

## INSIDE

WE ARE  
NOBLE

**9**  
Noble Neighborhood festival planned for May 19-21



**11**  
May is Bike Month



**15**  
Student athletes of CH-UH swim team recognized nationally



**19**  
Parking changes announced

FutureHeights  
2843 Washington Blvd. #105  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

## May is preservation month in CH

Kara Hamley O'Donnell

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.

Cleveland Heights' preservation month activities kicked off on May 1 with a Cleveland Heights House History Workshop that taught participants how to research their home's history.

Those who missed the event but are interested in learning how to research their house's history can find information and links on the Cleveland Heights city website: [www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=492](http://www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=492).

Upcoming programs are listed below. [Note that reservations are required for the May 20 walking tour—an event that tends to fill up early.]



This quarry, photographed in 1938, was located in what is now Forest Hill Park.

### Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m., Guided Tour of East Cleveland Township Cemetery

Speaker: Nancy L. West (Adams), vice president and secretary of East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation.

East Cleveland Township Cemetery was founded in 1859. As part of that township's breakup, the section where the cemetery is located was annexed to Cleveland in 1892. The cemetery is closely connected

with Cleveland Heights history, as many of the earliest settlers in what is now Cleveland Heights are buried there. The cemetery foundation's mission is to provide education and patriotic events for the community pertaining to its historic heritage in an urban park setting. [1621 East 118th Street, Cleveland, just north of Euclid Avenue. Parking is available at the cemetery's entrance, and the group will meet in the chapel—the restored

*continued on page 10*

## UH celebrates 90 years of free concerts



A 1976 summer concert on the front lawn of Wiley Middle School.

Patrick Grogan-Myers

This year, the city of University Heights will present its 90th annual free summer concert series. In preparation for this momentous year,

UH city staff dug deep into the city's archives to learn more about the creation of this popular, perennial University Heights event.

Prior to 1927, the Village of

*continued on page 11*

## FutureHeights annual meeting is set for May 24

Deanna Bremer Fisher

FutureHeights, the nonprofit that works toward a vibrant and sustainable future for Cleveland Heights and University Heights, will hold its 15th annual meeting on Wednesday, May 24, at its offices in the former Coventry School building, 2843 Washington Blvd.

FutureHeights will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing inner-ring suburbs today, share its analysis of why a Community Development Corporation (CDC) is needed in Cleveland Heights and explain how FutureHeights is uniquely qualified to take on that role. Judy Rawson, former mayor of Shaker Heights, will deliver the keynote address. The event begins at 7 p.m.

Judy Rawson has lived in Northeast Ohio since 1972. She served as mayor of Shaker Heights from 2000-07, following two terms on Shaker Heights City Council. During that time, she held leadership roles around regional issues, such as economic development, consolidation of services, housing, strengthening inner-ring suburbs, and linking the suburbs more closely to the city of Cleveland. She served on the Executive Committee of the

*continued on page 2*

## Community remembers Officer Jason West

Lita Gonzalez

Cleveland Heights wasn't just his beat—Cleveland Heights Police Officer Jason West had purchased a house in the city. He had always wanted to be a police officer, and protecting and serving the city of Cleveland Heights was something that he did willingly every day he put on his uniform. A fellow officer commented: "Even at shift change, if there was a late call, he'd take it. He was always willing to go the extra mile. He just loved the job."

On May 26, 2007, Officer West

responded to one more call, a disturbance call on Altamont Avenue. It was a routine call that would sadly cost him his life. He was shot while getting out of his patrol car.

News of his death spread, and shock, sadness and anger paralyzed the community. It had been nearly 60 years since an officer had died in the line of duty in Cleveland Heights. As weeks passed, though, the sense of loss led to a desire to make sure that Officer West was always remembered, and his memory honored.

Residents, business owners

and fellow officers came together and established the Officer Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each year to one or more graduating seniors from the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Program at Cleveland Heights High School. Since 2008, the committee has awarded 13 scholarships.



Officer Jason D. West

*continued on page 9*



## Letters Policy

The *Heights Observer* welcomes letters to the editor. They must be submitted electronically, along with the writer's name, phone number and e-mail address, to: [www.heightsobserver.org/members](http://www.heightsobserver.org/members) or e-mail: [info@futureheights.org](mailto:info@futureheights.org)

## HEIGHTS OBSERVER

The *Heights Observer* is a citizen-based news source published monthly by FutureHeights, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to civic engagement and quality of life.  
2843 Washington Blvd. #105,  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
216-320-1423  
Copyright 2017 FutureHeights, All rights reserved.  
Reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

### PUBLISHER

Deanna Bremer Fisher  
[dbfisher@futureheights.org](mailto:dbfisher@futureheights.org)

### EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Kim Sergio Inglis  
[city.editor@heightsobserver.org](mailto:city.editor@heightsobserver.org)

### ADVERTISING

Bob Rosenbaum  
216-401-9342  
[brosenbaum@heightsobserver.org](mailto:brosenbaum@heightsobserver.org)

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deanna Bremer Fisher, David Budin, Greg Donley, Judith Eugene, James Henke, Jewel Moulthrop, Vince Reddy, Bob Rosenbaum, Kim Sergio Inglis, Richard Stewart, Andrea C. Turner

### EDITORS

Jamison Babb, Maryann Barnes, Deanna Bremer Fisher, Christine Brucker, Daniel Budin, David Budin, Greg Donley, Jewel Moulthrop, Vince Reddy, Bob Rosenbaum, Kim Sergio Inglis, Clare Taft.

### DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

Temma Collins, Diane Roberto

### DISTRIBUTION

Sruti Basu

The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and

opinions of the *Heights Observer*, its publisher and staff, or of FutureHeights, its staff and board of directors.

Seed funding for the *Heights Observer* generously provided by the Cyrus Eaton Foundation, the Dominion Foundation, and the Katherine and Lee Chilcote Foundation. Powered by the 9th Estate.

## About the Observer

The *Heights Observer* is not an ordinary newspaper; it is a nonprofit publication for residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights.

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.

- To make a submission of any kind, go to [www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org) and click on "Member Center" at the left.

- 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](mailto:info@futureheights.org).

Articles to be considered for the June issue must be submitted by May 9. 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.

## FutureHeights declares its intent to become the CDC for Cleveland Heights

FutureHeights Board of Directors

On April 21, the FutureHeights Board of Directors unanimously and enthusiastically approved a resolution declaring the intent of the organization to become the Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Cleveland Heights. FutureHeights has been in discussion with city leaders about becoming the CDC for more than a year, and feels that now is the time to move forward.

Consistent with our name, for 15 years FutureHeights' mission has been to promote a vibrant and sustainable "future" for Cleveland Heights (and University Heights, since 2008), through innovative ideas and civic engagement.

Throughout its history, FutureHeights has incorporated the following values into its programming and activities: organize informed citizen participation in community decision making; generate innovative ideas in addressing the challenges of our inner-ring community; stimulate open and effective communication and partnerships among nonprofits, schools, local business, city government and citizens; assist in achieving a thriving local business community; promote historic neighborhoods and commercial districts; advocate for high quality and sustainability in design and architecture; and take a regional approach to innovation, planning and development.

Last January, FutureHeights Executive Director Deanna Bremer Fisher and then Board President Richard Stewart met with newly elected City Council President Cheryl Stephens and City Manager Tanisha Briley, to begin the conversation about the need for a CDC. Mayor Stephens requested that the group create a business plan to develop the idea.

Over several months, FutureHeights staff conducted research and interviewed other CDCs in the Cleveland area, including those in nearby inner-ring suburbs. FutureHeights presented a plan to the mayor on Aug. 15, 2016 and continued its talks with city officials, including meeting with each council member individually to seek their opinions on a CDC. FutureHeights also continued to communicate with the city manager, drafting two letters stating, more specifically, what we intend to accomplish as a CDC.

In the meantime, consistent with our expectations, the city of Cleveland Heights has confirmed the need for a CDC to enable it to achieve its full potential as a vibrant first-ring suburb. The city's Economic Development Advisory

Committee, which was appointed by City Council in 2016, has recommended, as its first priority, that Cleveland Heights have a community development corporation. City Council also formally adopted its Master Plan, which encourages the city to partner with a nonprofit community development organization to help spearhead the plan's implementation and make it a priority.

By adopting this resolution, FutureHeights wishes to publicly announce its intention to accept this critically important responsibility of officially being recognized as the CDC for the city of Cleveland Heights.

Along with our advocacy work, which includes publishing the *Heights Observer*, presenting the Heights Music Hop, working with neighborhood leaders and groups, and hosting public forums, lectures, workshops and tours, FutureHeights is busily engaging in the areas of civic engagement, neighborhood planning, neighborhood revitalization and placemaking improvements—in other words, doing what CDCs do.

Members of the FutureHeights Board of Directors and its board-led committees are all residents of the Heights or business owners, and have experience and expertise related to the operation of CDCs and community development activities. They include bankers, city planners, architects, developers, university scholars, community builders, data analysts, community planners, and committed, active citizens.

FutureHeights recognizes that, as CDCs are constituent-driven and a product of the community, partnering with city government is essential to our mission and responsibility. As a result, we are committed to creatively participating in the planning and civic engagement processes that will guide the policies and ultimate implementation of development projects and neighborhood revitalization initiatives.

We invite Heights residents to learn more about our specific plans and strategies at the 2017 FutureHeights Annual Meeting, which will take place on May 24 at our offices in the Coventry School Building. [See page 1 article about the FutureHeights annual meeting.]

*This statement of intent was collaboratively written by members of the FutureHeights Board of Directors. Julia Kiouss-Zabell is president of the FutureHeights board; Deanna Bremer Fisher is the executive director of FutureHeights, and publisher of the Heights Observer*

ANNUAL MEETING continued from page 1

Mayors and Managers Association during her mayoral tenure.

Prior to her service as mayor, Rawson practiced law for 10 years, including with the city of Cleveland. In 2008, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland appointed her to the State Commission on County Reform. Following passage of Charter Reform in Cuyahoga County, she was chosen to serve as one of three tri-chairs of the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Workgroup, under the County Charter Transition process.

Rawson graduated from Mount Holyoke College and earned her law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law,

from which she graduated with honors (Order of the Coif).

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.futureheights.org](http://www.futureheights.org) or call 216-320-1423.

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



Judy Rawson

## Spring Flea Market

all proceeds benefit mission work

Friday, May 5, 9:30 - 5

\$10 admission 9:30 - 10:30, free thereafter

Saturday, May 6, 10 - 2

50% off all items (except collectibles) all day Saturday

Clothing, Furniture, Collectibles, Toys, Sporting,  
Garden and Household items

Bake Sale  
Homemade Soup & Hot Dog Lunch

We welcome donations from the community!  
(No televisions, please.)

Drop off items at the church May 1-3.  
Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



2537 Lee Road  
Cleveland Heights

(216) 321-8880  
[www.chsaviour.org](http://www.chsaviour.org)

## Advertise in the Observer



# Cleveland Heights Charter: Up for review?



HEIGHTS OF DEMOCRACY

Carla Rautenberg and Deborah Van Kleef

Cleveland Heights could be about to undertake an interesting community conversation. CH City Council recently introduced legislation to appoint a charter review commission; the first since 1982. Among the many issues the commission may consider is the city’s form of government. We have been intrigued for some time by how our city’s government differs from those of neighboring suburbs.

Unlike University Heights and 54 other municipalities in Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Heights has the city manager form of government. Rather than directly electing our mayor, voters elect seven city council members who, in turn, elect from among themselves a mayor and a vice-mayor—currently Cheryl Stephens and Jason Stein, respectively. According to our city charter (which, like a constitution, sets the rules for governing), the council also selects and hires a city manager who is, effectively, the town CEO. In manager-run cities, a mayor serves as the “public face” of the municipality and may also function, officially or unofficially, as city council president. Such mayors are sometimes paid a little more than other council members, but their vote does not count more. All seven of CH council members serve parttime.

In contrast, University Heights citizens directly elected Mayor Susan Infeld to be the executive of their city. They also elect the seven members of city council, the body which functions as the legislature of local government. In both suburbs, all council members are elected citywide and serve at-large.

Understanding that council is the legislative branch heightens the contrast between the two forms of municipal government. In fact, the city manager structure may be the only form of government in which the legislature has sole authority to hire and fire the chief executive. In Cuyahoga County, only Bedford and Cleveland Heights have city manager governments. In the county’s other [53] cities, voters directly elect the executive (the mayor). In municipal government parlance, this is called the “strong mayor” form; we think “popularly elected” or just “elected mayor” may state [it] more clearly.

Our city manager structure is not the only way that Cleveland Heights’ government differs from others in the county. As in both CH and UH, all council members

are elected at-large, as is the case in Shaker Heights. But neighboring South Euclid has both an elected mayor and a “mixed council” consisting of four members elected by ward, plus three serving at-large. Note that South Euclid, University Heights and Shaker Heights, all with elected mayors, are significantly smaller than Cleveland Heights. To consider a city of comparable population that combines an elected mayor with a seven-member “mixed” council, we have to cross the river to Lakewood.

Those who argue for the city manager form consider it more “professional” and less “political” than direct election of the city’s executive in a mayoral race. Councils look to hire managers with solid experience in municipal administration. Those who advocate having an elected mayor cite the advantages of having a full-time elected official who is directly accountable to the voters.

According to data provided by Cleveland Heights City Manager Tanisha Briley, 30 percent of cities and villages chartered in Ohio have city manager governments, a statistic that certainly is not reflected in Cuyahoga County. After a charter review process, Euclid is considering changing to the city manager form. In Ohio, voters must approve all changes to city charters.

The pros and cons of electing city council members by ward can be just as complicated as the chief executive issue. In both Cleveland and Parma, for example, all council members represent wards and none serve at-large. Some advantages of electing council members by ward include more-direct representation, greater focus on neighborhood issues, and relative “ease of entry” into the political process for aspiring council members—it is easier to get elected from a ward than citywide. A downside would be a tendency toward factionalism and perhaps failure to act for the benefit of the city as a whole. Many suburbs have found that the “mixed council” model, with four ward seats and three at-large, provides geographical representation without sacrificing the interests of the whole.

These issues of local governance are complex—and we find them compelling! We have barely skimmed the surface here. In future columns, we will cover some of the history of the various forms and follow the Cleveland Heights charter review process with great interest.

*Carla Rautenberg is an activist and a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident. Deborah Van Kleef is a musician and writer, who grew up in Cleveland Heights and has lived here as an adult for over 30 years. Contact them at heightsdemocracy@gmail.com.*

WE RAISE THE BAR  
**YOU RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**

SIGN UP NOW!  
CH Community Center  
9 weekly classes to choose from  
440.655.5394 marybethmccnn@gmail.com  
**JAZZERCISE**

**Get our 3-Bed, 2-Bath, 4-Door, V-6 discount.**

**Bachman Ins and Fin Svcs Inc**  
Lee Bachman, Agent  
2245 Warrensville Center Road  
University Heights, OH 44118  
Bus: 216-321-1422

**Put auto and home together for hundreds in savings.**  
When you have a State Farm® car and a State Farm home, get ready to drive around with a big, money-saving State Farm smile.  
**GET TO A BETTER STATE.™**  
**CALL ME TODAY.**

**State Farm™**

1103161.1 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company, Bloomington, IL

**You can have a beautiful, healthy lawn**

**Despite your best efforts, are you disappointed with the appearance of your yard?**  
**Are you tired of calling an 800 number and not receiving the personal service you deserve?**  
**Are you frustrated with high pressure sales calls for services you don't want or need?**

- Lawn renovation and new lawn installation
- Organic and traditional lawn fertilization programs
- Integrated weed and pest management
- Organic lawn topdressing
- Lawn aeration and thatch removal
- Weekly lawn maintenance

Our customized lawn care program and lawn renovation services make distressed lawns healthy and green again. To find out how we can make your yard the envy of the neighborhood call today.

**LAWN LAD INC**  
Rooted in customer service Since 1979

**Lawn Lad. Passionately committed to making your yard and garden look their beautiful best.**

**www.lawnlad.com | (216) 371-1935**



Serving the Heights since 1989

Your neighbor; your plumber  
Herb's Plumbing & Heating

- Experts in old homes
- Water tanks & heating systems
- Eco-friendly updates
- Fully trained, licensed, bonded & insured
- Residential & commercial

Mention this ad for 10% off  
(\$100 minimum charge/emergency calls excluded)

216-691-2300 • herbsplumbingandheating.com

One step away from an amazing smile

Fairmount Circle Dentistry  
Robert E. Schneider, DDS

GENERAL, RESTORATIVE & ESTHETIC DENTISTRY

- Warm and Welcoming Office
- Tailored to Busy Families
- Comfortable Stress-Free Visits
- Gentle Comprehensive Care
- Life Changing Smile Makeovers
- Breathe Easier & Get Relief from Sleep Disorders
- Experience the Newest Technologies

Located near John Carroll  
Easy free parking

216.321.2545

20620 John Carroll Blvd., Suite 220  
dds\_r@att.net  
www.fairmountcircledentistry.com

CAIN PARK

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO  
June 8-August 20

ROCK OF AGES 6/8-25  
Regional Premiere of classic rock musical  
featuring hits of Bon Jovi, Styx, Journey, White Snake,  
Pat Benatar, and others

AN EVENING WITH PAT METHENY 6/13  
with Antonio Sanchez, Linda May Han Oh & Gwilym Simcock

BLACK VIOLIN 6/16

DAVID SANBORN ELECTRIC BAND 6/17

40th ANNIVERSARY CAIN PARK ARTS FESTIVAL 7/7-9

GROUNDWORKS DANCETHEATER 7/14-16

“FOR GOOD: THE NEW GENERATION OF MUSICALS” 7/20  
Co-presented with The Musical Theater Project

ANDREW BIRD 7/25  
With Special Guest ESPERANZA SPALDING

STEPHEN STILLS/JUDY COLLINS 7/28

APOLLO'S FIRE BAROQUE ORCHESTRA 7/29  
VIVALDI'S FOUR SEASONS REDISCOVERED!

LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND 8/3

THE MUSIC MAN IN CONCERT 8/5-6  
with Liza Grossman and the Contemporary Youth Orchestra

AMERICAN ACOUSTIC  
PUNCH BROTHERS 8/9  
I'M WITH HER  
(SARA WATKINS, SARAH JAROSZ, AOIFE O'DONOVAN)  
and JULIAN LAGE

“LUCK BE A LADY: THE SONGS OF FRANK LOESSER” 8/10  
Co-presented with The Musical Theater Project

THE FAMILY STONE 8/11  
featuring Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame inductees and  
original founding members of Sly & The Family Stone,  
Jerry Martini and Greg Errico featuring Phunne Stone

MICHAEL W. SMITH 8/13

AND MORE!

For a complete schedule  
Visit CAINPARK.COM

Black Violin

Stephen Stills & Judy Collins

Lyle Lovett

Punch Brothers

I'm With Her

Michael W. Smith

# Short-term benefit shouldn't outweigh potential harm of Ohio Senate Bill 85

Ari Klein

A TEACHER'S VOICE

Bad legislation is still bad, even if it might benefit our school district's short-term bottom line.

Ohio Senate Bill 85 (SB85) was introduced in late March to expand our state's already bloated voucher system. School vouchers damage the public interest by allocating tax dollars to support families whose children were already slated to go to private or parochial schools. Supposedly, these children are being saved from the so-called "failing" public schools, but most parents of these children never intended to make use of public schools anyway.

In Cleveland Heights-University Heights, the vast majority of families who take advantage of vouchers use them to attend the Hebrew Academy. Almost none of these families, probably would be using the CH-UH public schools because of their religious convictions. That is why families choose parochial schools.

When a family in our district uses a voucher, our schools lose a portion of our state financial aid. This year alone, because of state voucher programs and money sucked away from our district for students attending charter schools, CH-UH will lose around \$7.6 million of our \$18 million in state funding. This loss of funds does not mean we are serving fewer students, it just means we have less money per student.

SB85 [adds] an interesting twist to the voucher schemes. Although the bill dramatically extends eligibility to receive a voucher, there is a provision in the bill that separates out how the money gets paid. Under the provision, school districts would not lose money from their state allocations for vouchers; instead, the state plans to create a completely different funding

mechanism. This would probably be a huge benefit for our district.

My guess is that our demographics are unique in the state because we have a high proportion of families living in our district—and always have—who choose to educate their children in non-public institutions. SB85 [would] spread out our misery to the 611 public school districts across the state, some of which lose very little money to such privatization policies.

Though it will probably help our district in the short term, I believe that if SB85 passes it eventually will lead to larger problems than those we face now. Expanding vouchers, however they are funded, will lead even more citizens to believe it is acceptable for state money to be used to fund a parallel religious school system. It is not.

Allowing families with incomes of up to approximately \$96,000 (four times the current poverty rate) to send their students to non-public schools using public funds is not acceptable. Public funds should be used for the public good. Expanding vouchers will lead to a smaller pot of money for traditional public schools, which cannot turn away kids who don't conform to particular behaviors, lack certain academic skills, have special needs that cannot be addressed in a non-public school, or have parents who cannot volunteer nor pay additional school fees required at some schools.

Public schools serve all. All are welcome. Private and parochial schools serve only the interests of a small portion of our citizenry, which is why public funds should not be used to support their missions.

By the time this article is published, we may already know the fate of SB85. Regardless, it poses an interesting dilemma: if we focus only on the short-term financial interests of CH-UH schools, we might lobby our legislature now in a way that could be destructive to our long-term interests.

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

Fresh Air, Fresh Fare!

THE STONE OVEN  
BAKERY • CAFE

Our patio is now open for dining al fresco.

2267 Lee Rd • Cleve, OH 44118  
216-932-3003 • stone-oven.com

Heights Observer May 1, 2017

4

www.heightsobserver.org



# Restoring faith in public institutions



THE COMMON GOOD

Susie Kaeser

On March 30, the Senate Intelligence Committee held an open hearing on Russia's use of "active measures" to affect the 2016 presidential election.

Active measures, including misinformation used to sow discord among allies and distrust in democratic institutions, have long been a tool of Russian efforts to shift balances in power through subversion. The Russians are pros at this, and now social media has made it even easier for them to interject themselves into our lives and create chaos.

For nearly three hours I watched a YouTube video of the hearing as three experts on Russian intelligence testified before this bipartisan committee, explaining the history of this tactic and how it is used to topple democracies. Cyber warfare uses misinformation to tarnish leaders, affect the financial markets, create social division and unrest, and predict global calamity.

The public hearing was reassuring. It was a search for truth. The senators valued expertise. While diverse perspectives were represented, all were attentive and open to learning. I could not tell by their questions what parties the senators belonged to. An essential public institution was doing its job.

Former FBI agent Clinton Watts explained three common objectives of active measures: undermining public confidence in democratic governance, eroding trust in elected officials and promoting distrust in information sources, blurring the line between fact and fiction.

Does this sound familiar?

The strength of our democracy resides within citizens trusting their democratic institutions. As a public-school advocate, I see public schools as one of those institutions. For me, this trust must include the security and legitimacy of elections, fealty of the courts to the rule of law, competent government agencies, evidence-based decision-making, legislation that promotes the common welfare, fact-based reporting and an independent press committed to the truth.

Russian cyber war has effectively promoted doubt in all of these areas, but it hasn't just been the Russians!

My revulsion at the appointment of Betsy DeVos as secretary of education is grounded in her dedication to discrediting one crucial democratic institution—public education. She continues to describe it as a mess and has made dismantling the public system her agenda. Because the primary purpose of public schools is to create

an educated electorate, she will subvert the very basis of our democracy if she achieves her goals.

Columnist Jeff Bryant's recent article, "The Schools Betsy DeVos Wants Parents to Choose," reviews three schools that the secretary of education praised in recent speeches—a Christian academy, a school funded through tax credits for the wealthy and a third that is facing prosecution for fraud. Her perception of quality is terrifying. Promoting this kind of education is a very disturbing way to fulfill her obligation as a public servant to support public schools.

Our community knows the destructive impact of vouchers. They drain away scarce resources from the Heights schools, slowly eroding their capacity to create a hopeful environment, both for children and teachers. This year our public-school children will lose \$4.6 million so that 473 voucher-users can attend religious schools—most never having stepped into a public school. Vouchers destabilize the public system.

Rejecting the public system is a rejection of democracy. DeVos's commitment to choice promotes winners and losers, advances individual success without regard to the well-being of our society and disregards civil rights.

The narrative of failure began to gain traction with a 1983 report titled "A Nation at Risk," which has been used to unravel confidence in the quality of public schools. Contrary to the evidence, the report ignited widespread depictions of public schools as failures, when, in fact, children do better in public schools than in private ones.

While DeVos didn't start this narrative, she did elevate it to the unthinkable—popularizing a policy to transfer public funds to unregulated, unaccountable, private and religious institutions. Forget a high-quality public system. Instead, it is each man for himself. Who cares if you destroy public confidence in a cornerstone institution and ignore the common good?

It does not make sense in these uncertain times for our public leaders to undermine confidence in the key institutions that provide opportunity and give us a sense of security. That's what our enemies do.

A major test of our democracy is whether we as citizens can defend our public institutions from a hostile takeover by an ideological enemy. For me it starts with standing up for our local public schools and demanding that our policy makers do the same.

We don't really need foreign enemies when we've got plenty of them at home.

*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.*

SELLS ALL THE HEIGHTS

Look what's popping up everywhere!

SOLD BY SUSAN DELANEY!

THE SUSAN DELANEY REAL ESTATE GROUP

**SUSAN DELANEY**, ABR®, RRS, CNE®

**216~577~8700**

Email: [susandelaney@howardhanna.com](mailto:susandelaney@howardhanna.com)

Web: [susandelaney.howardhanna.com](http://susandelaney.howardhanna.com)

KNOWS ALL THE HEIGHTS

UPSCALE RESALE

We buy & sell kids & tweens stuff!

REVOLVE

kids + tweens

5686 Mayfield Rd Lyndhurst, OH  
(440) 646-9040

/RevolveKidsResale 
 @RevolveKidsResale

Give your yard and garden a makeover this spring!

We've renovated and rejuvenated Heights-area yards and gardens for 30 years.

- Old lawn renovations and new lawn installations
- Patios, walks and retaining walls
- Drainage and irrigation systems
- Lighting systems
- Bed installations and plantings
- Fences and wood structures
- Water features
- Landscape design services

**Not yet ready for a total yard and garden makeover?**

Our landscape maintenance services give you the gradual upgrades you want, without breaking the bank. Let us show you how a few clever changes today will enhance the way you enjoy your yard and garden tomorrow.

Call now to schedule your complimentary design consultation.

Lawn Lad. Passionately committed to making your yard and garden look their beautiful best.

www.lawnlad.com | (216) 371-1935



## SWEDISH SOLUTION GLOBAL AUTOMOTIVE

VOLVO • SUBARU • VW • AUDI • BMW • SAAB

1815 S. Taylor Road, Cleveland Hts. • 216-371-5100 • swedishsolution.com

**\$20  
OFF**Any service of  
\$60 or more  
with this adCannot be combined  
with other offers

**CLASS 1** Pavers & Remodelers  
*Honest and Fair*

**12 months  
as cash!**  
**216.397.6349**

**Kitchens & Baths  
Siding • Windows • Roofing  
Porch Repair**  
**Specializing in residential  
driveways & masonry**

LEAD-SAFE  
SEPA  
CERTIFIED FIRM

BBB A+ RATING

**FRIENDS**  
Heights Libraries

# MEGA BOOK SALE

Lee Road Library  
Friday, May 5th-Sunday, May 7th  
During Regular Library Hours

**Members Only\* Special Preview Night**  
**Thursday, May 4th, 5:00 -8:45pm**  
*\*memberships available at the door for \$10!*

**Sunday Clearance Sale – Fill-A-Bag for \$4**

**HUGE SELECTION OF NEW OFFERINGS**  
Books, CDs & Audio Books - \$1  
Mass Market Paperbacks - 10/\$1  
Children's & Teen Books - 2/\$1  
Sets & "Specials" as marked

Bring in this ad for  
**\$1 OFF**  
at any  
Heights Library  
Book Sale

friends@heightslibrary.org  
216-932-3600 x1234



# Summer Solstice Party in the Heights

An Evening in the  
Enchanted Garden

**Saturday  
JUNE  
17th**

**6:00 PM - 10:30 PM**

**FUNDRAISER and COSTUME PARTY**  
In support of **URBAN OAK School**

Tickets : \$80  
www.SummerSolsticeUrbanOak.Eventbrite.com

Music • Drum Circle • Heavy Hors D'oeuvres • Bonfire  
Prize for Best Costume • Silent Auction • Photo Booth  
Open Bar with Beer & Wine • Solstice Signature Cocktails

## University Heights City Council Meeting highlights



MARCH 20, 2017

Present were Mayor Susan Infeld and council members Pamela Cameron, Phil Ertel, John Rach, Steven Sims, Michele Weiss and Mark Wiseman. Vice Mayor Susan Pardee was absent. Also present were Luke McConville, law director, and Kelly Thomas, clerk of council.

### Tri-C ethics training

Mayor Infeld reported that Tri-C will be offering a training course on ethics during the third week of June at its Metro campus. She noted that it offers this training periodically and it is always interesting.

### Cell tower regulations

The mayor gave an update on the state legislation regarding regulation of small cell towers. A group of 20 communities has come together in a lawsuit to stop the new law, calling it unconstitutional and an infringement on a municipality's right of way.

### Presentation of the 2015 Master Plan

Jim Sonnhalter and Mike Stryker of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission presented their final report on the master plan for University Heights. The process began in 2015 and involved citizen committees and council representatives to develop a long-term comprehensive plan for how the city should develop. They conducted a survey of the current condition of the city, led a visioning process with participants, and then developed steps for a concrete plan. The primary topics were land use, transportation, community and economic development, neighborhoods and housing.

The areas of primary concern were the Warrensville-Cedar intersection, the community image, Wiley school property, housing issues, John Carroll University, economic development and regional collaboration. Implementation of the plan is dependent on holding people accountable for the timeline, setting priorities and controlling costs. The planning commission urges the city to adopt the plan, use it, update it and keep it relevant.

### Grant application for public art

Council authorized submission of a grant application to the Ohio Arts Council Art-start Program in support of public art for the northeast corner of the intersection of Cedar and South Taylor roads (Resolution 2017-10). The grant application must be submitted by April 1 and is usually awarded to first-time applicants. The proposal is for a monument sign, some public art and benches, and sidewalk repair.

### Bank robbery suspects caught

Police Chief Hammett announced that two juveniles have been arrested in connection with the recent string of bank robberies in University Heights.

LWV Observer: Wendy Deuring.

APRIL 3, 2017

Present were Mayor Susan Infeld, Vice Mayor Susan Pardee, and council members Pamela Cameron, Philip Ertel, John Rach, Steven Sims, Michele Weiss and Mark Wiseman. Also present were Luke McConville, law director, and Kelly Thomas, clerk of council.

### Public comments

Two Cedar-Taylor Development Association board members and a Washington Boulevard resident spoke in support of the stalled

\$25,000 Cedar-Taylor Streetscape project. They stressed that improving the Cedar-Taylor streetscape would attract merchants and improve property values. A resident from Jackson Road voiced concern that the mayor has been reluctant to work collaboratively with merchants and council on the project. During public comments, council approved a motion to add a discussion of the project to the agenda.

### Annual reports

Mayor Infeld stated that annual reports, including reports from NASA and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, will be placed in the lobby of city hall. She said the board of health's report includes a community report for the city.

### Signal timing project

NOACA's signal timing optimization project may introduce signal timing changes at Cedar and Green roads, to reduce the number of accidents. The mayor said the project will last five to six months.

### Cedar-Taylor Gateway public meetings

The mayor [said she] welcomes ongoing feedback on the Cedar-Taylor Gateway project. There will be public meetings about the project over the next several months.

### Cedar-Taylor council action

Council voted on and approved a motion for the Cedar-Taylor beautification project, despite the mayor's misgivings about the project's merits and cost. Law Director McConville said the motion would have no legal impact because the city's charter states that council can't force the mayor to take administrative or executive action. Council also approved a motion to rename the miscellaneous contracts fund, which holds the \$25,000 earmarked for the project, the Cedar-Taylor Streetscape Project [Fund].

### Transportation contract

A motion to approve the 2017 senior transportation contract with Senior Transportation Connection agency was presented on first reading. Councilman Sims asked to review the figures before approving the contract.

### Finance director

The mayor has hired a new finance director. William Sheehan, who previously worked for the Cuyahoga County Office of Budget & Management, will join the city on Monday, April 17.

LWV Observer: Siobhan Leftwich.

Look for earlier, and often expanded, postings of meeting summaries online at [www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org).

These meeting summaries are abstracted from LWV observers' written reports. The summaries have been edited and prepared by Anne McFarland, Charlene Morse and Maryann Barnes. To receive e-mail postings of full reports, send an e-mail to [mbarnes9515@gmail.com](mailto:mbarnes9515@gmail.com) or join through Google groups using "lwv-chuh observer reports" as a search phrase.

These reports contain member observation and selected highlights of public meetings and are not official statements of the Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area. This disclaimer must accompany any redistribution of these reports.

## Great Eye Care. Locally Owned.

Walk-ins welcome

2259 Warrensville Ctr. Road  
University Hts., OH 44118  
216-371-55204625 Richmond Road  
Warrensville Hts., OH 44128  
216-765-0532

We accept all major vision and medical insurance

## Dr. Ernest J. Robinson

- Comprehensive Eye Exams
- Treatment of Eye Diseases
- Contact Lens Care
- Designer Eyewear

Outside  
prescriptions  
welcome

**Free frame with  
purchase of lenses.**  
When you mention this ad





## FutureHeights Neighborhood Mini-Grants Program awards four projects

Sruti Basu

FutureHeights held the fourth round of its Neighborhood Mini-Grants Program this spring, approving \$2,700 in grants to support four projects in Cleveland Heights.

The grants are intended to spur small, grassroots projects to improve quality of life and build community.

The spring 2017 grants are:

- Young Entrepreneurs was awarded \$400 for its Lego Robotics Pilot Program. The goal of the pilot is to create a community program in which students will use Lego robotics kits, with the guidance of the Young Entrepreneurs leaders, to strengthen their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Young Entrepreneurs hopes to build relationships and community through the program.
- The Cleveland Soup and Bread Experiment was awarded \$400 for its monthly potluck program. The Cleveland Soup and Bread Experiment is led by a group of Cleveland Heights residents who are interested in connecting with neighbors through a shared meal of soup, which binds people together, and working toward alleviating hunger. The group held its first event in March at The BottleHouse, benefitting the Cleveland Food Bank.
- Noble Neighbors was awarded \$900 for its Perennial Garden project. This project aims to enhance the reputation of the Noble Road neighborhoods by building gardens, cleaning up spaces, and adding artistic touches wherever possible. Be on the lookout along Noble Road for beautified spaces, flowers, and colorful signs this spring.
- Noble Neighbors was also awarded \$1,000 for its Noble Promotional Video project, which will capture footage of the neighborhood during community events and daily life. The video will be promoted with the intention of

marketing the neighborhood to attract residents, investors and visitors to the district. For more information visit [www.nobleneighbors.com](http://www.nobleneighbors.com).

Since the start of the program in fall 2015, FutureHeights has supported 16 neighborhood grassroots projects with grants totalling approximately \$11,600. Visit [www.futureheights.org/programs/community-building-programs/](http://www.futureheights.org/programs/community-building-programs/) to learn more about the funded projects happening throughout Cleveland Heights.

Do you have a great idea to improve your neighborhood? FutureHeights invites you to apply for a grant. Attend a workshop to learn more about how to apply, and get tips about completing the application and process. The next application deadline is Friday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. Workshop dates will be announced.

The Neighborhood Mini-Grants Program is a component of FutureHeights Community Capacity-Building Program that awards small grants of up to \$1,000 to fund citizen-led neighborhood projects, events and activities that benefit Cleveland Heights.

Through grants, FutureHeights seeks to build community with increased resilience through grassroots resident participation in civic life. In so doing, Cleveland Heights becomes better equipped to address challenges in the physical and social environment, drawing and activating the assets of people, nonprofit organizations and public resources and departments.

The FutureHeights Neighborhood Mini-Grants Program is guided by a grant-making committee comprising seven Cleveland Heights residents with a history of community involvement. The committee reviews and makes all grant decisions. For more information contact FutureHeights at [sbasu@futureheights.org](mailto:sbasu@futureheights.org), or 216-320-1423.

*Sruti Basu is the director of community-building programs at FutureHeights.*



**Lopez**

**PATIO SEASON IS HERE!**  
Lopez Brunch starts May 7  
delivery with [skipthedishes.com](http://skipthedishes.com)

2196 lee road, cleveland heights  
216.932.9000  
[lopezonlee.com](http://lopezonlee.com)

**WASHINGTON & LEE SERVICE, INC.**

Customer Service is Our Priority

We Service Foreign/Domestic Cars & Light Duty Trucks



Established since 1954 under Washington & Lee Auto Service, Inc.

**2080 Lee Road  
Cleveland Hts.  
216-371-2850**

AAA ASE

Fresh Local Food In Your Neighborhood

**COIT ROAD FARMERS MARKET**

Healthy Produce Healthy People Healthy Connections


**OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM TO 1PM STARTING MAY 31**



**OPEN SATURDAYS 8:00AM TO 1:00PM**

216-249-5455 [www.coitmarket.org](http://www.coitmarket.org) 15000 Woodworth Rd near East 152nd and Noble

**apple tree BOOKS**



12419 CEDAR AT FAIRMOUNT • CLEVELAND HTS., OH 44106  
INFO@APPLETREE-BOOKS.COM • PHONE: 216.791.2665  
WEB: [WWW.APPLETREE-BOOKS.COM](http://WWW.APPLETREE-BOOKS.COM)

**GET CASH ON THE SPOT FOR YOUR DESIGNER BAGS**



**REVOLVE FASHION**

5690 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst, OH  
(440) 646-8750  
f /revolvefashionresale  
@revolvefashion

**Cleveland Vegan Society + jakprints present**



**2017 CLEVELAND VegFest**  
Conscious Living Compassionate Choices

**SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2017  
11:00AM - 7:00PM  
HUNTINGTON CONVENTION CENTER OF CLEVELAND  
300 LAKESIDE AVENUE EAST  
CLEVELAND OH 44114**

Philip Wollen	Miyoko Schinner	Terry Mason MD	Lauren Ornelas	Emily Moran Barwick	Robert Grillo
Paul K. Chappell	Laurie Sadowski	Brenda Sanders	Anya Todd RD	Jane Esselstyn RN	Will Tucker
Laura Ross, Justin Gorski, + Daniel Martinez					Michelle Cehn

National and Local Speakers  
 Vegan Food Court  
 Vegan Cooking Demos  
 Film Screenings  
 Children's Activities  
 Live Entertainment  
 Cruelty-Free Marketplace

admission is FREE admission is FREE

This is a FREE event; \$5 donation suggested. Your donation helps fund Cleveland VegFest!

Learn more and view our downloadable event guide at [clevelandvegansociety.org](http://clevelandvegansociety.org)





Japanese & Malaysian Cuisine  
216-320-2302  
1673 Coventry Road, CH  
[www.pacificcoastcoventry.com](http://www.pacificcoastcoventry.com)



Casual Asian Fusion  
216-320-9008  
13911 Cedar Road, S. Euclid  
[www.pacificgrillcedar.com](http://www.pacificgrillcedar.com)

## MJM Window Restoration

### Why replace?

**Your existing windows can work like new!**

- Sticky windows
- Broken ropes
- Cracked glass
- Weather stripping

**YOU'LL SAVE THOUSANDS!**

**30 yrs. experience • Ask about our winter discount**

**(216) 321-7729 [mjmwindowrestoration.com](http://mjmwindowrestoration.com)**



## Summer Ruffing It!

Summer camps for ages 18 months - 14 years

**June 19 - July 28, 2017**

For more information or to register online go to: [ruffingmontessori.net/camps](http://ruffingmontessori.net/camps)



**Ruffing  
Montessori School**  
*Engage. Emerge. Learn for life.*

**3380 Fairmount Boulevard : Cleveland Heights, OH 44118**



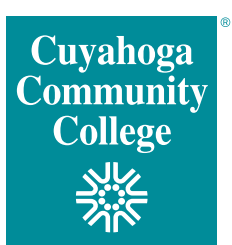
**Let's get  
personal.**

**Register for hands-on help with express enrollment!**

- Personal attention
- Personal assistance
- Personal education plan

**[tri-c.edu/jumpstartmetro](http://tri-c.edu/jumpstartmetro)**  
**216-987-6000**

Tri-C Metropolitan Campus  
2900 Community College Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio | 44115



17-1298

## Cleveland Heights City Council Meeting highlights

MARCH 20, 2017

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

### Public comments

**Noble Neighbors:** Barb Sosnowski drew council's attention to the upcoming communitywide event We Are Noble, May 19-21. The event celebrates life in the Noble Road district of Cleveland Heights. Information can be found at [www.nobleneighbors.com](http://www.nobleneighbors.com).

**City charter review:** Earl Pike, Susan Efroymson and Robert Brown spoke on behalf of a citizen group interested in a review of the city charter. The group favors direct election of the city's mayor and would like to explore organizing council representation into wards. Recognizing that residents would have to approve any changes to the charter, the group hopes that the review process will move forward in time for voting in November 2017.

### Zoning code update

Council approved, on second reading, amendments to sections of part 11 of the zoning code, to make the process for obtaining approvals more efficient. There was a public hearing about these adjustments on March 13.

### Master Plan adoption

Council approved adoption of the Master Plan of the City of Cleveland Heights, dated March 10, 2017. The plan was developed with assistance from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and includes review of land use and policy, economic development, housing and neighborhoods, parks and recreation, and transportation and infrastructure. The 16-month process involved a citizen steering committee, a staff project team, three public community meetings, and online surveys, all of which resulted in significant public input relating to current conditions, community vision, policy development, implementation plans, and priority projects. Council extended appreciation to 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 Zabel for their diligent service as members of the citizen steering committee. The full plan can be found on the city's website at [www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=1827](http://www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=1827).

### Charter review

Council's Administrative Services Committee has recommended a review of the city charter, specifying that the task be undertaken in an open and transparent manner by a charter review commission comprising a diverse group of citizens. This group would conduct fact-finding as appropriate, and identify issues to study and address. Examples of such issues might be Cleveland Heights' form of government, gender-neutral language and cleanup of obsolete language, anti-discrimination language, emergency actions, term limits, etc. City council will continue to consider the issue of charter review.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

APRIL 3, 2017

Present were Mayor Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice



Mayor Jason Stein, and council members Mary Dunbar, Carol Roe, Kahlil Seren, Michael N. Ungar and Melissa Yasinow.

### Public comments

**Gun safety:** Laura Lewis, representing the local chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, spoke about Senate Bill 199, the "Guns Everywhere Bill" that just went into effect and expands where Ohio residents may carry concealed weapons, including into daycare facilities. Her group hopes the city will help spread the word that daycares can still prohibit the carrying of weapons, provided they post signs stating that guns are off-limits. She also [spoke of] the group's Be SMART program (a child gun-access-prevention program) and announced that June 2, 2017 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day; she urged council members to use social media to post photos of themselves wearing orange (the "Don't shoot" color) on that day.

**Noble Road re-striping:** Residents Vince Reddy and Mark Lefkowitz expressed disappointment that the city has decided not to reduce Noble Road from the current four lanes to three when the street is repaved. They stated that such a "road diet" would relate to the Eastside Greenway project by providing room for at least one bicycle lane and would be safer for cyclists and pedestrians, especially children. Another resident, Bruce Needham, spoke in opposition, saying he does not believe reducing the number of lanes would enhance safety.

### Charter review

Legislation establishing a city charter review commission has been drafted, and citizen input is welcome.

### Issuance and sale of bonds

Council heard first readings of seven ordinances pertaining to the issuance and sale of bonds for the city's 2017 capital improvement program in the following maximum principal amounts:

- \$115,000 for the costs of acquiring motor vehicles and related equipment for the police department.
- \$225,000 for the costs of improving streets and roads in the city by reconstructing, grading, draining, paving, and making other improvements as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by council.
- \$360,000 for the costs of acquiring motor vehicles and equipment for the public works department.
- \$150,000 for the costs of acquiring equipment for the police department.
- \$65,000 for the costs of installing and improving sidewalks at the city hall complex.
- \$75,000 for the costs of replacing fire hoses and nozzles at the city's fire station facilities.
- \$355,000 for the costs of acquiring motor vehicles and related equipment for the fire department in providing emergency medical services.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

**Look for earlier and often expanded postings of meeting summaries online at [www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org).**

**See disclaimer on page 6.**



**WOOD  
TRADER  
FRAMING**

**13429 Cedar Road  
Cleveland Heights  
216-397-7671  
Mon-Fri 10-6 Sat 10-5**

**woodtraderframing.com**

**Celebrate  
Mother's Day with her  
favorite things**



**Get \$20 off on  
framing over \$100  
(One discount per visit)**





# Noble Neighbors annual event set for May 19–21

Brenda H. May

Noble Neighbors will host its third annual community celebration weekend, We Are Noble, Friday through Sunday, May 19–21. The repaving of Noble Road, now underway, won't deter the celebration, according to organizers who are planning to "make lemonade out of the traffic-barrel lemons" by using humorous public art installations to guide visitors through the neighborhood.

The weekend will kick off with NobleFest, a carnival sponsored by the Noble Elementary School PTA, on Friday, May 19, 6–8 p.m. NobleFest will feature carnival games and prizes, bounce houses and a variety of food options—all at affordable prices. Vendors will sell goods at the event, and many new-this-year activities are planned. NobleFest is designed to be an evening of fun for the whole family.

On Saturday, May 20, events will include activities in Noble Neighborhood Library's children's room and family garden. A book giveaway and a new event, the Noble Neighbors pho-

tography scavenger hunt, will launch from the library. There will be a public art project on Saturday, as well as a potluck hosted by the Noble area Nepali community during Welcome Hub hours in the library's teen room. Welcome Hub is a weekly program for refugees in the community, but anybody is welcome to attend.

Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) will host an open house and tool sale during We Are Noble. Visitors can go to the HRRC Teaching Center at 2520 Noble Road to learn about HRRC's services, tool library and contractor-evaluation books. Basic hand tools, specialty tools and ladders will be sold to help fund programming. There is no need to register for this event, which will be an opportunity for current and prospective homeowners to learn how HRRC can help keep a house in good repair. HRRC will also be the launch site for tours of houses for sale in the neighborhood.

Oxford School Carnival will take place on Saturday afternoon. The carnival will offer food, vendors, a

science fair, games, prizes, a live DJ, dance contest, family chalk art contest, playgrounds, field day events, and a color-a-thon race with a color-explosion kickoff! More information about being a vendor, entering the color-a-thon race or opportunities to help fund We Are Noble can be found at [www.nobleneighbors.com](http://www.nobleneighbors.com). Also at Oxford—back by popular demand—are tours of the school's WPA murals, plaster relief sculpture and ceramic figures. These treasures are rarely open to public view.

Cleveland Heights' young professionals will gather at Christopher's Pub, 1318 Warrensville Center Road, on Saturday, May 20, 5–7 p.m., for an evening of trivia, games and networking. More information can be found on Facebook under "Cleveland Heights young professionals mixer."

Jake Hochendoner, a professional documentary filmmaker, will capture the weekend's activities on video, funded in part by a FutureHeights Neighborhood Mini-Grant. The resulting Noble Neighborhood promotional



video will be posted this summer.

Noble Road Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale, and visitors will also be encouraged to stop by the police academy, patronize Noble Road businesses, check out church-sponsored events, enjoy the public perennial gardens, ride the Rocket Car, play in the parks, view the community gardens, eat delicious food, and tour open houses during the weekend. Yard sales will take place throughout the neighborhood during We Are Noble, which aims to show that Noble is a great place in which live and open a business.

An event map and listing of activities will be continuously updated at [www.nobleneighbors.com](http://www.nobleneighbors.com). Noble Neighbors can also be followed on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Noble Neighbors is looking forward to sharing its home with visitors.

*Brenda H. May is one of the leaders of Noble Neighbors.*

JASON WEST continued from page 1

Officer West believed in the importance of mentoring young people. Through the scholarship, his legacy continues to impact the lives of young men and women.

In 2012, Stedman Smith received the scholarship. After graduation, Smith postponed college and entered basic training for the U.S. Army, followed by advanced training in the National Guard. He then served in Afghanistan for a year. When Smith returned home, he contacted the scholarship committee to say that he was applying to the Cleveland Heights Police Academy, and asked if he could use his award for his tuition. Out of more than 150 applicants, Smith was one of only 20 to be accepted into the police academy.

Betsey Bell, scholarship committee co-chair, commented, "Not only did the scholarship committee give Stedman his initial award, but we were able to pay for the entire cost of attending the Police Academy. This was our way of honoring Jason. And I love the way we chose, because it keeps giving back every single year, and every year we're educating people about him, who he was, and why we're doing this."

As the 10th anniversary of Officer West's death approaches, the scholarship committee is planning its annual Mega Raffle Fundraiser, featuring prizes donated by local businesses. This year, the event will be held on Sunday, May 21, 5–8 p.m., at the Tavern Company, 2299 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights. It is the committee's only fundraising event.

Raffle tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at Tavern Company the day of the event. All proceeds go directly to the scholarship fund. Contributions can also be sent to The Officer Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o The Treasurer's Office, CH-UH City School District, 2155 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, Ohio, 44118. (Checks should be made payable to "Cleveland Heights – University Heights City School District". Be sure to note "Jason West Scholarship" on the memo line.)

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/jasonwestscholarship](http://www.facebook.com/jasonwestscholarship).

*Lita Gonzalez has lived in Cleveland Heights since 1995. She is recently retired, and an avid volunteer.*



## Apple Construction

Residential Contractor  
Serving Greater Cleveland since 1980  
Kitchens, bathrooms, additions and more  
**216-321-6639**

[www.apple-construction.com](http://www.apple-construction.com) • email: [appleconstructioncle@gmail.com](mailto:appleconstructioncle@gmail.com)



HathawayBrown

## Create your own SUMMER adventure.

HB offers a wide array of summer programming for boys and girls ages 3–21, with dozens of offerings to choose from.

Visit [hb.edu/summer](http://hb.edu/summer) to browse through academic, athletics, adventure, theatre, and specialty camp options to create your own one-of-a-kind experience. **We offer flexible scheduling.** Call 216.320.8085 for details.

**March 20–31**  
**July 24–August 11**  
**VACATION CAMPS**  
Co-ed, Preschool – Grade 8

**June 12–July 20**  
**DAY CAMPS**  
**Broad Horizons Beginner**  
Co-ed, ages 3 & 4  
**Broad Horizons**  
Girls, Kindergarten – Grade 5  
**Broader Horizons**  
Girls, Grade 6 – 8

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**HB.edu/summer**  
19600 North Park Boulevard, Shaker Heights








# kellernational

**Auto • Home • Life • Commercial Insurance**

**For all your personal and business insurance needs**

**An independent agent**  
Dedicated to your unique needs

3109 Mayfield Road, Suite 203  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
**216-965-0646**

**Call Jared Lavender**

**[www.KellerNational.com](http://www.KellerNational.com)**



## St. Paul's lends support to Edwins' program for former prisoners

James Henke

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights has undertaken a program designed to help support and further the work being done by Edwins Leadership & Restaurant Institute on Shaker Square.

Brandon Chrostowski is the owner of both Edwins ("education wins") restaurant and its associated institute; he opened both on Nov. 1, 2013. Prior to that, Chrostowski had worked at L'Albatros in University Circle.

Chrostowski had wanted to own a restaurant since he was a teenager. What sets Edwins apart from other traditional restaurants, offering excellent food, is that it supports people who have recently been released from prison, teaching them how to work in a restaurant and helping them get jobs.



Brandon Chrostowski, the owner of Edwins and founder of its leadership program.

"In the state of Ohio, there are over 50,000 people serving time in prison," Chrostowski said. "Over 20,000 are released from prison every year, with over 7,000 returning home

to Cuyahoga County. Upon release, these people face societal barriers to successful reentry in gaining access to housing, food, healthcare, employment and transportation."

Edwins was designed to give formerly incarcerated adults a foundation in the hospitality industry, while providing the support network necessary for successful reentry.

Regarding Edwins relationship with St. Paul's, Chrostowski said he had known some church members and, several months ago, he began going to the church and giving talks. Eventually, the church formed a committee to help Edwins, and Chrostowski began meeting with the committee, as well as speaking at some forums the church held.

Edwins currently has two main facilities—the restaurant at Shaker Square and the Second Chance Life Skills Center on Buckeye Road. Chrostowski said he is looking to expand the facilities, and hopes to add a butcher shop, bakery and other centers near the Life Skills Center. "I really want to build the best culinary school in the country," Chrostowski said.

St. Paul's has established five programs to help Edwins' program. These include creating a launch fund to meet the graduates' most typical needs. For example, the church might provide a set of culinary knives, work shoes, uniforms, suitable clothes and transportation passes. The church also wants to provide professional and personal services on an as-needed basis. These might include legal, medical, financial and psychological help, as well as life skills and job-seeking assistance.

In addition, St. Paul's is also providing space at the church where students can meet with family members. The church also plans to host graduation parties and reunions with graduates, alumni and family members. St. Paul's also is building a discretionary fund so that Edwins can meet the emergency needs of students.

So far, said David Hartt, head of St. Paul's Edwins committee, the church has raised more than \$7,000 in contributions and pledges.

*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.*

PRESERVATION continued from page 1

Spanish-style building nearby.]

### Monday, May 8, 7 p.m., The South Overlook Gang: A Book Talk

Speaker: Richard Karges, author.

Karges will discuss his book, *The South Overlook Gang*, and share stories of growing up in Cleveland Heights' South Overlook neighborhood in the 1950s and '60s—"when neighbors knew neighbors, kids played outdoors and milk trucks delivered fresh dairy to your door." A book signing will follow the talk. [Noble Neighborhood Library, 2800 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights.]

### Monday, May 15, 7 p.m., Interior Painting in an Older Home

Speakers: Margaret Lann and Trudy Andrzejewski, Cleveland Restoration Society.

Have you ever imagined what the interior of your house looked like originally? Maybe you would like to redecorate and be "sensitive" to your home's architectural style. This program will explore various trends of historic painting and take a look at different types of paint and finishes. It will also cover proper techniques for prepping surfaces, repairing plaster, stripping woodwork and analyzing paint samples. [Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights.]

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

Tour leaders: Roy Larick, Korbi Roberts and Jim Miller.

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, which will take place rain or shine. Space is limited, and this tour always fills up. To register, call 216-291-4878. [Registered participants will meet at the north end of the CH Community Center's parking lot, at 1 Monticello Blvd.]

### Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., The Noble Neighborhood and Nearby, 1874-2017

Speaker: Marian Morton, John Carroll University professor emeritus of history.

The history of the Noble neighborhood, and its environs, is familiar: from farms and quarries to suburban homes, distinctive shops, and distinguished public buildings. This program will explore what makes Noble's past and present unique, encompassing an unsuccessful effort to secede from Cleveland Heights in 1916; graceful murals by Works Progress Administration artists at Oxford Elementary School; an abandoned dump that became Denison Park and pool, and then a soccer field; Protestant churches that reflect the neighborhood's racial and ethnic diversity; and architecture that ranges from simple 19th-century farmhouses to architect-designed homes in the Inglewood Historic District. [Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights.]

*Kara Hamley O'Donnell works at the Cleveland Heights Department of Planning & Development as the city's historic preservation planner.*

**RE/MAX® Traditions**



17471 Shelburne Road  
Cleveland Hts., 44118

price \$565,000

5 BR

3 FB

2 HB

Stately Brick Georgian on gorgeous deep lot.



Architectural detail, AC, Updated Kitchen w/ Stainless & Granite.  
2 WBF, Gleaming Hardwood floors, Year Round Sun Room overlooks expansive stone patio. Cleveland Heights POS Compliance.

Diane Russo Armington 216-390-0910 & Danielle Richey 440-897-1102

**TODAY  
IS THE  
DAY.**

**Call now.  
Why wait?**

216-382-9647

raywohlcpa@yahoo.com

www.hdvest.com

**HD VEST**  
INVESTMENT SERVICES™

**Tax Preparation & Planning**

**\*Investments**

**IRA Accounts**

**Mutual Funds**

**College 529 Plans\***

**Insurance**

**Fixed & \*Variable Annuities**

**Life Insurance**

Securities offered through HD Vest Investment Services™, Member SIPC.  
Investment & Insurance Products: Not FDIC Insured. No Bank Guarantee. May Lose Value.



**Raymond J. Wohl**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE

2121 South Green Road, Ste 204  
South Euclid, OH 44121

**Only 4 people out of 100 can  
see the secret message**



**Follow the  
Heights Observer  
on Facebook:**

**facebook.com/futureheights/**





## Noble Road church plans May and June events

Judith Beeler

Don't let the repair of Noble Road keep you away from Noble Road Presbyterian Church's May and June events.

On Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the church's biannual rummage sale will take place. Proceeds from the sale, scheduled to coincide with Noble Neighbor's We Are Noble weekend (May 19, 20 and 21), will benefit the church's many mission projects. These include disaster assistance, hunger programs, the Dougbe River School in Liberia, the Heights Hunger Center, local refugee support, and the Cleveland Heights Sober Living house.

Items available at the rummage sale will include kitchen tools, lin-

ens, children's clothing, toys, books, knick-knacks, furniture, a pool table and patio set. There will also be a bake sale and plant sale on May 20.

Looking ahead to June, save the date for the church's 26th annual Strawberry Festival, planned for the evening of June 2.

Noble Road Presbyterian Church is located at 2780 Noble Road in Cleveland Heights, just north of the Noble Neighborhood Library. For more information on the church and its upcoming events, call 216-382-0660.

*Judith Beeler, a member of Noble Road Presbyterian Church, has lived in Cleveland Heights since 1991.*

## All Geared Up is family-friendly bike event

Michelle Bandy-Zalatoris

All Geared Up is an award-winning event that encourages families to explore cycling together, while learning about safety and fitness. Now in its third year, the event received recognition from the Greater Cleveland Ohio Trails and Greenways Conference last summer, where it was awarded a Gold Medal for promoting community, student involvement and cycling culture.

This rain-or-shine event will be held on Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to noon, at Canterbury Elementary School, 2530 Canterbury Road in Cleveland Heights. It will feature a family fun ride, bike rodeo, demonstration by bike police offices, bike registrations, a used bike sale, raffles and more.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged. For complete information and to register, visit [www.allgearedup.info](http://www.allgearedup.info). Participants are strongly encouraged to bike to the event, but on-street parking will be

available.

All Geared Up was the idea of University Heights resident Darren Carter, who envisioned the event as a way for parents and children to connect over a healthy, lifelong activity. He reached out to community leaders in University Heights and Cleveland Heights to help develop his vision, and partnered with Canterbury Elementary School to host the event.

"We have had numerous community organizations join this event as a way to promote healthy living and fitness," said Carter. "University Heights Councilwoman Pam Cameron, Cleveland Heights Council Member Mary Dunbar, the Heights Bicycle Coalition and the Canterbury Elementary Staff and PTA have been instrumental in their support and planning efforts. We are looking forward to a very successful third year."

*Michelle Bandy-Zalatoris is a Cleveland Heights resident, a city planner and a local food advocate. She has helped to organize the All Geared Up bike event since its inception.*

FREE CONCERTS continued from page 1

Idlewood, as University Heights was originally known, offered occasional free concerts in the old town hall, where local talent was paid \$30. (The village name was changed to University Heights in 1925, when John Carroll University moved to its current location. In 1940, University Heights became a city.)

When the new town hall (now University Heights City Hall, at the southwest corner of Warrensville Center and Silsby roads) opened in April 1926, a new piano was purchased for \$250.

In early December 1926, the village council passed Ordinance 1754, establishing a free summer concert series, along with a fund of \$250, because there were "no places of entertainment whatsoever within the Village limits."

At that time, there were more farm animals than residents within the village. The village mayor, John Howard, and village council foresaw the immense growth that was coming, and wanted to ensure that the fledgling municipality would have suitable entertainment for the thousands of new residents who would move into the village in the coming decades. Today, more than 13,500 residents call University Heights home.

It is in this proud tradition that the 90th annual free summer concert series is held on most summer Thursdays, at 7

p.m., at John Carroll University's Hamlin Quad. This year's summer entertainment lineup, with occasional ice cream socials, is below. [Note the June 22 movie event will be held at the UH community park.]

- June 1 - NorthCoast Jazz Collective (and ice cream social)
- June 8 - Lost State of Franklin (and ice cream social)
- June 15 - WIXY 1260 Band (and ice cream social)
- June 22 - Family Outdoor Movie at the University Heights Community Park (starts at 9 p.m.)
- June 29 - No Concert
- July 6 - University Heights Symphonic Band Patriotic Concert (and ice cream social)
- July 13 - The Benjaminz Band
- July 20 - The Sloppy Joe Band
- July 27 - University Heights Symphonic Band Children's Concert (and ice cream social)
- Aug. 3 - Blue Lunch
- Aug. 10 - Yiddishe Cup (and ice cream social)

*Patrick Grogan-Myers is the community development coordinator for University Heights, and works with residents and businesses to promote University Heights as a great place in which to live, work, shop and play.*



An HBC volunteer fixes a bike at a past Bike Tune-Up Day.

## The Heights celebrates Bike Month

James Henke

The Heights will once again be celebrating Bike Month in May, with local events planned to correspond with National Bike Month, established in 1956.

"Biking is on the upswing," said Mary Dunbar, a Cleveland Heights council member and former head of Heights Bicycle Coalition (HBC), which plays a major role in organizing Bike Month in Cleveland Heights. "Millennials don't want to own cars and prefer to ride bikes. In addition, 30 percent of Cleveland Heights people who head over to University Circle either walk or ride bikes."

Various activities will take place in and around Cleveland Heights and University Heights throughout the month, including Bike to Work Week and the Ride of Silence—a memorial to honor those injured or killed while riding their bicycles.

Events kicked off on May 1 with the University Hospitals Community Bike Fest.

On May 6, All Geared Up will take place at Canterbury Elementary School, 9 a.m. to noon. This event includes family bike rides, bike-safety instructions, and free bike helmets while they last. There will also be some adult and children's bikes for sale. [See article at left.]

Walk or Bike to School Day is scheduled for May 10. All Cleveland Heights-University Heights public schools will take part in this event, as will some private and parochial schools. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that children and adolescents should get 60 or more minutes of exercise each day, and walking or biking to school is a good way to get some of that needed exercise. Research also shows that children who walk or bike to school arrive more ready to sit down and learn than children who get a ride to school.

The Ride of Silence—a worldwide coordinated event—takes place each year on the third Wednesday in May. This year's ride

will be on May 17, and Heights-area bicyclists will depart from the John Carroll University southeast parking lot at 7 p.m.

Bike to Work Day will take place on May 19—the last day of Bike to Work Week, which runs May 15–19. That morning, 7–9 a.m., HBC will provide free coffee and edibles at the corner of Edgemoor and Overlook roads.

On May 20, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., HBC and the City of Cleveland Heights will offer a Smart Cycling course for adults and teenagers 14 and older. According to Cleveland Heights Police Chief Annette Mecklenburg, "Bicyclists may think they know what to do, but we see cyclists pedaling the wrong way in traffic and riding without lights at night, for example. We have very few bicycle accidents in the Heights, but we want zero. Every bicyclist, no matter how experienced, should take this class at least once."

This class will take place at Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle, and the cost is \$10 per individual or family. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Participants should bring a bicycle, helmet and \$10 cash to the class. To pre-register, go to the HBC website, <http://bikesintheheights.org/>, or call Jennifer Kuzma at 216-291-2854.

Bike Month in the Heights wraps up on June 3, with a Bike Tune-Up Day at the Coventry Courtyard on the northwest corner of Coventry Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard. This free event will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and experts will be on hand to assess bicycles' safety and make minor repairs.

This event is first-come, first-served, so attendees are advised to arrive well before 12:30 p.m.

*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.*





Peace Lutheran Church will be located at 3740 Mayfield Road.

## Introducing Peace Lutheran Church

Donald King

The members of Bethlehem and Hope Lutheran churches are swiftly moving ahead on their decision to consolidate ministries. In early April, during one of their monthly joint worship services, the congregations voted on the new name of the consolidated church, to be located in the current Bethlehem Lutheran Church building, at 3740 Mayfield Road—Peace Lutheran Church.

Congregants selected this name after several votes were taken on the 80 names that had been nominated.

Various ad hoc committees are hard at work to consolidate the two ministries—each with 100-plus years of service—into one. A personnel committee is looking at upcoming staffing needs; a worship committee is reviewing various worship styles and the sense of space; an elevator committee is examining the best location for an elevator, to make the building fully accessible; and a memorial garden committee is using the services of master gardeners to begin work on a welcoming, walkable outdoor garden.

The Hope Lutheran building has been for sale since early February, and the congregation is currently weighing the top bids. Representatives of more than 25 assorted ministries were given personal tours throughout the building over the course of two months; every group that inquired about the building represented a local Christian congregation. While the final decision on the purchaser has not been made, each of the finalist bids already hosts an active, community-based ministry in its current location. The congregation feels each would be an asset to the North Taylor neighborhood.

*Donald King is pastor of Hope Lutheran Church on North Taylor Road, and an active participant in the Heights InterFaith Community. He has served at Hope since 1999, and has lived in Cleveland Heights since 1985.*



**We've Moved!**

**Tavern Company**  
2299 Lee Rd.  
Cleveland Heights  
(Formerly Brennan's Colony)

**TavernCompany.com**

## HRRC announces May programs and event

David Brock

The Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) is all set for an exciting spring and summer, with a number of new classes planned for the warm weather.

In early May, HRRC will launch its first-ever Women's Home How-To series dedicated to the outside of the home. The Exteriors and Landscapes series of classes will give women a chance to experience hands-on learning about concrete and sidewalks, brick and masonry, exterior painting, yard maintenance and more.

HRRC will also offer an early-May class on tuck-pointing, doors and locks that will be open to all.

Two classes on windows, with HRRC partner-city Shaker Heights, will likewise be open to all. Visit [www.hrhc-ch.org](http://www.hrhc-ch.org) to see HRRC's continually expanding list of classes.

With the return of warm weather, HRRC's tool library is a source of spe-

cialty and common tools—nearly 1,000, and growing—needed for DIY projects. The tool library is available to residents of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights, and to anyone who takes a HRRC home repair class or series.

Speaking of tools, don't miss out on the annual HRRC Tool Sale, held in conjunction with the Noble Neighbors' We Are Noble event.

HRRC invites people from all communities to visit its Teaching Center at 2520 Noble Road on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to learn about HRRC services, get a tool library membership, and check out HRRC's contractor evaluation books to identify professionals who do good work.

Supporters of HRRC have donated a variety of tools and materials for sale during the event, with all proceeds benefitting HRRC programs.

*Dave Brock is HRRC's education coordinator.*

## Anytime Fitness hosts free Cain Park workouts

Sohail Ahmad

Parents often urge their children to "turn off that television set and go outside and play." The staff of Anytime Fitness in University Heights believes everyone could use a little more active fun.

That's why the gym is hosting playful exercise events at Cain Park in Cleveland Heights each Saturday in May, 9-10 a.m.

Everyone, not just Anytime Fitness members, is invited to participate.

"Somewhere along the line, people started believing that exercise had to be hard work," said Shaun Yanulaitis, Anytime Fitness manager. "That's simply not true. Many forms of exercise, especially outdoors on a beautiful spring day, will leave you busting-a-gut laughing—and we aim to prove it."

A certified personal trainer will lead each of the four consecutive May Free Workouts on May 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The workouts will feature fun events such as relay races, obstacle

courses and musical games. The May Free Workouts concept, inspired by the grassroots efforts of a few Anytime Fitness clubs that regularly offer free outdoor "boot camps," has grown into a nationwide campaign to promote physical fitness.

The workouts will take place in Cain Park at the corner of Taylor and Superior roads, and are appropriate for people of any fitness level. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes, and bring a bottle of water.

"We're passionate about helping people get to a healthier place," said Yanulaitis.

"That can mean different things to different people. For some, it's losing weight or gaining strength. For others, it's improving balance or flexibility. The important thing is to find physical activities that you enjoy, so being active is something you look forward to—rather than dread."

*Sobail Ahmad is the owner of Anytime Fitness in University Heights.*

## South African Journeys

Join us and see South Africa like an insider and honored guest.  
Tour guides & hosts, Jan & Gus Kious  
*cleveland heights owned*

Now scheduling tours  
Call or email for details

[janetkious@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetkious@sbcglobal.net) 216-321-1442

The Heights' #1 choice for interior and exterior painting

## Neubert PAINTING

Serving Northeast Ohio Homeowners since 1975

**Quality Painting.**  
THAT'S ALL WE DO!

Call us at  
216-529-0360  
for a Free Consultation!  
[neubertpainting.com](http://neubertpainting.com)

## Free books mailed to your young child!



If your child is  
**4 years old or younger**  
And lives in  
44106, 44120, CH-UH,  
East Cle., Euclid or Shaker, visit

**[heightsfamily.org](http://heightsfamily.org)**  
for registration information



# Music benefit will honor two Hawken seniors killed in crash

James Henke

The second Catch Meaning Music Fest will be held on Sunday, May 28, at the House of Blues in Cleveland. The concert is a benefit to honor Josh Weil and Alex Doody, the two Hawken School seniors who were killed in a car accident on May 14, 2015. Weil lived in Cleveland Heights.

The concert will raise money for the Catch Meaning Fund at the Cleveland Foundation, which was established by the Weil and Doody families.

According to Michael Weil, Josh's father and a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident, the purpose of the fund is "to identify organizations that



would be of interest to young adults or that would have been of interest to Josh and Alex. We can then make donations to those organizations."

Last year, the first Catch Meaning concert was held at Jacobs Pavilion, and raised more than \$100,000. This year's concert will feature hip-hop artist RJD2; jazz-hip-hop duo Break Science; and an Australian quintet, Jakubi, that plays rhythm & blues, rock and soul music. Two other bands

will also be on the bill—the Aaron Cohen Band from New Orleans, and Amora, Amora, from Boulder, Colo.

The concert's organizers are Kathy Blackman, who owns the Grog Shop in Cleveland Heights, and Lisa Vincequerra of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

General admission tickets to the concert are \$35, and donor-VIP tickets are \$200. Tickets are available online at [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com) and at the House of Blues box office. For more information about the concert, and the Catch Meaning Fund, visit [www.catchmeaning.org](http://www.catchmeaning.org).

Michael Weil said he hopes that the concert will become an annual

event that will go on for many years. "I hope that we are building something that will be a long-term experience," he said. "I want something that Josh and Alex's friends can be part of for many years and that their children will also be able to become a part of it. I want Josh and Alex's memories to be alive and be celebrated for many years to come."

*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.*

## Observer Volunteer Match

Heights Observer's Volunteer Match column lists opportunities for residents to lend their time and talent to worthy organizations and causes around the Heights.

Submit your organization's volunteer needs by e-mailing Sruti Basu at [sbasu@futureheights.org](mailto:sbasu@futureheights.org) or calling the FutureHeights office at 216-320-1423.

Items submitted on or before the Heights Observer print issue's monthly story deadline will be considered for the next column. (To see past columns, visit [www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org), and search "volunteer match".)

**LWV:** The League of Women Voters (LWV) covers Cleveland Heights and University Heights council meetings and school and library board meetings with a cadre of dedicated volunteer observers. If you appreciate these reports, perhaps you would like to help LWV provide this service to the community by volunteering for its Observer Corps. More hands would lighten the load on existing observers, ensure complete coverage, and perhaps enable coverage of more public bodies, such as city commissions. The only requirement is that observers be impartial and unaffiliated with the election campaigns of individuals seated in the body covered. Observers do not participate in public comment before the body they cover unless authorized to do so by the LWV. To learn more about volunteering, contact Maryann

Barnes at [mbarnes9515@gmail.com](mailto:mbarnes9515@gmail.com) or 216 321-7525. To learn more about LWV and its local chapters, visit [lwvgreatercleveland.org](http://lwvgreatercleveland.org).

**Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park Spring Cleanup:** Volunteers are needed to help clean up, garden and make repairs in the park on Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tools, gloves, lunch, beverages and guidance will be provided; for information e-mail [erickroman@me.com](mailto:erickroman@me.com).

**Kulture Kids:** This Cleveland Heights-based arts and culture nonprofit has been helping students at Andrew J. Rickoff, a Cleveland Metropolitan City School, since 2010. On Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., it needs volunteers to help haul dirt, stack pavers and bricks, assemble metal garden beds, and install a Little Free Library. Come ready to get your hands dirty, and bring garden tools and gloves. Bottled water and snacks will be provided. RSVP at [www.KultureKids.org](http://www.KultureKids.org) if you would like to help.

**Heights Observer:** FutureHeights publishes the Heights Observer and delivers it throughout Cleveland Heights and University Heights on or around the first of every month. Volunteers are needed to assist with deliveries to local businesses and institutions. Most routes take about an hour to complete. For more information, contact FutureHeights at 216-320-1423 or [info@futureheights.org](mailto:info@futureheights.org).



**MOTORCARS**  
IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS  
2953 MAYFIELD ROAD

**HONDA**  
**ADAM HOWE**  
CALL FOR A TEST DRIVE

**216  
458  
0275**  
[ADAMHOWE@MOTORCARS.HONDA.COM](mailto:ADAMHOWE@MOTORCARS.HONDA.COM)



2017 HONDA CRV



**Mother's Day Sale**  
**May 10-16**

**Buy 1 Get 1 50% OFF**

Hanging Baskets • Annuals • Perennials  
Trees & Shrubs • Pottery • Fountains  
Statuary • Gift Items • Clearance

Mix & Match, Lowest priced item is 50% OFF. Excludes Bulk, bagged goods, chemicals, services & delivery, stone, previous purchases, gift cards



**BREMEC**  
*on the Heights*  
Garden Center

**May Hours**  
Monday-Friday 8am-8pm  
Saturday 8am-6pm, Sunday 9am-5pm

**13410 Cedar Road • 216-932-0039 • [www.bremec.com](http://www.bremec.com)**





**URM**  
USTON ROOF & MASONRY  
Installations • Maintenance • Repairs  
**216-371-5944**

- Slate and tile repairs & replacement
- Tear-offs & Shingles
- Gutters and downspouts installed
- Chimney and step tuck-pointing
- Flat roof specialists

MASTERCARD/VISA



**WWW.USTONROOF.COM**


**MAC'S  
BACKS  
BOOKSTORE**

MACSBACKS.COM 216-321-2665 1820 COVENTRY RD. CLV HTS

**UPCOMING Events**

**Mac's Book Club**  
Will discuss  
*Giovanni's Room*  
by  
James Baldwin  
MAY 17th @7:30pm

AUTHOR TALKS,  
WRITING WORKSHOPS,  
LECTURES, BOOK  
CLUBS, FREE COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE,  
LOCAL AUTHORS,  
POETRY READINGS,  
SPECIAL EVENTS,  
GREETING CARDS,  
JOURNALS, SPECIAL  
ORDERS, AND OVER  
35,000 NEW AND USED  
BOOKS!



★TRADE IN YOUR BOOKS★



# Library announces summer reading programs for all ages

Kara Whaley

According to the National Summer Learning Association, all school-age children and teens experience learning loss when they fail to engage in educational activities during the summer.

With that in mind, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library System has created a summer reading program designed to lessen learning loss and get kids—and adults—excited

about reading. This summer, the program’s theme is “Dream, Build, Share,” and it focuses on construction and community building.

The summer reading program is free and will run all summer, from June 1 to Aug. 10.

“No one is too old, or too young, for summer reading,” said Director Nancy Levin. “When a community values reading, great things happen.”

To sign up, visit any Heights

library and pick up a summer reading log and activities worksheet. All eligible parents of infants and children who complete a summer reading log will receive a raffle ticket for one of several large prizes.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade can complete their own logs and activity sheets to receive raffle tickets. The reading log takes 30 days to complete, and children can complete more than one.

They can also receive additional raffle tickets by completing specific activities, such as signing up for the library’s 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, performing an act of kindness, and attending summer reading events at Heights libraries. These events include arts and crafts programs, a movie night, and an end-of-summer celebration featuring a special guest.

The teen summer reading program is limited to high school-age teens and will focus on *March: Book Three* by John Lewis. Teens are in-

vited to read the book and write a letter explaining how the book impacted them, making them eligible to enter a raffle to win either a PlayStation 4 or a generous Mac’s Back’s gift basket filled with books and reading goodies. Teens will also receive raffle tickets for attending any summer programs for teens.

Adults get a summer reading program, too. They are invited to participate by reading or listening to books for a chance to win either a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, a NOOK, or a Kindle Fire HD. They should speak with any librarian to complete an entry form for each completed book. Adults can gain additional entry forms by attending any It’s All Fun and Games summer programs.

For more information about summer reading and related programs, visit [www.heightslibrary.org](http://www.heightslibrary.org) or call 216-932-3600.

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

## What’s going on at your library?

**Coventry Village Library**  
1925 Coventry Road, 216-321-3400

Saturdays, May 6-27, 1-2 p.m.  
*Basic Introduction to American Sign Language.* This program provides an opportunity to learn the basics of communicating in American Sign Language (ASL), or to refresh and build upon existing ASL skills.

guide for African Americans navigating unfamiliar and dangerous areas. In this interactive program, the book will be a jumping-off point to explore how we all find our way. Registration is appreciated (216-321-6775), but walk-ins are welcome.

**Noble Neighborhood Library**  
2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

Wednesdays, May 3-31, 4-5 p.m.  
*May Momentum.* Spend a little time thinking about your short- and long-term future before the school year ends. Take a personality test for some thoughtful guidance, and learn some tips for finding a summer job in the neighborhood.

**Lee Road Library**  
2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Thursday, May 18, 7-8:30 p.m.  
*The Negro Motorist Green-Book—A Heights Community Congress World Café.* In 1937, Victor Green published an indispensable travel

## Library receives financial reporting award

Sheryl Banks

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library System has once again received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

Heights Libraries earned the award for its 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment.

“The award is great news for us and for the taxpayers in our community,” said Heights Libraries Director Nancy Levin. “They can rest assured we have been spending their money wisely, and will continue to do so.”

According to Frank C. Gam-

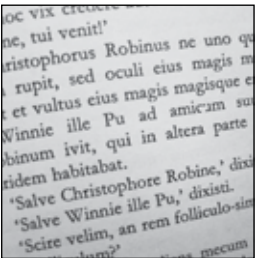
bosi, a member of the executive board of the national GFOA, past president of Ohio GFOA, and current finance director at the City of Bedford, “Heights Libraries’ receipt of this award reflects the professionalism, leadership, and commitment of the members of the library board, represented by President Ron Holland, as well as many hours of hard work and dedication by Director Nancy Levin, Fiscal Officer Deborah Herrmann, and Deputy Fiscal Officer Amy Gerson.”

“Less than 5 percent of all public entities in the United States and Canada receive the award,” said Gambosi, who added, “The GFOA hopes that this award to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library will serve as an example and encourage others to strive for the same high standards in their own financial reporting.”

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

# Observe!

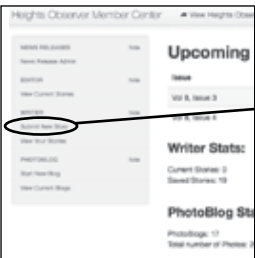
## Submitting an article to the Heights Observer is a piece of cake!



1. The *Heights Observer* is written by people like you. So **write something**. Use a computer.



2. **Register/log in** at the Member Center ([www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org)).



3. After logging in, click the **Submit New Story** button in the left-hand column (Don’t see it? It’s nested under “Writer”). Then follow the prompts. Hint: keep your original file open so you can easily copy and paste into the text box.



4. **Reward yourself;** you’re about to be published. We’ll review and edit your article, and let you know if we have any questions.

## Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library Board Meeting highlights

There is no League of Women Voters library board report this month.



The League of Women Voters observer for the meetings of the CH-UH Public Library Board of Trustees

was unable to attend the March meeting, and no substitute LWV observers were available.



# Heights swim team receives national student-athlete award



Heights High swim and diving team members: (back row) Wesley Shumaker, Gabriel Duffy, Cody Radivoyevitch, Andrew Moore, Nino Pereira, Jacob Braverman, Zach Brust, Brian Hall and David Fleischer; (middle) Coach Dan Budin, Laynie Gosselin, Maria Tarnay and Melanie Graham; (front) Rory McClellan, Glennis Covault, Sylvia Snow-Rackley, Elena Rinaldi, Khaleen Flowers, Jesse Gross and Erika Gifford. [not pictured: team members Schuyler Radivoyevitch, Ben Schuster, Montreal Watkins, Emma Hodges and Jessie Titus.]

Joy Henderson

The Heights High Swimming and Diving team embodies the term student-athlete. The team received The All-American Scholar Team Award from the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) while maintaining a grueling practice schedule of 14-17 hours a week.

The 12-member girls' team earned a collective GPA of 3.82 (unweighted); when taking into account the weighted grades from AP courses, the collective GPA was 4.3. The girls' team received Gold-level recognition, placing it at the very top nationally.

In 2016, fewer than 60 of 16,000

teams received the Gold award.

The 12-member boys' team received the Bronze-level award for team members' academic accomplishments, placing it among the best-performing teams in the country.

Coach Dan Budin is extremely proud of the team. "Being on the swim team and diving team requires a major commitment of time and energy," said Budin. "For these students to earn such high grades while devoting so much time to training is a real accomplishment. It has been a privilege to work with them and witness their incredible academic success."

For the past two years, the team has used the Warrensville Heights

High School pool for practice and meets, which required added travel time.

Next year the team will practice and compete in a brand-new home pool in the renovated Heights High.

The new facility will offer more practice time than was available to the team at the temporary site. "We are really looking forward to swimming in the new pool next year," said Budin.

Heights High Supervisor of Athletics Dwight Hollins said, "The team's academic performance shows a strong commitment to the Tiger Nation philosophy of student first and athlete second. We are proud of their hard work in the pool and the classroom."

*Joy Henderson is the parent/community liaison for Heights High.*

## Beaumont senior earns Ohio University Cutler scholarship

Anne Jarrad



Emma Rubadue

Emma Rubadue, a senior at Beaumont School and a University Heights resident, will attend Ohio University this fall as a Cutler Scholarship recipient.

Rubadue was one of 15 applicants, from a field of 350, selected for the highly competitive scholarship, which is renewable for all four years of her collegiate studies.

"The selection committee members were impressed by Emma's intellectual curiosity and community engagement," said Beaumont Director of College Counseling Mary Grimaldi. "They also said they saw her as a leader for change and an advocate for social justice."

"Throughout Emma's participation in my classes (computer science principles and introduction to programming/robotics) along with her participation on Beaumont's winning team of the CLE Teen Hack Coding competition, Emma has demonstrated excellence in cod-

ing, computer science and interdisciplinary team projects," said Sister Ann Wojnar, Beaumont instructor.

"Emma was one of seven students awarded first place in the CLE Teen Hack Coding for Community competition in May 2016. As a part of this competition, Emma learned coding skills in HTML, CSS, Ruby on Rails, and JavaScript to design the VoteNow and Ballot portions of an app (CLE-TeenVote) in anticipation of the general election last November. She was an integral part of the team, both in the creation of the app and in the excellent presentation of it to a panel of judges," said Wojnar.

The Cutler Scholars Program is Ohio University's premier scholarship program. It selects students based on their intellectual curiosity, leadership, service and character. During the four-year scholarship program, Cutler Scholars live together, participate in a weekly colloquium, and take part in four enrichment experiences: outdoor leadership, public service, international travel, and internships.

*Anne Jarrad is vice president of institutional advancement for Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights.*

**Cosmopolitan Dermatology**  
MEDICAL | SURGICAL | COSMETIC

**Angela O. Kyei, MD, MPH, FAAD**  
Board Certified Dermatologist

**Adult and Pediatric Dermatology**

**Cosmetic Dermatology: Botox®, Juvederm®, Microneedling & Chemical peels**

**Hair Loss Center offering PRP treatments**

**Laser treatments, including hair removal, spider veins and more**

**SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS**

2323 Lee Rd, Cleveland Heights 216-417-3250  
www.cosmodermatology.com

**PLATO'S CLOSET**

**CASH IN & Cruise**

**SELL US THE GENTLY USED LOOKS YOU'RE READY TO PART WITH!**

5688 MAYFIELD ROAD | LYNDHURST, OH 44124 | 440.919.0138  
f /PlatosClosetLyndhurst • @PlatosClosetLyndhurst

Bonded • Insured • OH LIC #24462

**Have Radiators? Want Central Air?**

The Unico system was designed for older homes like yours. This system provides exceptional comfort without any messy and expensive remodeling. Call today for your initial inspection.

**VERNE & ELLSWORTH HANN INC.**

5 generations of family experience. Owned and operated by Bill & Chris Hann.

**VEHbrothers.com**

**The Unico System**  
Small Duct Central Heating & Air Conditioning

**932-9755**

The **ONLY** Hann Family owned heating and cooling business in Cleveland.





*A Family Tradition for over 60 Years*



2266 Warrensville Center Rd. University Heights, OH 44118  
(216) 371-5643 [www.geracisrestaurant.com](http://www.geracisrestaurant.com)



*'Your neighborhood custom frame shop!'*



2243 Warrensville Ctr Rd  
University Heights, OH 44118  
[heightsframe@gmail.com](mailto:heightsframe@gmail.com)  
(216) 371-3711

**Are You Losing Your Current Health Insurance Coverage?**



**I Can Help!**



**Kathleen G. Carvin**  
Licensed Insurance Agent  
HealthMarkets Insurance Agency  
**Call me today**  
**216-375-5902**  
for a **FREE** consultation to learn about your options

**health markets**

**Life | Health | Medicare | Long-Term Care**



**EASTWOOD FURNITURE**

3451 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
216-303-9862 Tuesday-Saturday 10-5  
[www.eastwoodfurniture.com](http://www.eastwoodfurniture.com)

**SPRING SALE**  
Now through Saturday, May 6

Solid Hardwood  
Made in Ohio  
Designed by You





**IN THE loft at EASTWOOD FURNITURE**

**NAGADA**  
clothing and accessories

from april 27th to may 6th

# Heights Early College students present research at John Carroll

Joy Henderson

John Carroll University's (JCU) April 3 Celebration of Scholarship presenters included 17 Heights High Early College sophomores, along with nearly 100 JCU undergraduates, graduate students and faculty.

Last November, Heights High's Early College students selected research topics and spent more than four months working with a mentor to refine research questions, conduct research at the JCU library, and independently prepare a poster and short verbal presentation. The project assignment was in addition to their regular class load of accelerated courses in four content areas.

The Gateway or Capstone project is one of the qualifying requirements for sophomore students to complete, to be eligible to enroll in JCU for their junior year of high school. The other requirements are demonstrating mastery in four core subject areas and receiving a faculty recommendation.

This school year, 21 Heights High juniors and seniors are enrolled in JCU courses, earning both college and high school credit, at no cost to the student. Two Early College teachers serve as the Gateway project coordinators this year—Karl Neitzel and Bridget Lambright.

"The growth that we see in these four month is amazing," said Neitzel. "The students start out with a general topic and they end up presenting a complex idea in a college setting. They work very hard and have such a feeling of accomplishment when it is completed."

The Early College Program is in its fourth year of operation, and there are four teachers in the program.

Some of the students who completed the program and graduated from Heights High are currently enrolled at Case Western Reserve University, Bowling Green University, Ursuline College and Florida Memorial University, and many chose to complete their college career at JCU.

"We provide the support and structure for students to rise to the



Heights High sophomore Davon Beane' with his research presentation at the John Carroll University Celebration of Scholarship.

occasion and unlock their potential," said Early College Principal Alisa McKinnie. "They develop skills and the confidence to attend and thrive in college."

The 2017 Gateway Project students, and their respective research topics, are: Kylie Armstead, Bullying and Biracial Students; Davon Beane', Race and Academic Achievement in a Suburban School District; Derek Black, Music as Therapy; Aleysia Brooks, The Correlation Between a Student's Learning Style and the Most Effective Memorization Strategies; Jasha Brown, Effects of Teen Depression on Social and Academic Functioning; Italie Demore, Anti-Texting Advertisements and Teen Drivers; Treasure Eiland, Student Perceptions on How AP Classes Impact Their Level of College Readiness; Xanayla Harris, Mental Health Awareness Among High School Students; Trevion Johnson, Academic Induced Stress in High School Students; Ryan Penson, Efforts to Deter Substance Abuse in Schools; Tommy Pierce Jr., Sleep Deficiency & Academic Success; T'Jhanay Potts-Avery, Domestic Violence and Teens; Folakemi Sampson, Student Perceptions of Parent Involvement and Expectations at Heights High; Taylora Thomas, The Correlation Between Academic Performance in Student-Athletes vs. Non-Athletes; Hailyn Williams, The Growing Rate of Obesity in Millennials; Malik Winfield, Music Involvement and GPA; Miranda Wyse, Gender Identity and Mental Illness: Behind the Minds of the Transgender Community.

Joy Henderson is the parent/community liaison for Heights High.

**Spark your marketing!**  
at the region's most essential  
**B2B networking experience**

**Thursday MAY 4 3-7pm**  
**@700 Beta**

**HRCC BUSINESS EXPO**

Business card req'd for admission.  
To preserve the business atmosphere, children will not be admitted.

[hrcc.org/expo](http://hrcc.org/expo)





Tyler Bain, 11, running to the finish line in last year's RoxEl Run.

## RoxEl Run set for May 20

Christina D'Angelis

"I can't wait for the race this year," said 11-year-old, Tyler Bain, a Roxboro Elementary School fifth-grader. "Last year I won my age group in the 4-mile race, but this year I want to finish in the top three overall and win a big trophy!"

The race is the RoxEl Run, an annual fun-filled community and inter-generational family event, benefiting Roxboro Elementary School. This year, it will take place on Saturday, May 20, beginning at 9 a.m. The race starts at the Roxboro Middle School track, 2400 Roxboro Road, and loops through the Cleveland Heights neighborhoods surrounding the school.

More than 350 participants are expected at this year's event, which features 4-mile and 2-mile runs, or a 2-mile walk, which begins shortly after the run start time and follows the same route. The Kid's Fun Run, for the youngest elementary school-age children, begins at 10 a.m. and takes place inside the middle school track.

Last year's event drew 300 participants and raised more than \$2,000.

Roxboro Elementary School PTA members and volunteers organize the RoxEl Run. Its tagline, Run Like It's Recess, encourages children to learn healthy habits and make physical fitness a regular part of their lifestyle.

"This event brings kids, parents and teachers together, outside of the classroom," said Roxanne Bain, RoxEl Run co-chair and a PTA member. "Kids run alongside their teach-

ers while parents push their younger kids in strollers. This act of coming together creates inspiration for the children, especially when their role models are running right along with them. Plus, it's just plain fun."

Roxboro's PTA established a Run Club for Roxboro students in third- through fifth-grades. Participants train after school on Wednesday afternoons for an eight-week period leading up to the event. Bain, a marathon runner, coaches the children, along with other volunteers, helping them develop good running technique and build endurance for the race.

After the race, runners, families and community members can enjoy healthy snacks and refreshments, games, face painting and a DJ inside the track. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs.

The event is made possible through the support of Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital; St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Betsy Warner, State Farm Insurance; Bruegger's Bagels; Luna Bakery and Café; James Costello; EastSide Landscaping; Family Connections and more.

For full event and prize details, including registration and course information, visit [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) or contact the event co-chairs Roxanne Bain, at [roxannebain@gmail.com](mailto:roxannebain@gmail.com), or Gillian Cox, at [gegrim@yahoo.com](mailto:gegrim@yahoo.com). Registration is open. Join the event and follow updates on Facebook.

Christina D'Angelis is public relations director for the RoxEl Run.

## Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education Meeting highlights

MARCH 21, 2017

Board members Ron Register, Kal Zucker, Jim Posch, Eric Silverman and Beverly Wright were present, as were Superintendent Talisa Dixon and Treasurer Scott Gainer.



### Workshop analyzing district educational data

Allison Byrd, director of data research and assessment, along with the educational services team, led a professional development workshop for the board on educational data and how it is collected, analyzed and used in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools. They began by defining the types of data collected, categorizing the types, and naming the categories.

To improve instruction, the district uses district teams, building teams, and teacher teams at each grade level to analyze results from multiple tests, along with additional teacher input.

In one exercise, the educational services team gave the board members datasets and asked them to analyze the data. Questions were included as an aid to analysis. The board concluded that more data are needed in order to better assess instruction.

The board also participated in an exercise to create report summaries using the jigsaw method, in which each subgroup reports on a part of a report.

Byrd [said she] was pleased that the board provided this time to talk about data.

LWV Observer: Adele Cohn.

APRIL 4, 2017

Board members Ron Register, Kal Zucker, Jim Posch, Eric Silverman and Beverly Wright were present, as were Superintendent Talisa Dixon and Treasurer Scott Gainer.

### Awards to President Register

The Ohio School Boards Association presented Ron Register with two awards, Master Board Member and Award of Professional Development.

### Public comments

Public meeting with superintendent: Representing the Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, Adele Cohn announced that the League chapter will host a public meeting with Superintendent Dixon on April 23 at the Lee Road Library.

Parental concerns: Parents spoke about educational testing for young children and opioid addiction education.

### Proposed science curriculum

Julie Raffay, instructional specialist for science, presented the proposed science curriculum for the first reading. Raffay explained how the materials were piloted and selected.

### Approvals of field trip, change orders, and financial reports

The board approved the following items:

- The high school A Cappella Choir field trip to New York, April 6-9.
- Eight change orders for the high school construction were discussed and then approved. They covered unforeseen items, [the] added scope of the project, and design changes.
- The board approved the financial reports (the tax rate resolution and five-year forecast) and a list of legal counsel.

### Personnel

The board approved the contract between the board of education and the Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, as well as retirements, resignations and appointments. For the 2017-18 school year, 20 teachers were granted tenure.

### Board comments on meetings and new committees

Ron Register said that a new committee called the Bond Accountability Commission would be formed to review the middle school construction.

Beverly Wright reported on a meeting with the state legislature.

Jim Posch is forming a group to examine the state voucher program.

LWV Observer: Adele Cohn.

Look for earlier and often expanded postings of meeting summaries online at [www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org). See disclaimer on page 6.

53 GOOGLE REVIEWS! ★★★★★ 4.9 STARS!

CELEBRATING 14 YEARS!

**DOGGY DAYCARE**

**DOGTROPOLIS**

**DOGGY DAYCARE**

**OVERNIGHT BOARDING**

8000 SQUARE FEET OF SUPERVISED PLAY

IN SOUTH EUCLID **216.291.0605** [WWW.DOGTROPOLIS.NET](http://WWW.DOGTROPOLIS.NET)

**Ahoy, Matey!**  
We **ARRGH** going to save you lots of loot this summer!

**VERNE & ELLSWORTH HANN INC.**

**216|932-9755**

The **ONLY** Hann Family owned heating, cooling and plumbing business in Cleveland.

### Air Conditioning Tune-Up

Tune-up allows for 45 minutes of labor per system; parts and labor for repairs additional. Discount valid during normal workday hours only (M-F; 8-3:30). One discount per visit. Valid on standard A/C set-ups only; excludes attic systems. Expires 7/31/17



turn to the experts

**\$89**



5 generations of family experience. Owned and operated by Bill & Chris Hann.

**vehbrothers.com** Heating / Cooling / Plumbing / Specializing in Steam & Hot Water Boiler Systems

Bonded • Insured • OH LIC #24462



# Monticello Middle School celebrates women's history

Krissy Dietrich Gallagher

Monticello Middle School celebrated Women's History Month for the first time this past March, thanks to the efforts of Tiffany Underhile. "In 12 years of teaching, I'd never worked in a building that celebrated Women's History Month," said the school's math and science specialist. "I wanted to change that."

Underhile began with feminist icon Rosie the Riveter when she had all staff members, male and female, don Rosie's signature red bandana and denim shirt on a recent teacher professional day. Photos of the teachers were displayed in the front office and outside classroom doors.

Manana Robinson (eighth-grade language arts teacher), Future Educators of America (an afterschool club) and Underhile created displays throughout the school, including inspirational quotes by women, female scientists and mathematicians, and women in literature.

Underhile introduced the accomplishments of women during

morning announcements and established three Spirit Days: one day students and staff wore pink, another day they wore sorority or women's college gear, and the third day they dressed in white to honor the women's suffrage movement.

The idea was to start small and grow next year, when Underhile hopes to invite guest speakers and establish a service project, for example, collecting used cell phones to donate to shelters for battered women. "That would engage the kids, help women and children, and protect the environment, all at once," she explained.

Social studies teacher Matthew Minnillo saw Women's History Month as an opportunity to enhance his American history instruction: "One of the biggest challenges we face as educators is how to take the curriculum the state gives us and tweak it so that students can make real connections between what they're learning and what they're living."

Two of his eighth-grade students attended the Women's March on



A bulletin board showing teachers dressed as Rosie the Riveter.

Washington in January, and Minnillo asked them to create video diaries focusing on their expectations, what they experienced during the event, and on their reflections afterwards.

Zelda Thayer-Hansen said the experience and the assignment both had a powerful effect on her. She presented her video to her classmates, "not because I wanted to force my beliefs on them, but because I wanted

to make them think. I want them all to find something they care about and act on it—fight for it—whether it's women's rights or some other issue," Thayer-Hansen explained.

Iman Isaacs also attended the march, which served as a bit of a political awakening for her. "I was never really political before and actually felt a little wary beforehand," she said. "But it was so empowering to feel connected to millions of other people, even at the rest stops on the way to D.C. and on the subway. It's nice to know that so many people share my beliefs."

"Now I have more of an eye for when there's inequality around me. Not just against women, but against anyone. I recognize it more often and hope that others in my school and community can learn from this, too," Isaacs said.

Eighth-grade student Josiah Jemison said he learned that "as people, we all depend on one another. We need to learn about the struggles that each group has been through so we can come together instead of separating ourselves."

Jemison, who had just learned that there was, in fact, a Women's History Month, said, "It does make me want to learn more about women and their role in our nation's history."

*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](http://www.chub.org).*

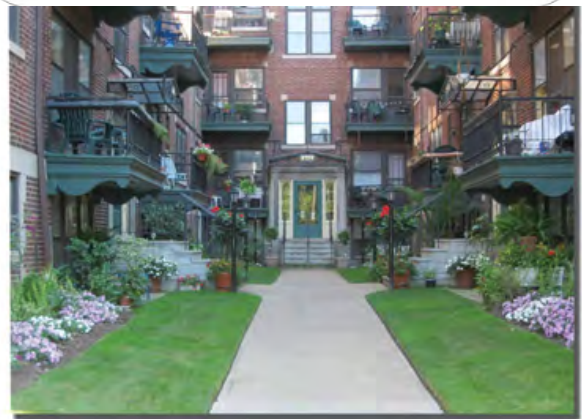
## SUITES AVAILABLE



Shaker Heights  
Cleveland Heights  
Lakewood  
Cleveland



- Large 1, 2 and 3 Bedrooms
- Walking distance to CWRU, Shaker Square and RTA
- Refinished Kitchens
- Hardwood Floors
- Parking
- Laundry Facilities
- Dishwasher and Disposal



*"All together  
sunny, spacious,  
superbly  
maintained  
and well  
located  
apartments!"*

**CALL NOW (216) 421-8400**

12000 Fairhill Road  
Cleveland, OH 44120  
[office@montlackrealty.com](mailto:office@montlackrealty.com)

**[www.montlackrealty.com](http://www.montlackrealty.com)**



**Allbrite**  
POWER WASHING COMPANY

- Exterior home washing
- Driveway & concrete washing
- Roof cleaning
- Fence & deck cleaning
- Brick cleaning
- Shed & gazebo cleaning

**NORTHEAST OHIO'S  
LEADING POWER  
WASH COMPANY**

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE:

**216-267-WASH (9274)**



## Heights Music Shop offers new line of Cleveland-made guitars



Locally made Atila guitars on display at Heights Music Shop.

James Henke

The Heights Music Shop, located at 2174 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights, is the only store in Greater Cleveland to carry a new line of guitars, Atila custom guitars, which are made in the Cleveland area.

The guitars are created by Atila Csapo, who lives in Parma. "He makes all of the guitars by hand," said Greg Hido, general manager and partner at Heights Music. "The guitars are definitely high-quality and custom-made, and his attention to detail is up there."

The pickups on the guitars are made by a man who lives in Rocky River.

Csapo began building guitars as a hobby about 20 years ago, and began making them professionally about a decade ago. Hido said that Csapo is open to any design. Some of the guitars that Heights Music

carries have more traditional shapes, like Fender Stratocasters and Telecasters and Gibson Les Pauls.

Hido added that the Atila guitars are made from various types of wood: "He'll use wood like mahogany, ash and maple, and he often uses different types of wood that you don't usually see in a guitar." The guitars range in price from about \$1,100 to \$2,600.

Hido stressed that none of the Atila guitars are made on an assembly line: "They are all hand-made and custom-built."

*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.*

## Cedar Fairmount district introduces parking changes

Kaye Lowe

In conjunction with The Fairmount Wine Bar and Barrio restaurant, ASV Services, a valet provider, has established valet parking in the Cedar Fairmount Business District on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 4-9 p.m. This convenience will be available to those who wish to visit any Cedar Fairmount business and don't want to park themselves. A drop-off and pick-up station is located outside the Heights Medical Building at 2460 Fairmount Blvd.

Each weekend through October, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the city of Cleveland Heights has granted free parking in the Cedar Fairmount Business District, wherever there are parking meters—in the public garage, parking lots and at street meters.

Currently, East Ohio Gas is replacing Cedar Fairmount Business District gas lines, dating back to the 1800s. This work, which has commenced, will take about two months. At this time sidewalks are not disrupted, and access to stores and other district businesses is unobstructed.

After the gas lines are replaced, the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District's \$1.5 million

streetscape renovation plan will get underway. The plans include new curbs and sidewalks, which will be expanded in some areas, removal of electric poles not in use, new benches, bike racks, trash cans, trees, and more.

Watch for updates at [www.cedarfairmount.org](http://www.cedarfairmount.org) under Streetscape 2017.

*Kaye Lowe is executive director of the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District.*

### Authentic Yoga for Body, Mind & Spirit!



**30 DAYS UNLIMITED YOGA  
& BEGINNERS' WORKSHOP  
\$59**

**(NEW LOCAL STUDENTS ONLY)**  
2319 Lee Road, Cleve. Hts.  
(216) 371-9760  
[www.atmacenter.com](http://www.atmacenter.com)



**ATMA CENTER**  
YOGA FOR EVERY BODY

@atmacenter108 f/atmacenter

**ReImagine Your Home...**  
Have a home in need of TLC or looking for one to make your own... We SPECIALIZE in that

**Imaginet, LLC**  
440.759.1771 • [hrdhomes.com](http://hrdhomes.com)  
In Cleveland Heights since 2007

Seasonally crafted menu and fine cocktails in a cozy setting

**Felice**

12502 Larchmere  
(216) 791-0918  
[www.feliceurbancafe.com](http://www.feliceurbancafe.com)

**NOW OPEN ON MONDAY**

**Privileged to help.**

**Betsy Warner, Agent**  
2491 Lee Blvd  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
Bus: 216-932-6900  
[betsywarner.com](mailto:betsywarner.com)

We're honored to serve this community for 25 years. My staff and I look forward to many more with you. Thank you for your continued support and business.  
**Get to a better State®. Get State Farm.**  
**CALL ME TODAY.**

**State Farm®**

1211030 State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL

**We treat your yard like family**

**Full Residential Tree Services**

- Tree Removal
- Pruning
- Stump Grinding
- Cabling
- Deep Root Fertilization
- 24-Hour Tree Service

**Free Estimates**  
**440-463-7379**

**ISA Certified Arborist**  
ISA Certification #: OH-6536A

**info.ripleyenterprises@gmail.com**  
**[www.ripleytreeservice.com](http://www.ripleytreeservice.com)**

**Careful • Knowledgeable • Neat • Professional**

**RIPLEY ENTERPRISES TREE SERVICE**  
COMPREHENSIVE TREE MANAGEMENT

**TCIA** MEMBER  
VOICE OF TREE CARE

**ISA** CERTIFIED ARBORIST

**ISA** MEMBER





**fabric · patterns · ribbon · stitch parties**

2026 Murray Hill Road, Little Italy  
open Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 6pm  
boltandspool.com

treat the mom in your life to a dream day of beauty

**happy mother's day**

indulge mom with...  
a european  
four layer facial,  
dream pedicure,  
swedish  
relaxation massage,  
and dream spa manicure

gift certificates available

**QUINTANA'S  
BARBER & DREAM SPA**

216.421.8380 • www.qbds.net  
2190/2200 South Taylor Road • Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

Neubert Painting gives you unlimited color and finishing options to create a whole new look for your kitchen — and at a fraction of the price of new cabinets. Refinishing cabinets is not just painting cabinets! Most painters paint cabinets with a brush and roller. Our expert painters prepare and refinish your cabinets with high quality coatings that are used in cabinet manufacturing. Our sprayed finishes are able to give you a “factory finish look” at fantastic savings.

**Expert Cabinet Refinishing**

**Neubert PAINTING**

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE AN ESTIMATE: 216-529-0360 or 800-545-1285 • NEUBERTPAINTING.COM

# CH Senior Center News

Amy Jenkins

May is Older Americans Month. Each year, the Cleveland Heights Senior Activity Center (SAC) celebrates this designation with a forum held on the last Thursday in May. This year's forum, Cleveland Heights: a Welcoming City, will focus on how immigration enriches all of our lives, and explore the ethnicity of those who make Cleveland Heights their home.

The Cleveland Heights Commission on Aging—an advisory group made up of senior residents whose mission is to advise CH City Council on matters of importance to seniors—organizes the forum each year. Past topics have included Arts in the Heights, Women Who Lead and Inspire, and Housing Matters.

The program will take place this year on Thursday, May 25, 1-3 p.m., and will begin with a reading

by Christine Howey, the Cleveland Heights poet laureate, and conclude with light refreshments. Speakers will include individuals who work with local organizations and immigrant groups. The program is free, and no reservation is required.

The Cleveland Heights 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](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

*Amy Jenkins is supervisor at the Cleveland Heights Office on Aging and the Senior Activity Center. She can be reached at 216-691-7379 or by e-mail at [ajenkins@clvhts.com](mailto:ajenkins@clvhts.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](mailto:info@universityheights.com).

**May 4:** Jason Hanley, vice president of education and visitor engagement at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, will discuss his work overseeing its K-12 and adult education programs. Hanley has taught courses in music history at Hofstra, Stony Brook, Cleveland State, and Case Western Reserve universities, published articles on music technology, and is also a composer and performer.

**May 11:** Robert McKimm, president of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Historical Society, will salute South Euclid's first century and highlight plans for its centennial celebration: a parade on Memorial Day, May 29; and fun-packed weekend to “Rock the Block”

June 24 and 25, including a June 24 street fair on Mayfield Road, and a June 25 concert by the Cleveland Pops Orchestra on the lawn at Notre Dame College, followed by a laser light show and 100th birthday cake for all.

**May 18:** Laura Neill, executive director of Ohio Light Opera, will unveil the lineup for its 39th festival season, June 17 through Aug. 12, at the College of Wooster, accompanied by musical clips. Enjoy the music of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Meredith Wilson and the others in this preview of the opera's 2017 season.

**May 25:** Ratchneewan Ross, associate professor and director of International Initiatives in the College of Nursing at Kent State University, will reflect on her life and career. Born and raised in Thailand, her parents stressed the importance of a strong education and respect for others; when she contemplated a career as an engineer they proposed nursing “because you really like helping people.” She recently was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.



**DON'T MIND OUR MESS!**

**VISIT US AND WATCH OUR TRANSFORMATION!**

Visit [www.cedarfairmount.org](http://www.cedarfairmount.org) or our Facebook Page for Streetscape Construction & Event Updates.

**CEDAR FAIRMOUNT  
BIG IMPROVEMENTS  
ARE COMING!**

Businesses are open and  
Special Events will be happening!

**VALET PARKING AVAILABLE!**  
**Wed, Thur, Fri 4 pm to 9 pm**  
Drop off station in front of The Fairmount.

**MUSIC HOP**  
**Friday, September 8, 6 p.m.**

*Upcoming Events!*

Concert on the Green

Summer Festival

Halloween/Fall Festival

Music Hop

Ribbon Cutting Event

**FREE PARKING ON WEEKENDS DURING CONSTRUCTION**



# May brings watery abstracts, musical impressionism to Heights Arts

Mary Ryan

From the changing hues of Lake Erie to the fluid grace of French classical music, two spring programs at Heights Arts celebrate the natural world through imagery and sound.

On Friday, May 5, *Christine Mauersberger: Aquascapes* opens in the spotlight gallery with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. A native Cleveland and Heights Arts working-artist member, Christine Mauersberger uses a variety of media to create pieces that range from small and intimate to room-sized installations. She has been the recipient of numerous fellowships and grants, including the Ohio Arts Council Award of Individual Excellence, a Creative Workforce Fellowship, and a Windgate Craft Artist Fellowship from the Vermont Studio Center.

Mauersberger said, “The *Aquascapes* series is directly influenced by my views of Lake Erie. I am always surprised by the transient nature of its color on any one day. I’m interested in creating beautiful images of water and light to evoke its timeless nature.” The watercolor and ink drawings on synthetic paper will be displayed through Sunday, June 18.

Liquid elegance of another sort

## Communion of Saints presents ‘Aladdin’ May 18 and 19

Amy Fischer

Now in its eighth season, the Communion of Saints drama program presents “Aladdin”—a story based on the folk tale Aladdin, which Disney adapted for the screen in 1992. The musical tale, set in Agrabah, centers around Princess Jasmine and her quest for a spouse. Not happy with her father’s choices, she takes to the streets where a chance encounter with a bread thief begins the adventure.

Scoundrels, buffoonery and mayhem, peppered with some trickery, provide a magic carpet ride to a whole new world of singing, dancing and fun.

The production features students from kindergarten through eighth grade, and beautiful costumes and scenery, all under the guidance of Lydia Chanenka, the show’s director.

“Aladdin” will be performed on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, 7 p.m., in Powers Hall at Saint Ann Church, 2175 Coventry Road, in Cleveland Heights. Admission is \$5 for those 13 and older. Admission is free for those who are under 12 and accompanied by an adult.

*Amy Fischer is a volunteer at Communion of Saints School. For more information call 216-932-4177 or visit [www.communionofsaintsschool.org](http://www.communionofsaintsschool.org).*



*Waves of Blue and Green* (2017), by Christine Mauersberger.

prevails when *Vive La France!* marks the finale of Heights Arts 11th season of Close Encounters chamber music on Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m. Cleveland Orchestra members Isabel Trautwein, violin; Joanna Patterson, viola; and Tanya Ell, cello; plus guest Patti Wolf on piano, offer the Debussy *Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor*, Ysaÿe’s *Sonata*

for *Solo Violin No. 2 in A minor*, and Fauré’s *Piano Quartet No. 1 in C minor*. Debussy’s late cello sonata and his teacher Fauré’s exciting piano quartet are masterful examples of French Impressionism. Following Bach’s example, Ysaÿe composed a set of six demonically difficult sonatas for solo violin.

The Sunday afternoon house

concert will be held in a private estate nestled in the Shaker Heights parklands. Advance tickets (with discounts for students and members) are available at the Heights Arts gallery, [www.heightsarts.org](http://www.heightsarts.org) or by calling 216-371-3457.

*Mary Ryan is on staff at Heights Arts, a nonprofit community arts organization.*



**Best French Fries in NE Ohio**  
Cleveland Plain Dealer

**Best Milk Shake East of Mississippi**  
Rolling Stone Magazine

**Best Vegetarian & Family Friendly Restaurant**



## Come experience the Assisted Living neighborhoods at Judson Park!

Judson Park offers a variety of assisted living options. From light assistance to full support services and 24-hour nurse oversight, residents receive personalized care in a warm and inviting setting.

- No entry fee and no community fee
- Consistently ranked 95% Overall Resident Satisfaction according to the State of Ohio
- On site rehabilitation, therapy, home care and hospice
- Access to all signature amenities on campus including educational, cultural and wellness programs

Located in the quiet neighborhood of Chestnut Hills in Cleveland Heights, Judson Park is just minutes away from world-class healthcare at the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals.

**To learn more about the assisted living neighborhoods at Judson Park, please call (216) 446-1845.**

*Judson*  
at University Circle



For more information, visit [www.judsonsmartliving.org](http://www.judsonsmartliving.org)



# ROXARTS 1950s-themed fundraiser is May 13

Nicole Tugeau

This year's annual ROXARTS community fundraiser, which raises funds for arts enrichment in CH-UH schools, will be held on Saturday evening, May 13, at the B-Side Barcade and Lounge in Cleveland Heights. Park your machine outside, do up your nest, and come have a blast at ROX Rocks Around the Clock, a 1950s' music-themed auction and benefit.

The evening will begin with a VIP party for cool cats, 6-7 p.m., featuring a signature cocktail, hors d'oeuvres, and an early chance to view auction items. The benefit and live auction will follow, 7-10 p.m. Guests can expect food from

local vendors, unlimited fine wine and craft beers, and—to cap off the night—the opportunity to bid on auction items that include rare-opportunity packages.

Attendees are urged to wear 1950s threads, and to plan on having “a crazy good time.” Pre-sale VIP tickets are \$75 per person, or \$40 per person for the benefit and auction only, and are available online at [www.roxarts.org](http://www.roxarts.org). Rosemary Piece and Kathy Blackman are co-chairs of this fundraiser.

ROXARTS, a not-for-profit 501(c)3, dates back to 1981, when a group of Roxboro Elementary School parents committed to raise funds for children's arts enrichment. Today, the nonprofit is a network of parents, teachers and

volunteers who provide educational programs and experiences in the performing and visual arts at Roxboro Elementary School and Roxboro Middle School.

The ROXARTS board was thrilled to add a matching budget for Monticello Middle School in 2016, effectively providing arts enrichment to every middle school student in the CH-UH City School District. ROXARTS also makes an annual donation to Reaching Heights.

ROXARTS works with teachers and school leadership to provide meaningful and engaging experiences that reflect the community's diverse population and commitment to the arts. Elementary school students, for example, recently enjoyed a Women in History program, a performance by the Djapo Cultural Arts Institute drum troupe, and “The Jabberwocky,” performed by



**ROXARTS**  
AUCTION & BENEFIT

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Great Lakes Theater. Roxboro Middle School students met Sudanese author Akol Madut, who spoke about the Lost Boys of Sudan. Monticello Middle School students visited Playhouse Square to see Bill Blagg's “The Science of Magic,” and hosted Cleveland native Humble G the Fiddler for a whole-school assembly and residency.

*Nicole Tugeau is a ROXARTS board member.*

**SUPREME WINDOW & GLASS**  
REPLACEMENT WINDOWS • GLASS REPAIR • ENTRY DOORS • SCREENS  
STORM WINDOWS • STORM DOORS

**GET \$25 OFF** ANY JOB \$250 OR MORE  
VISIT [SUPREMEWINDOW.NET](http://SUPREMEWINDOW.NET) OR CALL 216.371.3337

Must mention coupon code HEIGHTS at time of quote. Limited time offer. Restrictions apply, inquire for full details.

SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50 YEARS

**CONFLUENCE**<sup>SM</sup>  
Where cycling and yoga meet  
First-time clients only | One offer per person

**NEW CLIENT WELCOME PACKAGE!**  
5-class pack for \$50 (\$75 value)

[confluencecyclingyoga.com](http://confluencecyclingyoga.com) | 216-965-0310 | 1846 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Reprinted from Funny Times. Cartoon by Hajo deFelleger, Gagtoons.com

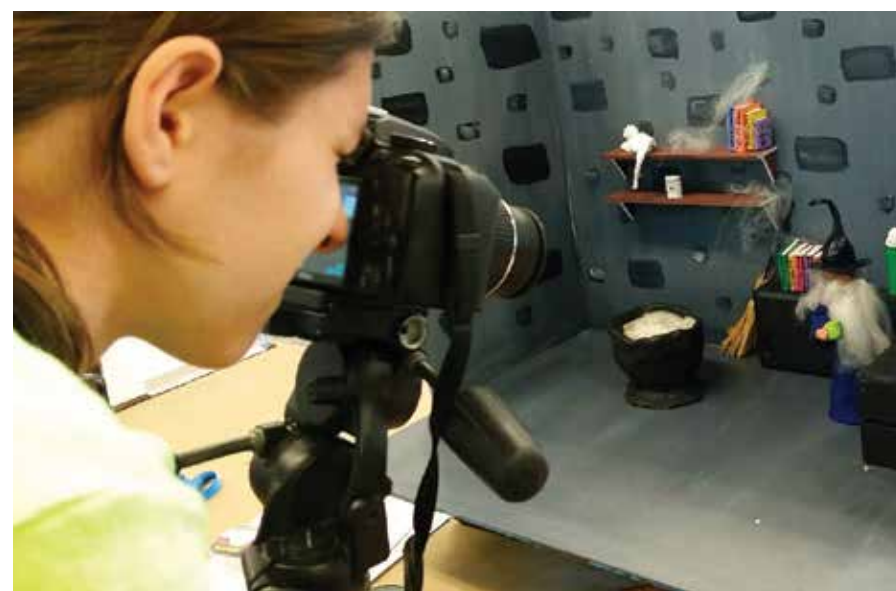
**She's your superhero, and ours.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM FUNNY TIMES**

Keep her laughing with a subscription to Funny Times.  
\$26 for 12 monthly issues.

**Funny Times**

CALL 216.371.8600 xHOT OR GO TO [FUNNYTIMES.COM](http://FUNNYTIMES.COM)



A student records frames for an animation project.

Adri Nerone and Cynthia Penter

Tiny Movements/Big Ideas, a studio at Artful in the Coventry School building, is offering summer camps and classes in animation, digital photography, and other visual arts for young people. Classes and camps will begin in May and run through most of July.

Beginning in May, the studio will offer two one-day-a-week classes in stop-motion animation for students in grades 7-12. The classes will run for eight weeks and cost \$270 for Thursday sessions, 6-9 p.m., and \$280 for Saturday sessions, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Beginning in June, the studio will also offer half-day summer camps for students, ages 10-14. Morning and afternoon sessions will run for two weeks in June, with another two sessions offered in July. Half-day camps are available in: stop-motion animation, June 5-16, 9 a.m. to noon; digital photography, June 5-16, 1-4 p.m.; 2D animation, July 10-21, 9 a.m. to noon; visual art projects for kids, July 10-21, 1-4 p.m.

Students who sign up for both morning and afternoon sessions should bring lunch and will be supervised during the lunch hour. Half-day sessions will cost \$240 to \$260,

depending on the materials supplied. Students taking the photography class should bring their own digital cameras.

All classes and camps will be limited to six students. To reserve a place, a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required. Brochures with details are available at the Coventry School building, at Artful, or can be requested by e-mail.

The two owner-artists named their studio Tiny Movement/Big Ideas because in animation the artist must first think very small—a single frame—and then, by making tiny movements, achieve the larger picture. The accumulation of these frames conveys the big idea.

In the future, the studio plans to offer classes and workshops for adults, as well. For more information, visit the Tiny Movements/Big Ideas Facebook page or contact Adri Nerone at [adrienerone@gmail.com](mailto:adrienerone@gmail.com) or Cynthia Penter at [viddhartha@aol.com](mailto:viddhartha@aol.com).

*Adri Nerone is an artist and art educator who loves animation. She has a BFA in technology and integrated media, and lives in Cleveland Heights. Cynthia Penter is a teacher and media artist who lives in the Forest Hill neighborhood of Cleveland Heights.*



[www.heightsobserver.org](http://www.heightsobserver.org) Call 216-320-1423 to find out how you can advertise your business for \$28/month

**Always Buying    Paying Cash**

**MICHAEL'S ANTIQUES**

- Gold
- Jewelry
- Glassware
- Paintings
- Pottery
- Military Items
- Sterling Silver
- Bronze Figures
- Clocks
- Swords
- Lamps
- Violins
- Porcelain
- Ivory Carvings
- Oriental Rugs
- Marble Figures

7 Days 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
**440-461-4611**  
**FREE House Calls for SENIORS**  
 Buying anything unusual



**Green Tara**  
 YOGA & HEALING ARTS

**Iyengar Yoga**  
**Stability • Vitality • Clarity**

2450 Fairmount, Cleveland Heights  
 (216) 382-0592 [www.greentarayoga.com](http://www.greentarayoga.com)

Book Flower Clown for your next event.



**ENTERTAINMENT**  
 440-944-0278

- \* Events and parties
- \* A fixture in the Heights

[www.flower-entertainment.com](http://www.flower-entertainment.com)

**Ardmore Tree Service**  
 Complete Tree Service  
 Year-round

*We Sell and Plant  
 Trees & Shrubs*

**(216) 486-5551**

- Pruning • Tree and Stump Removal • Feeding
- Firewood • Brush Chipping • Snowplowing

*Member National Arborist Association*

Free Estimates                      Fully Insured

**Heights Hardware**  
**SINCE 1911**



Monday-Saturday 9-6 - Sunday 11-4  
**1792 Coventry Road**  
**216-321-4701**  
[www.heightshardware.com](http://www.heightshardware.com)



**HARVEY & FRIENDS Bookshop**  
 2nd Floor of the Lee Road Library

**Fill-a-bag Sale**  
 the first Friday of each month.  
 All proceeds support the library.

**Great Used Books For Sale Every Day!**

[friends@heightslibrary.org](mailto:friends@heightslibrary.org)  
 216-932-3600 x1234

**Gutter Guru**  
 Professional Gutter Cleaning  
*Local Cleveland Heights Business*



Contact Brooks:  
[bmj386@gmail.com](mailto:bmj386@gmail.com)

**Shop Local.**

**Eve's Painting & Home Repair**

- Interior and exterior painting
- Wallpaper removal
- Housing code violations
- Tuck pointing
- Handyman services

*We are bonded, insured, and maintain an "A" rating on Angie's List.*

**216-387-0525**  
[llebles1@hotmail.com](mailto:llebles1@hotmail.com)

**DEBT RELIEF ATTORNEY**  
 Pursued and sued by debt collectors?  
 Stuck trying to figure out what to do and how to do it?

Contact Atty Gayle A. Belcher

216-242-9763

[gbelcher482@gmail.com](mailto:gbelcher482@gmail.com)  
[www.gaylebelcherattorney.com](http://www.gaylebelcherattorney.com)  
 34 years of legal experience

**Simon's AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES, INC.**

Complete Auto Repair & Maintenance  
 Import & Domestic  
 In Business Since 1972  
[www.simonsautoservice.com](http://www.simonsautoservice.com)  
 SIMON DAHER, Manager



*Stop in to check out our brand new repair facility!*

**(216) 371-2354    1830 Lee Road, CH**

**ViolinLessons**  
 in Cleveland Heights

**Marilyn Taylor**  
 (B.M., M.M. in Violin Performance)

(216) 200-9143  
[marilynmarkstaylor@gmail.com](mailto:marilynmarkstaylor@gmail.com)  
[marilynmt.com](http://marilynmt.com)



Hall For Rent

**All-N-One Weddings**  
 Wedding Chapel & Reception Hall  
 2373 Euclid Heights Blvd

**(216) 731-5808**

Garden Wedding Ceremony,  
 Receptions, Anniversary Dinners,  
 Family Reunion Dinners, Banquets, Birthday Parties, Retirement Celebrations  
 Call for appointments and tours

**Cleaning Service**

Serving this area for 20 years. We furnish all supplies. Married couple. Impeccable references. Reasonable rates. Bonded.

**Call Maid Convenient.**

**Days: 440-213-0850**  
**Evenings-Weekends: 440-234-0745**



**All-Purpose Soil Conditioner**

- Permanently improves problem soil
- Aerates soil and reduces compaction
- Promotes drainage
- One-time application lasts forever!

TO ORDER CONTACT: [linda@SmarteSoil.com](mailto:linda@SmarteSoil.com) or call **216-272-1689**

Now available at Bremec's on the Heights!

**St. James Anglican Catholic Church**



Sung Mass  
 Sundays 10:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Faith in the Anglican Tradition

1861 East 55th St.  
 at Payne Ave. in Cleveland, Ohio

[www.saintjamescleveland.com](http://www.saintjamescleveland.com) 216-431-3252



**CREATIVEMOVES**  
 SENIOR MOVE MANAGEMENT

*Your Move • Your Way • Our Help*

Rightsizing & Thriving-in-Place

**216-925-2393**  
[www.creativemovesllc.com](http://www.creativemovesllc.com)  
 NASMM Member • Bonded • Insured

**PC HANDYMAN**

PC and Mac Repair  
 End your computer troubles for good

Our "Managed Services" contract offers:

- Microsoft Office 365
- Anti-virus protection
- Online support and maintenance

Just \$29.99/mo

**216-236-8743    www.pchandy.net**  
 Based in the Heights



**SKETTLE ELECTRIC INC**  
 Ohio Licenses 12820 & 30281

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS**  
 LIGHT • SAFETY • COMFORT • EFFICIENCY  
 Family Owned Since 1985

**(216) 932-2598**  
[www.skettleelectric.com](http://www.skettleelectric.com)

2012 BEST OF THE HEIGHTS WINNER                      "Best Contractor"

**AMISH CREWS FOR LESS**

- ROOFING
- SIDING
- CONCRETE
- MASONRY
- CARPENTRY
- NEW GARAGE
- WATERPROOFING
- KITCHEN-BATH
- RM Addition BR -- Bath
- Attic-Basement

**ALL CITY VIOLATIONS**  
**New GARAGE from - \$9875**  
**216 -323- 0916**



**FAIRMOUNT SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

EDUCATING THE HEIGHTS SINCE 1988

3473 Fairmount Blvd.  
 Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
 216.321.5868  
[fairmountmusicschool@gmail.com](mailto:fairmountmusicschool@gmail.com)  
[www.fairmountmusic.com](http://www.fairmountmusic.com)

Meeting Space / Work Space



**cube**  
[cubecleveland.com](http://cubecleveland.com)

Ideal for Attorneys, Consultants,  
 Remote Workers, Work-from-Home,  
 Students, Off-Site Meetings

**(216) 245-9629**  
 Locations in Cleveland Heights,  
 Solon, Woodmere, Lakewood

**MJM Window Restoration**

Keep your historic windows and save thousands!

Sticky windows                      Weather Stripping  
 Broken ropes                      Cracked Glass

**We'll make them work like new!**

**(216) 321-7729**  
[mjmwindowrestoration.com](http://mjmwindowrestoration.com)  
 \* 30 years in the Heights \*




**RIPLEY ENTERPRISES TREE SERVICE**  
 COMPREHENSIVE TREE MANAGEMENT

Tree Removal • Yard Expansion  
 Fertilization • Cable Support  
 Pruning • Stump Grinding  
**(440) 463-7379** for free estimate  
*Mention "Observer" and get 20% off*

Certified Arborist                      Fully insured



# 'You know what's happening'



## SONGS AND STORIES

David Budin

This is my photo of a storefront, a hair salon, on Mayfield Road. Recently, a guy I know posted a picture of the same place on Facebook, saying, "What is happening to my beloved city? Cleveland Heights."

He received about 75 responses. People made comments like these: "Soon to be a slum." "Not the Cleveland Heights that I remember!!!" "Next come the tumbleweaves." "From what I hear, crime is becoming rampant." "Wow . . . looks like it should be in a ghetto somewhere !!! What an eyesore !!!" "On a steady downturn and it's been happening for at least 40 years." "It's not the Cleveland Hts we all grew up with." "Now entering East Cleveland Heights. Get used to it." "Looks like Noble Road." "You know what's happening."

There it is: "You know what's happening." Yes, I do know what's happening: Racists have a convenient platform—social media—and while they have always been around, now we can see who they are. References to "Noble Road," "East Cleveland," and "on a steady downturn . . . for at least 40 years" are not subtle code words. There are always comments like "Not the Cleveland Heights that

I remember!!!" and "It's not the Cleveland Hts we all grew up with," made by people who recall when the city was about 99 percent white, and wish it had remained that way.

The man who posted the picture probably is not racist, at least not that he knows of or believes, but people who post things like this bring out the worst in their Facebook friends. He said he was really complaining about the color of the store, more than anything else. Though, later in the thread, he did say, "Beauty shops on crack." And when someone asked, "What's the problem?" he responded, "No problem if you like East Cleveland Architectural [sic] Design and esthetics."

When someone suggested that the poster didn't like colors, he said, "I love colors and graphics, but there needs to be some oversight." Well, maybe—but, then, who gets to pick which colors are acceptable? If I get to do it, then pink is fine. The front of my house, in the Cedar Fairmount neighborhood, has long sported a purple front door and purple shutters. Some people like it, some don't. My wife and I do.

Mr. "Poster" then said, "I remember the city giving me a hard time in 1975 when I designed [a company's] logo and they wouldn't approve the signage because I used a few different type fonts on the logo name. Stoopid [expletive deleted]." Okay—well . . . you can't have it both ways; when you wanted to do something, the city wouldn't let you, but now you want the city to tell

someone else what they can't do.

Someone responded that she had e-mailed Allan Butler, the CH housing programs manager, about this little pink storefront, and that he had replied to her: "Ms. [name redacted]: From my knowledge, the City does not have

any regulations on paint colors, unless the owner/operator is receiving funding from the City. Thank you, Allan Butler."

A longtime Cleveland Heights resident, commented: "If you drive east on Mayfield Rd, out to Mayfield Heights, or to Mentor Rd., or on Chagrin, you'll find atrociousness everywhere. Sensitivity to architecture has not been one of the defining characteristics of Americans. On the other hand, if you drive two blocks south from this storefront (actually, only one block is necessary), you'll find some of the finest residential architecture anywhere in the U.S., and virtually absent in Mayfield Hts., Mentor, or near Chagrin. . . . And as you travel east down Mayfield, you find franchise restaurants, chain stores, box stores and other vanilla businesses. If you want independent, individualized areas, you almost HAVE to be in the Heights."

Another longtime resident responded, "You are looking at one building in the whole city and judging the whole community? That is very unfair and clearly showing your bias. . . . Years ago, I was very judgmental about the pink and blue color on a



A little paint on a tiny storefront has brought out the worst in some people.

house a few streets over. Then someone explained to me that the family was Jamaican and the colors were not the least bit unusual for their culture. They paid their mortgage on their home and could paint it whatever color they liked. I learned something about their culture and color palette and about my own judgmental self."

One of my own comments was: "Remember when Cleveland Heights became overrun by hippies? I do. I was one of them. Remember all the storefronts with multi-colored psychedelic designs? And houses and doors painted all different colors? And all kinds of crazy things on porches and in front yards? Was all of that okay? Why? What was the difference?"

My last question was a rhetorical one. Sadly, we all know what the difference is.

*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.*

## PLAY NICE AT THE MUSIC SETTLEMENT



The Music Settlement



5-Star Accredited  
Preschool, Day School,  
& Kindergarten



Best Music Instruction  
2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

The Music Settlement is  
Generously Supported by:



11125 Magnolia Dr., Cleveland  
BOP STOP, 2920 Detroit Ave., Ohio City  
Solon Center for the Arts  
**216-421-5806 xt. 100**



**ENROLL NOW FOR FALL & SPRING**

**SAVE UP TO \$50**

**WHEN YOU ENROLL ONLINE BY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
FOR ELIGIBLE FALL 2017 / SPRING 2018 CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Sort by age & enroll online:

**[www.TheMusicSettlement.org/all](http://www.TheMusicSettlement.org/all)**

**CAMPS: IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

**[www.TheMusicSettlement.org/camp](http://www.TheMusicSettlement.org/camp)**

**ROLLING ADMISSIONS NOW - NO WAIT LIST**

Half-Day & Full-Day Early Childhood Education:

Preschool, Day School, Kindergarten  
UPK and Step Up to Quality Accredited