleveland Heights or one of the six other participating communities, are eligible. Those interested in learning more about the program or volunteering should send a message to care4eight@gmail.com.

Bridget McQuaide is program coordinator for the CARE Program.

CH Senior Center News

Amy Jenkins

The Cleveland Heights Senior Activity Center (SAC), located in the CH Community Center at 1 Monticello Blvd., offers a wide variety of programming for Cleveland Heights residents 60 and older, and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A complete schedule of programs is published in the community center's newsletter, which is available at Cleveland Heights City Hall, local libraries, the community center and online at www.clevelandheights.com.

Starting this April, SAC offers new arts programming:

On Saturday April 15, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., a Screen Painting Workshop will teach the century-old traditional Baltimore folk art, which also enhances the privacy of one's home. Bring a window screen (and a snack) to the workshop—one you think passersby can see through easily. After you've painted it, no one will be able to see in, but you will still see out. The workshop includes a short video presentation about this traditional art form, after which artist Nikki Evans will guide attendees through the screen painting process. Even those who have never painted before will take home a screen to be proud of. Class size is limited; pre-registration and a \$5 fee is required.

Senior Songwriting Mondays will begin on April 17, 1-2 p.m.



A screen painting.

Join two Roots of American Music (ROAM) teaching artists as they help you write your own songs. This program is based on roots music style: blues, folk and gospel, and is also open to your ideas. The ROAM artists will facilitate the songwriting process and will provide back-up instrumentation. There is no fee, but registration is required.

Radio Hour, described in the March issue of the *Heights Observer*, is a new creative experience mixing drama, storytelling, creative writing and sound effects with the goal of recreating a one-hour radio show. The course begins on Wednesday, April 12, 1:30-3 p.m.

Amy Jenkins is supervisor at the CH Office on Aging and the Senior Activity Center. She can be reached at 216-691-7379 or by e-mail at ajenkins@chvhts.com.

Senior Citizen Happenings

Senior Citizen Happenings, sponsored by the City of University Heights, are open to all senior citizens. Events take place on Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers at University Heights City Hall. To receive the monthly schedule by e-mail, call 216-932-7800, ext. 205, or send an e-mail to info@universityheights.com.

April 6: Dee Perry, who recently retired after 40 years on Cleveland's airwaves, has logged more than 10,000 interviews on the radio. She also served as program host for "Sound of Applause" on WVIZ Ideastream (Channel 25), which celebrates the visual and performing arts and examines current events through an artistic lens. Perry will look back on 20 years of covering arts and culture in Northeast Ohio, and her plans for the future, which include painting, photography, and writing songs and plays.

April 13: Grover Gilmore, dean of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, will reflect on its 100th anniversary and share some of the noteworthy achievements of this first university-affiliated professional graduate school of social work in America. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Mandel's

master's program ninth in the country, and first in Ohio.

April 20: Instrumentalists and vocalists from the Cleveland Institute of Music will perform.

April 27: Miriam Pendleton will talk about Cuyahoga Valley National Park, an integral member of the vast National Park Service, which Congress created in 1916 to oversee national parks, monuments, recreation areas, scenic trails, seashores, historic sites, parkways, reserves, and wild and scenic rivers.

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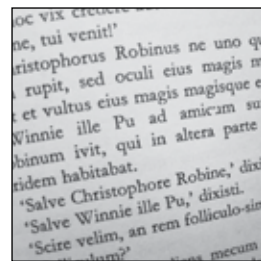
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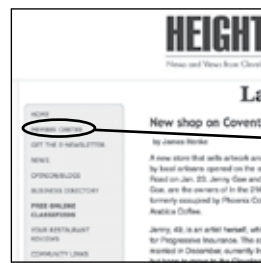
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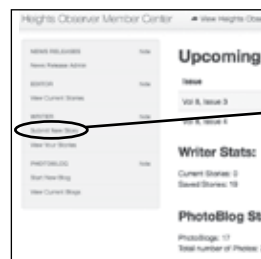
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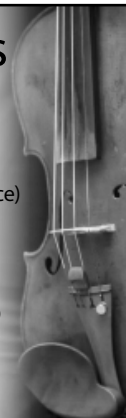
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Heights Libraries designated a 'Safe Place' for kids in crisis

Sheryl Banks

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library System is now a designated Safe Place for youths in crisis. Each library branch will display the yellow-and-black Safe Place sign, which signifies immediate help and safety for young people.

"Libraries are already great places for kids and teens, with programs and materials that cater to their interests and educational needs, and staff members trained to work them," said librarian Sara Phillips, the library's Safe Place point person. "That's why Karen McHenry, manager of Bellefaire JCB's Homeless and Missing Youth Program, thought the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library would be a perfect candidate to become an official Safe Place for youth."

"There are already lots of kids here," said McHenry. "The library is already a safe place for kids, so this Safe Space training and designation just makes it official."

It is estimated that, nationally, more than over one million youths run away from home each year due to abuse, neglect, family conflicts



and other issues. The Safe Place program is an option for young people who feel they have nowhere to turn. The Safe Place initiative, operated by Bellefaire JCB in Shaker Heights, is part of a national network of Safe Place programs in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 20,000 community businesses and organizations nationwide display the Safe Place sign.

Young people can approach any Heights Libraries staff member and ask for help. Library staff will find a quiet, private spot for the teen or child, while a designated staff person contacts a Safe Place representative at Bellefaire who will come to the library to provide assistance. Library staff will not be expected to provide any social services.

Heights Libraries is the newest Safe Place location in Cuyahoga County. Additional Safe Place locations include RTA buses and trains, Cleveland Public Library branches, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry and Bellefaire JCB.

"We are very proud to be an official partner of this crucial support service for our community's kids," said Nancy Levin, Heights Libraries director. "The Safe Place designation fits right in with our values that call on us to provide our customers with whatever assistance we can."

In addition to Safe Place sites, children and teens can also access immediate help via TXT 4 HELP, a text-for-support service for youths

in crisis. They can text the word "safe" and their current location (address, city, state) to 69866 and receive a message with the closest Safe Place location and the number for the local youth shelter. Users also have the option to text interactively with a mental health professional for more help.

For more information, visit Bellefaire's website, www.bellefaire-jcb.org, or the National Safe Place Network website, www.nspnetwork.org.

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

What's going on at your library?

Coventry Village Library

1925 Coventry Road, 216-321-3400

Monday, April 24, 6:30-8 p.m.
Deaf Gathering. This social hour is for the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as those interested in learning more about deaf culture. An interpreter will be provided.

Noble Neighborhood Library

2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

Friday, April 7, 1:30-3 p.m.
Share Your Story: CH-UH Resident Interviews. Are you a longtime resident of Cleveland Heights or University Heights? Would you like to share your experiences living in these cities? Sign up

to be interviewed and recorded to share your story with others. Registration required at www.heightslibrary.org.

Lee Road Library

2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Sunday, April 30, 2-3 p.m.
Favorite Poem Project. April is National Poetry Month, and the library invites you to spend a relaxed afternoon listening to friends, neighbors and Heights residents read a favorite poem, and share the reasons they enjoy it and the impact it has had on their lives. Registration, required for poem readers only, begins on April 16.

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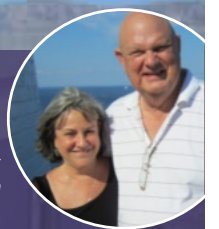
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Heights Libraries and HCC present April 28 fair housing program

Kara Whaley

On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, it prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, and gender.

On April 28, at 7 p.m., Heights Libraries is partnering with Heights Community Congress (HCC) to celebrate fair housing month with program that will examine the current state of fair housing. The program will take

place at the Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road.

The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are encouraged (call 216-321-6775).

A panel of three local fair housing experts will present an interactive program designed to educate the community. The panelists are Henry Stoudermire Jr., a realtor with McMullen Realty; Michael Lisman, a financial empowerment coach with 20 years in workforce development; and Barbara Anderson, executive director of Another Chance of Ohio, who is also employed by the City of Cleveland Office of Fair Housing and Com-

munity Affairs. Tameka Taylor of Compass Consulting Services will facilitate the “World Café” format discussion.

Topics will include economic impacts of “defacto” segregation on democracy, couples trying to purchase a home when experiencing financing difficulties, and how changes at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2017 may affect our community.

Martha Goble, executive director of HCC, said, “With all the changes going on at HUD it is important for people in Cleveland Heights to pay attention to fair housing because of the effect on community life.”

Suzanne Nigro, who serves on the HCC Board of Trustees, said, “This is important to every resident of Cleveland Heights and Northeast Ohio.”

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 has had a significant impact on housing in Cleveland Heights for more than 40 years. HCC has used the tenants of this federal law to ensure that anyone seeking housing in Northeast Ohio has equal opportunity, and has sponsored fair housing programs during April for the past several years.

“Heights Libraries is grateful for partnerships like this that give important community partners like the HCC a venue in which to celebrate their long history in our community, and to provide our residents with enriching educational programs,” said Sheryl Banks, Heights Libraries communications manager.

Kara Whaley is the communications coordinator at the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library System.

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Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library Board Meeting highlights

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Present were President Ron Holland, Vice President Abby Botnick, Secretary Chris Mentrek and board member Suzann Moskowitz. Susan Beatty, Max Gerboc and Jim Roosa were absent.

Fiscal officer's report

Deborah Herrmann, fiscal officer, reported on the finances of Heights Libraries for January 2017. Highlights from her report included an approximate decline of \$3,500 from January 2016 to January 2017 in the Public Library Fund from the State of Ohio, a decrease of \$110,000 in taxes, and the annual payments paid out by the library. The tax decrease is related to the tax advance and collection dates. In February a tax advance of \$90,000 was received. Annual payments include expenditures such as HSA (health savings account) employer contributions, PERS (public employee retirement system) payments, memberships, and property and liability insurance.

Personnel report

Laurie Marotta, human resources manager, shared an update of personnel changes during the month of January, including staffing, benefits and compensation. She also provided a year-end report. The board approved resolutions to hire Maggie Kinney as special projects



manager, and Ann MacNamara as full-time technology trainer. The library's group medical plan renewed in July 2016 at a 16.5 percent increase. In 2015 the plan renewal was 5.05 percent. The increase was narrowed to 11 percent by adopting plan changes and credits for participating in a wellness program. Also in July 2016, library staff received merit increases of 2 to 4 percent, which is consistent with 2015 merit increases. In addition to staffing, benefits and compensation changes, the year-end report highlighted some of the wellness initiatives taken on by library staff. Challenges such as taking the stairs, eating fruits and vegetables, electronic communication of health tips, and an annual flu shot clinic were components of the 2016 wellness program.

Mobile hot spots and safe place designation

Library Director Nancy Levin informed the board of trustees that mobile hot spots will be available for library card holders beginning in May. Heights library staff has also been trained to be a safe place for youth in crisis. This effort is in collaboration with Bellefaire JCB. If a youth is in trouble and asks a staff member for help, the staff will follow a protocol to access Bellefaire JCB staff and respond to the needs of the youth on site. This is will promote safety in the area and is in response to human trafficking.

Youth services outreach

In 2016, the youth services department's outreach efforts increased significantly. The bookmobile has visited 92 places and served 2,185 customers from October to December 2016. In addition to staff visiting schools and preschools, they have visited other organizations in the community to share books and to read to community members.

LWV Observer: Khaliah Fisher-Grace.

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SONGS AND STORIES

David Budin

The April of when my daughter was 5, in 1992, we walked into our neighborhood supermarket, the Cedar-Fairmount Russo's—or maybe it was Giant Eagle already, but I don't think it was Dave's yet—and her eyes immediately locked onto a giant stuffed Easter bunny that was sitting on a table near the entrance. She asked me why it was there. I explained that the store was holding a kids coloring contest for which the prize was that very toy, and that if she wanted to enter the contest, we'd pick up the form—a coloring-book-type line drawing of an Easter bunny—on our way out.

A couple of days later, we went back to the store and submitted her entry. I shopped at that store every two or three days back then, usually with my daughter. Starting the day we returned her entry, every time we arrived at the store and saw more and more of the contestants' pictures on the walls, she became increasingly anxious and started telling me, every time, how much she hoped she'd win and how sad she would feel if she didn't.

After the third or fourth time, I started telling her, every time, that she might not win. I expounded on all of the reasons she might not win, like: There are hundreds of entries, so that makes everyone's chances smaller; and we don't really know what the judges are looking for—maybe they don't want an Easter Bunny that's all black . . . And things like that.

After the 21st or 22nd time, in my exasperation, I finally told her she needed to stop doing that. I said, "Look—with so many entries, there's a pretty good chance that you're not going to be the winner, so one day, when we come in here and the winner has been announced, if it's not you, I don't want to hear about how sad you are. I really don't want you to keep telling me how sad you are about not winning. Okay?" She reluctantly said yes.

The next time we went into the store, the giant bunny was gone. The name of the girl who had won it was posted on a big sign. I told her the winner's name. While we did our shopping she was uncharacteristically quiet.



COURTESY DAVID BUDIN

This is not my daughter. And it's not the Easter bunny that my daughter tried to win. It's not even my photo. I found it on ebay.com. But it is a cute little girl, and a giant Easter bunny. I mean, the last time I bought a new wallet, I just kept the pictures in it that came with it . . .

We left the store and walked out into the parking lot. After a few steps, she stopped and said, "You know that little girl who won?" I said, "Yes?" tentatively. My daughter said, "I bet she's really happy."

She could always find a way to get around the law, to break the rules without having to pay a price for it. She followed the letter of the law and still got to impart her message to me.

But she also wanted to learn the rules, about something else, a few days later. It was the end of the day (for her) on Easter Sunday. She was getting ready for bed and sneaking a couple of jelly beans out of her Easter basket before I grabbed it to put it in another room. She got in bed and said, "You know . . . you're going to have to tell me if the Easter Bunny—and Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy—are real." She'd been hearing rumors in school. I asked her why. She said, "Well, you're going to have to tell me before I grow up, so I'll know what to tell my kids."

I started to get choked up, realizing, again, how much there is to learn in life—a seemingly overwhelming amount—and knowing that she was just starting on this long, hard journey. But I knew it was also funny, so I made an effort to push my emotions in that direction. And, finally, I said, "Well . . . all I can tell you now is that when you stop believing, they stop coming." That was 24 years ago. She never brought it up again. I'm assuming she's figured it out by now. Or not. Either way is fine.

David Budin is a freelance writer for national and local publications, the former editor of Cleveland Magazine and Northern Ohio Live, an author, and a professional musician and comedian. His writing focuses on the arts and, especially, pop-music history.

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Not-exactly-annual Haiku Death Match set for April 8

Meredith Holmes

Poetry, theater, talent show and jousting match rolled into one: Heights Arts presents its fifth Haiku Death Match on Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m., at Dobama Theatre. Eight of the region's best and bravest writers of the ancient Japanese 17-syllable form will battle one another in a fierce competition for audience approval.

Competing in pairs, two poets will each read an original haiku aloud, and the audience will vote for the poem they like best. Low-scoring contestants will be eliminated, and the last poet standing will be declared Haiku Death Match Master.

"This is a contest where your vote really counts," said Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate Christine Howey, who will be on hand, though not competing. "The audience decides who deserves to be the 2017 Haiku Death Match Master, and believe me, every syllable matters!"

The last Haiku Death Match was held in October 2015. The event takes place in April this year, to celebrate National Poetry Month.

According to Rachel Bernstein, executive director of the nonprofit Heights Arts, "It makes perfect sense for Heights Arts to mark National Poetry Month by putting on the Haiku Death Match, since we were one of the first—if not the first—city in Ohio to have a poet laureate. Heights Arts has a full calendar of literary activities including the popular Ekphrastic series of poetry and artist



In the 2015 match, former CH Council Member Jeff Coryell faced off against Dianne Borsenik.

talks. Proceeds from the Haiku Death Match support these programs and pay participating poets."

Marc Zeale, the dark-horse winner of the 2015 Haiku Death Match, is not competing this year. Returning contestants include Dianne Borsenik, poet and founder of Night Ballet Press; Michael Ceraolo, retired firefighter/paramedic and writer; Celeste McCarty, artist, writer and performer; Ray McNiece, actor, poet, and former Haiku Death Match champion; Mary Turzillo, poet, science fiction writer and fencing champion; and Geoffrey Landis, NASA physicist, poet and science fiction writer. Rookie contestants are Christine Donofrio and Cordelia Eddy.

In the competition's first half, poets will read their contemporary haiku on five subjects: personal relationships, politics, animals in our life, the daily grind, and all things Cleveland. Poets with the highest scores advance to the second half, in which they will read only classical, nature-oriented haiku. The winner of the classical round will become the

2017 Haiku Death Match Master.

"The Haiku Death Match has always been a lot of fun," said Bernstein, "for the poets, of course, but also for audience members who get to participate. They might not think of themselves as big poetry fans, but as the competition heats up, they get really involved."

This year, with the help of Robert Conrad of radio station WCLV (104.9 FM), Heights Arts is reaching out to a broader audience. Conrad attended the 2015 Haiku Death Match and was so taken that he decided to feature it on his weekend radio show, an hour-long mix of music, humor, culture and unclassifiable oddments, that airs every Saturday night on WCLV.

Tickets (\$15 for the general public; \$10 for Heights Arts members) are available at Heights Arts, 2175 Lee Road, online at www.heightsarts.org, or at Dobama Theatre on the night of the match (\$15 at the door). For more information, call 216-371-3457.

Meredith Holmes is a former poet laureate of Cleveland Heights.

Dobama ends season with 'Hand to God'

Jonathan Wilhelm

When playwright Robert Askins was asked how he felt about having the most-produced play in U.S. regional theaters during 2016-17, he responded that he was "totally shocked [because] I think that the puppet play, especially the aggressive, religious, sexual puppet play, is just not a genre we have in the American theatre."

Dobama Theatre will conclude its 57th Main Stage season with Askins' popular Tony-nominated and Obie Award-winning "Hand to God," a play about a Christian-ministry in Cypress, Texas, where a possessed sock-puppet named Tyrone creates chaos. Opening on Friday, April 21, this thriller/hilarious puppet drama about the conflicting forces of repression and honesty will have audiences gasping in both shock and laughter.

"Hand to God" proved so popular when it first opened off-Broadway, in 2011, that it inspired two additional off-Broadway productions before moving to Broadway.

Not for the kids, the play includes adult language, mild violence and the depiction of puppet sex. Described by *Metro Magazine*, the show is what would happen "if 'The Book of Mormon' and 'Avenue Q' had a baby."

Dobama's production is directed by Matthew Wright, and features Tricia Bestic, David Bugher, Austin Gonser, Molly Israel and Luke Wehner.



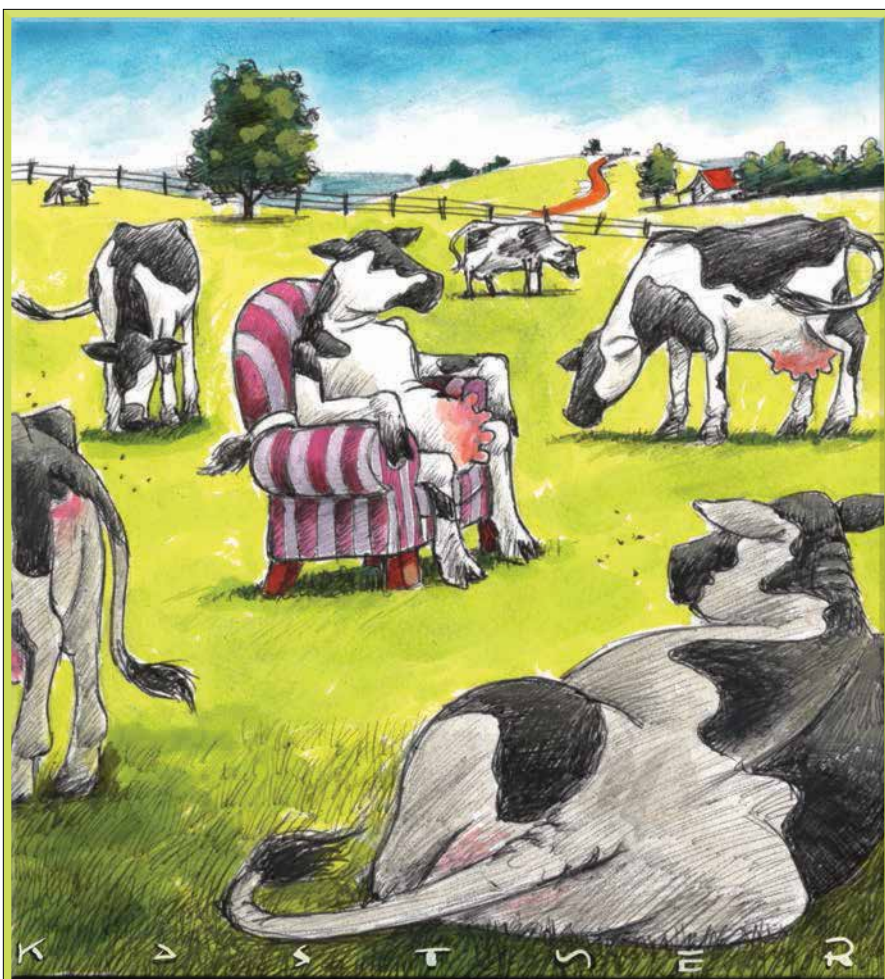
Two of the "stars" of Dobama's upcoming "Hand to God."

A preview performance will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Preview tickets are \$10, general admission. A pay-as-you-can (\$1 or more per ticket) performance is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Patrons paying \$5 or more per ticket for that performance may make advance reservations.

Regular performances of "Hand to God" will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday matinees, through May 21. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.dobama.org or call the box office at 216-932-3396. Dobama Theatre is located at 2340 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights.

Dobama Theatre will announce its 2017-18 season on Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. This is a free event, but reservations are encouraged. Refreshments will be provided.

Jonathan Wilhelm is the associate managing director of Dobama Theatre.

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CLE Urban Winery expands its operation



Owner Destiny Burns in the office at CLE Urban Winery.

James Henke

CLE Urban Winery, located at 2180B Lee Road, has expanded into adjacent space. The expansion will not increase the size of the public tasting room, but will enable the winery to increase its on-site production and storage space.

“Everything is going very well for us, and I am ready to take the next step,” said Destiny Burns, owner of the winery.

She has a license that enables her to self-distribute wine in the state of Ohio. “We really want to expand our production and bring on more businesses who will sell our wine.”

Currently, Zagara’s Marketplace in Cleveland Heights carries some of Burns’ wines, as do the Wine Mill in Cuyahoga Falls and The Fix Bistro on Lee Road.

Soon, said Burns, “Our wines will start appearing in Whole Foods across the Cleveland area.”

In mid-March, Burns hosted an open house for representatives of

restaurants, catering firms, museums and other event venues, to encourage them to tour the winery and taste the wines.

“A lot of people have pre-conceived notions about wines from Ohio, and they aren’t very good,” Burns said. “Most of our juices for the wines come from California, and I hope our wines can spread across the area.”

CLE Urban Winery won the Best New Business award in the 2017 Best of the Heights Awards, and Burns’ North Coast Syrah won a gold medal in the 2017 Great American International Wine Competition’s Shiraz/Syrah category.

James Henke, a Cleveland Heights resident, was a writer and editor at Rolling Stone magazine for 15 years. He is also the author of several books, including biographies of Jim Morrison, John Lennon and Bob Marley. He is on the board of FutureHeights, and is co-chair of the Heights Observer Advisory Committee.

Revive on Lee Road to close in April

Kim Sergio Inglis



Lisa Dunn

Lisa Dunn, owner of Revive, has announced that the independent fair-trade boutique will close sometime in April. Dunn opened the store, at 2248 Lee Road, in 2006.

In a press release, Dunn cited the 2016 street construction on Lee Road as a factor in the store’s closing, stating that several months of reduced traffic flow and sales volume left the business unable to recoup those losses.

“After 10 years doing business in our wonderful community of Cleveland Heights, this was not an easy decision to make,” said Dunn. “We are grateful, both to our customers for their decade of support, and to the artisans we work with for their meaningful partnerships. Our hope

is that our patrons continue to support fair trade and social justice in any way they can.”

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Barrio opens in Cedar Fairmount district

James Henke

Barrio, a new restaurant, opened on Feb. 28 in the Cedar Fairmount district, in the space formerly occupied by longtime tenant the Mad Greek. The new restaurant is the fifth Barrio in Greater Cleveland, and the first to open on the East Side.

“Barrio means neighborhood in Spanish,” said Sean Fairbairn, co-owner of the chain, along with Tom Leneghan. “We thought this was a really nice neighborhood. There is good energy and good people. There is also parking in the back, behind the restaurant, and there are colleges nearby.”

Jake Hawley, director of operations, noted that Barrio often draws a younger demographic, and having both Case Western Reserve University and John Carroll University nearby was a big factor in the location’s selection. Fairbairn and his partner looked at about 100 locations before selecting Cedar Fairmount.

Fairbairn stressed that Barrio did not come into the Cedar Fairmount neighborhood with the idea of driving other restaurants out of business. “We came into this neighborhood not to compete, but to complete,” Fairbairn said. “We want to bring more people into this neighborhood to see how good it is and to enjoy it.”



Jake Hawley, Sean Fairbairn and artist Michael McNamara inside the new Barrio restaurant.

The company did extensive renovations before opening the restaurant. “Nothing had been done with this space for about 40 years, since the Mad Greek was first here,” said Fairbairn. Taking down several walls in the restaurant made the space more open. “We did not want to be in little boxed rooms,” Fairbairn added. “We really wanted to open the space up to give it more energy.”

As in the other Barrio restaurants, the walls are covered with a variety of images created by artist Michael McNamara.

The bar, located in the center of the restaurant, seats about 27

people, and the whole restaurant can accommodate about 160. The back patio holds about 70, and sliding “garage doors” at the front of the restaurant can be opened when it is warm outside.

Barrio’s bar menu includes 32 types of draft beers, high-end bourbon, tequila, whiskey, margaritas and other signature cocktails.

The food menu features build-your-own tacos, as well as tacos designed by the restaurant’s chef, Pete Joyce. “You can make something different every day,” Fairbairn said. “It’s an interactive way of ordering, and it keeps people coming back.”

Fairbairn grew up in North

Olmsted and now lives in Westlake, while Hawley grew up in Avon and now lives in Fairview Park. Fairbairn has two daughters, Ava and Sophia, and both of them were there for the restaurant’s opening.

The city of Cleveland Heights held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restaurant on Feb. 28, with City Council Member Mary Dunbar, Business Development Director Brian Anderson and Assistant City Manager Susanna O’Neil all taking part.

The Cedar Fairmount Barrio is open until 2 a.m. every day. The restaurant opens at 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and at 11 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The restaurant serves brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The four other Barrios are located in Tremont, Lakewood, the Gateway District in downtown Cleveland and at Progressive Field. The Tremont restaurant, the chain’s first, opened in 2012. The business also operates three food trucks.

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