Derailed diners to reopen as Clyde’s Bistro

Bob Rosenbaum

The three-derailed diner complex at 1975 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights is back on track, sched- uled to open around November first—not as a diner, but as a casual-chic tavern.

Clyde’s Bistro & Barroom, as it will be called, will be run by three genera- tions of the Mart family. This is the 11th restaurant for Clyde Mart, a 30-year restaurant owner whose previous ventures include Mo’s Uptown (Pepper Pike), Mo’s Downtown (Tower City), Mo’s Primo and Later, Gaylin’s Tavern (Willoughby) and Vito’s (Aurora).

His daughter, Vivian Gatta, of Cleveland Heights, worked in many of them and will be general manager at Clyde’s. Bryan Oddo, also of Cleveland Heights, is Mart’s grandson and Gatta’s nephew. He will manage front-of-house operations.

The new restaurant will offer ecletic comfort food, such as meatloaf, braised short ribs, coq au vin, and-cioppino. Most entrees will be in the range of $10 to $16. The south room—the former Dottie’s—will be the dining room. The old Sweet City Diner on the building’s north end is being converted to a bar, which will have a selection of craft beer and a dedicated bar menu, according to Oddo. Clyde’s will be open for lunch and dinner.

“It will be comfortable,” Oddo said. “You can come here dressed up for a date, or in jeans with your buddies.” To achieve that environment, the complex is being gutted and redecorated.

“There have been three attempts to run a diner here, and they haven’t succeeded,” Gatta said. “It doesn’t make sense to come in and try to do the same thing again; you’d get the same result.”

So why does this trio believe they’ll succeed where others have failed? Besides being adequately funded and run by people with lots of experience in the restaurant business, they’re following a formula honed by Mart over three decades.

University Hospitals to lease Coventry School building

The Cleveland Heights Planning Commission has approved the short-term use of the former Coventry Elementary School for computer training by Univer- sity Hospitals. UH will lease the building from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District to train hospital employees on a new electronic medical records system.

According to the district, the agree- ment will not interfere with its other agreement, to lease the building to the Cleveland Music School Settlement.

“We are thrilled that the Coventry School building was available,” said Ron Dzedzicki, senior vice president of op- erations for University Hospitals, “We had developed three selection criteria to use in our decision process, which were site availability during our required time frame, site with close proximity to

simplifying the school board race

Jim Patch

Interested in what’s going on in the Cleveland Heights–University Heights School District? Concerned about its future health and success? Then pay attention to the CH-UH school board race.

While perhaps not as glamorous as city council races, this race is just as important. The CH-UH School Board manages a bigger budget than either University Heights or Cleveland Heights and some may argue, shoulders bigger responsibilities. The future and health of communities are intricately linked to the education of our youth and the success of our schools.

In 2007 a group of nonpartisan Cleveland Heights and University Heights citizens formed an organization called Your CH-UH Schools, with the

Step It Up forum is democracy in action

Susie Koss

More than 115 Cleveland Heights resi- dents “stepped up” their involvement in shaping their city’s future by attending a public forum featuring candidates for the Cleveland Heights City Council.

The Sept. 16 meeting at Forest Hill Church was sponsored by Step It Up, an informal group of Cleveland Heights residents who came together last spring to energize citizen involvement in the fall election as a way to shape the City’s future. Bonnie Caplan, who was out of the country, was the only candidate un- able to participate.

Prior to the meeting Step It Up issued a Citizen’s Agenda outlining prior- ity issues, leadership needs, and the critical role of the city’s elected officials in making Cleveland Heights a premier 21st Century community. More than 225 people have endorsed the agenda publicly.

Mark Chupp welcomed the organi- zers, the audience, and the candidates for being part of “democracy in action.” He observed that a special strength of Cleveland Heights is the willingness of its citizens to get involved, and congra- tulated Step It Up for its leadership.

Candidates spent the first half-hour answering individually tailored ques- tions about the Citizen Agenda. During

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Step It Up recommends two for CH council

Step It Up steering committee

We are Cleveland Heights residents who assembled six months ago to focus on the City Council election in order to have a positive impact on our city’s future. We articulated a Citizen Agenda and solicited community endorsements of its ideas, interviewed each candidate about the agenda, and held a candidates forum.

Heights is fortunate to have ten knowledgeable candidates for Council who endorse the agenda, have expertise to share, but have differences that matter. The Step It Up Steering Committee is sharing its assessment of the top candidates in light of their leadership qualities, vision and appreciation of the issues articulated in the Citizen’s Agenda. We hope voters will consider these recommendations.

Toby Rittner and Jason Stein are excellent resources for the community and we highly recommend them. They have the ideas and passion to energize city government, and to inspire excitement and citizen confidence in the city and its future. They display respect for our citizens, an ability to listen, and a desire to reach out to engage residents, businesses, nonprofits and public schools as partners in creating a remarkable city.

Toby Rittner is a pragmatic idealist who will address current problems while working toward a brighter future. Rittner has background in economic development and public finance, and desires public-private-nonprofit cooperation. He advocates for a new master plan for the city, believes City Council should actively support and market the public schools, wants to overhaul the revitalization neighborhood groups, and advocates green energy innovations.

Jason Stein is a graduate of Cleveland Heights High School and appreciates the importance of the public schools to our community’s vitality. He sees an urgent need to unite the northern and southern portions of the city. He would encourage development in suffering business districts, especially north of Mayfield. His ambitious plans to attract businesses include incentives for green initiatives.

The Step It Up Steering Committee is not offering recommendations regarding the three incumbents. They have released track records for voters to evaluate.

Of the remaining five first-time candidates, Mary Dunbar and Cheryl Stephens have significant strengths that make them good credit candidates who deserve a closer look. Step It Up encourages citizens to become informed: Attend candidate events, check out the websites and materials, and see their interviews at www.youtube.com/stepitupclevelandhts.

Step It Up Steering Committee: Maria Haskell, Mark Chupp, Gina Cheverine, Carol Kalendor, Marie Augustin-Flower, Susie Kaiser, Robin Koonen, Lewis Poliss, Jeff Smith, Kevin Smith, Sarena Iqbal-Tabor, Elizabeth Wescott, and Ethana Woodbridge.

Peggy Spough

What is it for, anyway? As artist Carol Hummel and her small army of volunteers were on Lee Road and Larchmere Boulevard this past August covering parking meters and tree trunks with colorful crocheted cord, a common assumption was that Heights Arts was raising money to cover a throughfare.

This assumption is very thought-provoking. For one thing, why are artists so often asked to donate their art in support of a cause, instead of the other way around? Wouldn’t it be nice to hear your doctor say: “A portion of your fee for your gall bladder surgery will be given to an arts organization.” Yes! On another level, there are several causes that this project does support: We need to pay attention to the streetscape. Parking meters, for example, are ubiquitous. Why not make them visually interesting? The striped covers create a colorful repetitive pattern that demonstrates how to do that.

We can create community through the arts. People flocked to help out with this project, attending gatherings to make the hundreds of pieces needed to cover more than 200 parking meters and 40 trees. Some, like Carol and Tom Hanger, stitched pieces to trees in the rain. Ben de Rubertis abandoned sitting at his desk for several weeks to help the artist because he found working on the streets and talking with passers-by as illuminating as his calligraphy business.

We should support our local independent businesses. Small businesses account for 30 percent of our national gross domestic product, and they have even more economic impact in our own community. More than 35 businesses sponsored this project to pay for materials because they understood that an original and interesting streetscape is attractive to customers. Several hosted gatherings at their stores, which introduced new patrons to their businesses.

Another common question is whether the cord will hurt the trees. Fear not. No trees (or meters) have been harmed in this project. A very large tree in front of Cleveland Heights City Hall was covered for four years with no harmful result.

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Cleveland Heights City Council
Meeting highlights

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All council members present

2008 city audit accepted

Thomas Malone, director of finance, announced that the State Auditor’s review of the city’s 2008 audit was found to be acceptable with no modifications.

Police chiefs, juvenile judge meet

Council Member Kenneth Montack reported that police chiefs from the First Suburbs Consortium met several times with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Administrators Judge Thomas O’Malley about youthful misconduct. The meetings dealt with uniformly misaligned filings, better design and data input for warrants that require immediate ad-
mッション to the Juvenile Detention Center, improved police access to the electronic data system to make outstanding warrants available to officers, and the need to involve an assistant prosecutor for drug offenses that require immediate filing.

Monticello Boulevard

Council authorized application for State of Ohio Public Works Commission funds to be used for Phase 2 of the Monticello Boulevard (Bellevue to Nolte) capital improvement project. It will begin next spring with the state paying 80 percent.

HUD stimulus funds

In a situation requiring much compromise, council unanimously authorized the city manager to enter into a contract with Cuyahoga County for a three-year HUD stimulus funds to be used for public Works Commission funds to assist in the renovation of its space at 2340 Lee Road. The loan will be paid back over five years.

City to Danoba

Council authorized an agreement with Danoba Theatre for a $50,000 loan under the city’s Revolving Loan Fund Program to assist in the renovation of its space at 2340 Lee Road. The loan will be paid back over five years.

City code prohibits discrimination

Council Member Mark Tuma presented an ordi-

ance amending multiple sections of the city code to prohibit discrimination based upon gender identity and expression, and to change the word “handicap” to “disability.” Councilman’s and other protection for the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) citizens. Several council members expressed approval and pride in the city’s achievements in this area. A motion to suspend the rule requiring two readings passed as did the ordinance.

LWV Observers: Blanche Valancy and Katherine Solender.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009

CDQ8 funds shifted

Council approved reprogramming and reallo-
cation of Community Development Block Grant (CDQ8) funds as approved by the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). $23,000 will be moved from the Contingency Fund to the HECC Assist Incentive Grant and $20,000 from the Nuisance Abatement Fund to the five related Condo Conversion Funds for the E. Derbyshire condos.

Energy grant approved

A grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for an en-
ergy audit and efficiency improvements for the North-

ta Rink at the Community Center was approved. The $182,300 from the American Recovery and

Renewable Reinvestment Act of 2009 will allow the replacement of 90 lighting fixtures with energy-efficient models for $140,000 and fund a video to serve as an educa-
tional tool regarding energy efficiency in buildings.

Danoba banners approved

Danoba Theatre received a variance from city sign

regulations to permit four 10’ x 10’ metal projecting fabric sign banners, such as are used by theaters locally and nationally, at its new facility at 2340 Lee Road [Heights Library]. The banners will be changed for different theatre productions and as they wear.

Penalty to irresponsible property owners

Council Member Mark Tuma presented for first

reading an ordinance amending the housing code to enact a civil penalty of $50 ($100 for a repeat offense within 30 days) against a property owner for trash, yard waste, rubbish, garbage, or other debris on or litter on the law lawn, gutter, street, tree well, planter, or sidewalk in front of the owner’s premises at unauthorized times. Much discussion followed. Council Member Kenneth Montack was concerned that, especially in multifamily and apart-

ment districts, the ordinance would not distinguish between responsible and irresponsible landlords and that fear for defense and appeal process was needed. Council Member Bonnie Coplan spoke of the unfairness to the community at large and the need to use money to encourage responsible community behavior.

LWV observer: Blanche Valancy.

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Maryann Barnes

The University Heights City Council met Sept. 8 but, unfortunately, no League of Women Voters Cuyahoga

Area observer was available to cover it. Each month, members of the group attend the council meetings and write re-

ports that are then published online and abstracted for the Heights Observer.

If you have enjoyed reading the summary reports of public meetings, perhaps you would be interested in help-


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 Literary hauntings in the Heights

Mark Davidiak and Carole Wallencheck

If your enthusiasm for Halloween includes ravens and the original gothic vampire, you’re in luck. The Lee Road Library has two October programs to satisfy your cravings for the spooky and bookish.

Celebrate Edgar Allen Poe’s bicentennial birthday with the Largely Literacy Theater Company on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m. The theater’s co-founders, Sara Showman and Mark Davidiak, will perform “An Afternoon with Edgar Allan Poe.”

Davidiak and Showman illuminate Poe’s “brilliant and tortured life.” Born in Boston in 1809, Poe “spent only eighteen years of service. Director Levin told of being taught by Palda to use puppets in storytelling. Palda is known in both the library and school communities for her storytelling ability. She thanked the board members for their time

Library photo contest returns in October

Sam Lapides

Lee Road Library announces the second annual Digital Photo Contest, sponsored by MOTOPHOTO. Submit entries up to Oct. 24 at any Heights branch. The top three winners in each category (Black & White or Color) will earn prizes only redeemable at the Cedar Center MotoPhoto. Winners will be announced Dec. 12.

For entry forms at any Heights library, or download them from www.heightslibrary.org.

Rules:
- Submit a maximum of six photos.
- Categories are b/w and color.
- Maximum photo size is 8 x 11 inches.
- Mount all photos on sturdy, whiteboard, such as mate board.
- Photos donated by MotoPhoto.
- First: $250 MotoPhoto package.
- Second: $200 MotoPhoto package.
- Third: $50 MotoPhoto package.
- Visit the Cedar Center MotoPhoto for discounts on mounting and printing.

Cathy Hakala-Ausperk

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Student rights and responsibilities

The CH-UH Board of Education met Tuesday to discuss the state report card. Superintendent Heuer announced that the board will continue to work with the state system and its music program, with the Cleveland Music School Settlement’s use of the former Coventry Elementary School. Charles Lawrence, president of CMSS, said he looked forward to working with the board. The settlement’s use of the former Coventry Elementary School has been delayed. The agreement on the use of the former Coventry El-ementary School with the Cleveland Music School Settlement was “Student Support,” the topic translated to the work session’s agenda. Although the work session’s announced topic was “Student Support,” the topic translated to the work session’s agenda was “Student Support.”

New coordinator of communications

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Family liaisons support CH-UH parents

Louisa Oliver

Heights Parent Center has a family liaison located in each CH-UH elementary school to welcome and engage parents of new and returning students this fall. The family liaisons staff a Parent Resource Center which is open several hours a week. Parents can come and relax, have a cup of coffee, chat with one another and comb library shelves for community information and parenting resources.

The liaisons are available to help parents help each child be successful in school. Check the center’s Web site, www.heightsparentcenter.org, for information on the Family-School Connection, to locate the name of the family liaison at each building and the Resource Center’s hours.

As the year progresses, watch for free family activities at each school.

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Louisa Oliver is the executive director of Heights Parent Center.

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Kaitlin Bushinski

Walk through the front doors of Nela Florist on Noble Road and the scent of hundreds of flowers is an instant embrace. Surrounded by green plants and colorful arrangements, customers immediately know that all of their floral needs will be met in this sunlit shop.

Stan Soble, the owner of Nela Florist for 28 years, carefully cultivates the inviting atmosphere in his shop. He said he loves the business and that it keeps him on his toes.

“You never know what’s going to happen—an unexpected wedding or a sudden funeral—you never know what you’ll be dealing with. That’s the part of the business I love. It’s not routine,” explained.

Soble serves the neighborhoods of East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights, as well as the greater Cleveland area. “I do flowers on a regular basis for the Cleveland Indians. I’m also a main supplier to five different funeral homes in the area,” he said.

At the back of the store, Soble keeps fresh flowers—delivered daily from a wholesaler 15 minutes away—in a spacious refrigerated storage room brimming with every type of flower one can imagine.

The staff, consisting of four floral designers, creates custom arrangements, but Nela Florist offers more than just flowers.

Soble said, “Look around our shop. You’ll see full service—a ton of plants, a ton of stuffed animals. We offer fruit baskets, balloons, religious statues. We try to cover everything a customer could possibly want.”

Soble said that if the neighborhood has changed in the 28 years he’s been on Noble, it has changed for the better. He said he tries to do his part as president of the local business association, part of the Noble Nela Merchants Association.

“I try to stay involved with the community. I get to meet a lot of people,” Soble explained.

Soble believes small businesses are the anchors of the community, and that everyone should try to contribute through civic engagement. With his ability to provide customers with service and quality, custom work and his personal contributions to the life and viability of his business district, Soble’s philosophy extends beyond sound business practice into something more meaningful.

“It’s important for people to be involved in any type of civic organization. You can’t join all of them because you only have so much time, but you pick and choose the ones that mean a lot to you and you get involved with those. It helps you as an individual, and it helps you as a businessperson,” said Soble.

Nela Florist is located at 2132 Noble Road Cleveland, OH 44112. For more information call 216-451-8333.

Kaitlin Bushinski is a recent graduate of Oberlin College and a summer intern for the Heights Observer.

Super Deluxe opens on Lee

Heights Observer Staff

Stylist Bethany McDaniel takes an appointment at the new Super Deluxe Salon, located in the former Salon DM on Lee Road. Hours are T-F 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 216-746-9768. The upscale salon, co-owned by Fast Eddy’s and Crazy Mullets owner Ed Maddox and David Bruce, opened in late August and features murals by a local artist. The salon carries Aquage a locally produced hair care line.

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CUT celebrates five years

Stephanie Applegate

It was January 2007, and I had made a New Year’s resolution to “Keep it in the Heights.” To support the community I have loved since age six, I resolved to focus my purchasing power on the restaurants, shops and galleries of Cleveland Heights.

It was an easy decision—especially on where to have my hair cut and colored. Passionate reviews from my Cleveland Heights friends led me to Laura Jensen Griffith and CUT Hair Studio on Lee Road.

Apparently, I’m not the only one keeping it in the Heights. On Aug. 18, Griffith and her styling team celebrated their fifth anniversary as one of Cleveland Heights’ popular destinations. Although CUT’s clients are numerous, Griffith prides herself on the studio’s small-town feel.

I want people to feel that they can come into our studio and just hang out. It’s not uncommon for a client to walk in and know at least one person, if not more,” says Griffith. CUT is a microcosm of Cleveland Heights itself: diverse, community-oriented and personable.

Citing the city’s warmth and beauty as reasons for moving here last October, stylist Shaun Paul claims, “A new guest might sit in my chair for an hour and then at my dinner table for three. Every client is truly a friend.”

Karen Davis echoes the sentiment: “I’ll cut someone’s hair and then wind up in their garden for two hours. We make that kind of connection here.”

“I recently had a woman here who had just moved from San Jose, California,” recalls stylist Maria Petronzio. A client whose hair she had admired when they met shopping for groceries, had referred her.

“She had such a great time here in the studio,” Petronzio added. “She even commented how neighborly it was. Now she really feels like she’s part of a community.”

Griffith has come a long way from that first day in 2004 when her mother was her only client. She spent that day outside, greeting residents and meeting her surrounding neighbors. Today, her studio houses an impressive art collection from local artists as well as a warm and vibrant community.

“I really appreciate the people who have stayed in the Heights and who have helped make us successful,” Griffith says. “Our success is due to everyone: my husband, Todd, my family, my team, our clients, our neighbors and our friends.”

Contact CUT Hair Studio at 216-932-1220, or visit them on the Web at www.cuthairstudio.com.

Stephanie Applegate is a lifelong resident of Cleveland Heights and the mother of two boys. She also serves on the board of Heights Community Congress.
Frank Consolo
University Heights Mayor

Describe one innovative idea that would transform the city.

I will initiate the process of preparing a vision/development plan for the future of the City focusing on green initiatives and sustainability. The plan will include John Carroll University as a partner and I intend to reach out to other major institutions, such as Case Western Reserve University, in order to work together on solutions to neighborhood stability and University Heights./City of Cleveland relationship. As a community newspaper staffed by volunteers, I think that the Heights Observer has an obligation to work with everyone in the Heights community to promote the welfare of the Heights Observer.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter?

Yes, the proposed Charter changes are necessary to strengthen the public meeting provision, other than the establishment of an Administrator. I am prepared to work with the Council in order to make sure that all provisions of the Charter are followed and issues of local interest are discussed. The Heights Observer and its parent organization, FutureHeights, do endorse candidates or issues.

Susan Infeld
University Heights Mayor

What are the best qualities of University Heights, and what would you do to sustain them?

University Heights is a place to live with a wonderful diversity of educational institutions and institutions for help in strategizing not only with the focus on the rapidly emerging industry that includes John Carroll, Notre Dame College, Cleveland Institute of Art, and Case Western Reserve University. The Heights Observer is unique among publications in providing opportunity for many of the Cleveland Heights and University Heights communities to raise and discuss issues of local interest.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter?

I support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter because they strengthen the public meeting provision, other than the establishment of an Administrator. I am prepared to work with the Council in order to make sure that all provisions of the Charter are followed and issues of local interest are discussed. The Heights Observer and its parent organization, FutureHeights, do endorse candidates or issues.

Steve Bennett
University Heights Mayor

What are the qualities of University Heights and what would you do to sustain them?

University Heights is both small town America and college town within a large city environment. Small town America is evident through the Memorial Day Parade, the parade that happens around the block. College town is evident by JCU campus architecture, the flurry of student activity within the intercollegiates, and their green living spaces and classrooms, the excitement on athletic fields. As mayor, I will strive to sustain this quality environment through fringe program management and city operation to include seeking collaboration with other cities and when it makes sense to do so. I will also strive to maintain an open ongoing relationship between residents and the University by establishing a citizen's advisory committee to work with the Council's University Affairs Committee. As president of the Northeast Ohio City Council Association I have the experience working with elected officials from all over Cuyahoga County and beyond.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter?

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Neighborhood:
Belvoir Blvd.
Has lived in University Heights for 19 years.

Find out more online
Learn more about each of the candidates at www.heightsobserver.org. Find the candidates’ answers to all of the questions contained in the FutureHeights questionnaire, look to candiates’ Web sites and links to important information sources, such as the League of Women Voters CH/UH Voters Guide, video interviews from Step It Up Cleveland Heights and Your CHUH Schools, and more.

Attend community events:
Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
Candidates Night
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters and FutureHeights.
Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Blvd., with University Heights City Council and mayoral races first, followed by CH/CHUH School Board, then Cleveland Heights City Council. Signers for the deal will be provided by the Heights Observer. An MP3 Audio download will be available at www.chuh.net/swe/radio.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion - University Heights Charter Amendment
Sponsored by John Carroll University.
D.J. Lombardo Student Center, Jardine Room at JCU. Free parking in Belvoir Rd. lot.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
School Board Candidates Night
Sponsored by YOUR CHUH Schools and the Heights Fiji.
Heights High Social Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
University Heights Mayoral Debate
Sponsored by John Carroll University.
D.J. Lombardo Student Center, Jardine Room at JCU. Free parking in Belvoir Rd. lot.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
University Heights City Council Town Hall Meeting
Sponsored by John Carroll University.
D.J. Lombardo Student Center, Jardine Room at JCU. Free parking in Belvoir Rd. lot.

Talk online with candidates
Sign on to the Heights Observer Forum www.heightsobserver.org/desks/ and post your questions to candidates. FutureHeights has asked candidates to check the site and respond directly.

As a community newspaper staffed by volunteers and committed to equal access for everyone, the Heights Observer is unique among publications in providing opportunity for any member of the Cleveland Heights and University Heights communities to raise and discuss issues of local interest.

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Heights Observer first local election issue

FutureHeights, the nonprofit that publishes the Heights Observer, mailed a questionnaire to each candidate running for the local offices of University Heights Mayor, University Heights City Council, Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board and Cleveland Heights City Council. The following eight pages contain the candidates’ answers to questions, one from the FutureHeights questionnaire and one from a questionnaire of the candidate’s choice. Candidates were limited to 200 words and all photos were provided by the candidates.
Rick Adante  
University Heights City Council

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter as approved by University Heights City Council?  
I do not support the change to the charter which mandates the addition of a city administrator. The Charter Review Commission recommended mandating the city administrator position through the charter. That means that our city will be stuck with another level of government for a period of 15 years whether the administrator is successful or fails. Our current council has the opportunity to hire an administrator through ordinance if that is what they feel necessary, but instead, they decided to use the process of charter review to push for a structured government which gives the city council additional power and places a non-elected official who may not even live in the city in charge of day to day operations. The language of the charter specifically states that the elected mayor shall not have direct authority over the appointment of an administrator. It should be done through ordinance if council feels it necessary to improve the city. Through ordinance, an administrator could be added and deleted at any time for any period of time.

Please give one concrete example of how you propose to address one of the real or perceived quality of life issues: crime, litter, vacant storefronts, disengaged youth, foreclosures/vacant houses, population decline, public school performance, high taxes.

I believe home foreclosures are a crisis that current UH city council members are ignoring. This is an unprecedented crisis of historic proportions that is killing our neighborhoods. As a city, why aren’t we doing all we can to help families keep their homes? What if a person has a hard time keeping that home with another family as soon as possible - so that families don’t have empty houses next door to them, ruining a clean image of the city. Bottom line, the administrator is not a proven form of government and we should not be mandated to employ an administrator. It should be done through ordinance if council feels it necessary to improve the city. Through ordinance, an administrator could be added and deleted at any time for any period of time.

Neighborhood: University Heights, North side West of Warrensville  
Has lived in University Heights for a year and a half.  
Web site: www.rickadanteforcouncil.com

Peter Bernardo  
University Heights City Council

How would you work together with John Carroll University to balance its needs with those of residents?

The community affairs committee of the first initiative to provide a mutual sounding board for both the residents and the university. University growth is a necessity as it is with any business. This growth will have to be absorbed within the city. But it must be done in a way that provides for long term viability in the surrounding neighborhoods and the peace of mind of the neighbors. This require a well thought out and discussed plan with a time line that assures the neighbors that they indeed can raise their families as they planned without worrying about the value of their property or their premature exit from their homes.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter as approved by University Heights City Council? Please explain your position.

I support nine of the ten recommendations and am on record as opposing one. I cannot support any recommendation which removes power from the mayor, turns over that power to a non-elected official with no accountability to the electorate, and adds another layer of management and expense to the city. In my experience, I have never known that an additional layer of management made things more efficient.

Darren Carter, Charles Perkel and Nathaniel Pope are also candidates for University Heights City Council. Responses to questionnaires were not received by publication deadline.

Phil Ertel  
University Heights City Council

Please give one concrete example of how you propose to address one of the following real or perceived quality of life issues: crime, litter, vacant storefronts, disengaged youth, foreclosures/vacant houses, population decline, public school performance, high taxes.

I believe home foreclosures are a crisis that current UH council members are ignoring. This is an unprecedented crisis of historic proportions that is killing our neighborhoods. As a city, why aren’t we doing all we can to help families keep their homes? And once a house is vacant, is that a city that home with another family as soon as possible - so that families don’t have empty houses next door to them, ruining a clean image of the city. Bottom line, the administrator is not a proven form of government and we should not be mandated to employ an administrator. It should be done through ordinance if council feels it necessary to improve the city. Through ordinance, an administrator could be added and deleted at any time for any period of time.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter as approved by University Heights City Council? Please explain your position.

I do not support the charter amendments to reorganize the city government, as approved by City Council. University Heights is a small city. It is not broken. It does not need an overhaul. City Council’s time would be better spent working on more productive and less political issues. And I am against merging University Heights into Cleveland.

Neighborhood: Miramar Blvd., 17 houses from JCU  
Has lived in University Heights for 51 years.

Frankie Goldberg  
University Heights City Council

Describe one innovative idea that would transform the city?

I have approached John Carroll University about providing a community “tuition break” for University Heights residents and their college age children. This would be mutually beneficial to both the City of University Heights and John Carroll and would be a good will gesture to the residents of this community. The community “tuition break” would address John Carroll’s challenges of maintaining a steady student enrollment every academic year and the City’s concerns with keeping and attracting residents for the “long haul.” The college graduates who would benefit from this “tuition break” might be more likely to stay in the City because they would become stakeholders in the community. The “tuition break” might also encourage people to move to UH and remain in the area. This idea could also help JCU with its campus housing crunch by potentially having UH students live at home. It would be a cost effective plan for UH families and provide their children with quality education. A community “tuition break” would strengthen the bonds between the City’s namesake and its residents.

What is your plan to develop the local economy?

We need to be proactive and engage business owners within UH. Creating a local economic task force and/or a standing committee on council for Economic Development composed of corporate executives, business owners, and John Carroll University professors/students from the Business School to increase our economic tax base and develop an economic master plan. Creation of a grant/capital development position to find new sources of revenue. We need to initiate a marketing campaign to attract business’ and their clientele to this 1.9 square mile city as well as promoting city shopping by our own residents. We need to market and be proud of the local business’ not only in UH, but in the surrounding communities that add value and keep UH viable and attractive to residents. Collaborating with neighboring communities to maximize our purchasing power in order to save tax dollars and provide quality services should be our mission for the 21st century.

Neighborhood: Churchill Blvd.  
Has lived in University Heights for 20 years.  
Web site: frankieg4h.com
Anita Kazarian
University Heights City Council

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter as approved by University Heights City Council?
I am perplexed about Council’s support of this plan. A case for change has not been made to justify this change in our City’s form of government. The adoption of this plan will result in a larger, more bureaucratic and more expensive government that taxpayers will have to support.

This proposal will give the vice mayor unheard of control of Council members. The City Administrator, earning $100,000+ a year, will have no direct accountability to the electorate. This plan still keeps the existing mayor’s position and salary of $33,750 a year for a mayor who will no longer be chosen by the residents. This position has been eliminated and this Council decided to hand pick ten of the eleven members of the Commission, prevent elected representatives of the voters from participating. Finally, Council repeatedly said an elected council member or mayor does not know how to run a city, and yet, this proposal allows a councilman or mayor to be appointed City Administrator if out of office only twelve months.

I trust the wisdom of University Heights voters to elect a government accountable to them. I do not support this proposal.

Describe one way that you think the city could realistically work cooperatively with other local governments to reduce costs and/or improve services.
University Heights can reduce costs and improve services if it approaches regionalization with a well-chosen partnership and long-term plan, not randomly as is now done.

This will identify potential services that will benefit from regional cooperation, savings, then prospective partners. Public forums will ensure citizen collaboration and approval. The “business as usual” mentality is no longer a valid business model. University Heights streets need curbs and road paving, as do our neighboring cities. By collaborating with neighboring cities, we can form a buying consortium. This consortium will ask for bids and award contracts to the lowest responsible contractor power position. Vendors will negotiate better contracts with us when the stakes are high. Vendors, cities, and University Heights will all benefit from my recommended process.

Susan Pardee
University Heights City Council

Describe one innovative idea that would transform the city.
I envision a city that truly enhances the synergies that can come from our relationship with our namesake, John Carroll University. We have a wonderful asset in our midst. Unfortunately, relations with this asset have grown rocky in recent years, with little success realizing University City’s issues. It’s time to close that chapter and start fresh. We must develop cooperative discussions and begin to resolve the problems that separate our communities. One example of such a process is described in my posting to the Negotiating Agreement Without Giving It. It stresses separating emotional responses from the issues and focuses on shared interests rather than win-lose bargaining positions.

Once we achieve this better working relationship, our city should be known for the benefits it derives from our association with JCU. Just one such benefit could be allowing residents over a specific age to obtain $40-$50 savings on college courses for a nominal sum. We would not take seats from existing students, but rather fill out a class when seats are available. University Heights can be known as a city of lifelong learners. Residents will have a better understanding of, and identification with, our university, JCU students will benefit from diverse perspectives in class.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter as approved by University Heights City Council? Please explain your position.
As a Charter Review Commissioner, I voted to approve the charter amendments. The ten amendments range from the straightforward, such as updating the Charter’s grammar, strengthening the Sunshine Law section and eliminating nepotism, to the complex—creating the City Administrator position. This administrative employee, trained specifically in government, will oversee day to day operations while also applying specialized skills to broader goals, such as economic development initiatives and successful grant-writing. The Mayor will be free to lead long term planning, create strong partnerships that lead to program and service sharing, develop other resources, and resolve long simmering challenges such as the relationship with key asset John Carroll University.

Is your city too small for a professional trained in government? In the year 2000, according to ICMA, a professional was employed in 55% of cities with populations of 10,000 or more. How can we afford this? At $80,000-$120,000, the Administrator will cost 1% or less of our overall budget and the returns in service, quality and future development will offset this. But regardless of the result of the City Administrator ballot initiative, I look forward to working to move our city forward in the future.

Who are the community stakeholders in University Heights? What ideas do you have for how these stakeholders can work together toward common goals?
The main stakeholders in University Heights are first and foremost residents. John Carroll University and the local business community are also key components. A successful future requires that all parts of the community are able to communicate effectively with each other to the benefit and prosperity of all.

To this end, I have proposed a “good neighbor” growth partnership between the city and John Carroll University in order to foster an open dialogue between residents, the city and university.

I have also proposed working with civic and local business leaders to create a public-private partnership to identify and attract new businesses to existing sites as well as to encourage investing in new mixed-use development throughout the city. I want to create an economic development plan that brings a sense of order, cohesion and place to the city—and one that provides benefits for all the community stakeholders.

Finally, I believe that good communication is the heart of an effective government. And communication is central to the role that the city government must play in facilitating these relationships between the stakeholders, bringing them to the table, and developing solutions that fit the needs of all.

Do you support the proposed changes to the University Heights Charter as approved by University Heights City Council? Please explain your answer.
While I value the citizen’s efforts, I do not support their recommendation to change our form of government. The proposed city administrator adds an additional salary to our tight budget and interrupts our city’s chain of command. I believe that a qualified full-time mayor would be accountable to voters and capable of leading our city.

Our city faces many challenges, and I am concerned that changing the form of government will hinder our efforts to confront them. However, this November, residents will determine the future of our city. I am ready to work in whatever form of government the residents choose.

Overall, the reason I am running for city council in University Heights is to bring people together to make our city the first place young professionals and their families call home.

Phil Robinson
University Heights City Council

Who are the community stakeholders in University Heights?
I believe the University Heights community is made up of a diverse group of stakeholders. These include, but are not limited to, residents, businesses, institutions, schools, and local governments. Each stakeholder has a unique role to play in the development and growth of the community.

Residence is a crucial factor in determining the personal and professional interests of individuals in the community. As a resident of University Heights, I understand the importance of maintaining a strong sense of community and working together to address the needs and challenges facing the community.

The local government, which includes the city council and city administrators, plays a key role in shaping the policy and direction of the community. By working closely with local government officials, we can ensure that decisions are made with the best interests of the community in mind.

Businesses are another important stakeholder in the community. They provide employment opportunities and contribute to the economic vitality of the area. By engaging with local businesses, we can foster an environment that is conducive to growth and development.

Institutions, such as universities and hospitals, are also significant stakeholders in the community. They bring expertise and resources that can be leveraged to address specific community challenges.

Schools are another crucial stakeholder in the community. They provide education and social services that are essential to the well-being of the community. By partnering with schools, we can ensure that the needs of students and families are met.

Finally, community organizations and non-profits play an important role in providing services and resources to the community. They are often the first line of support for individuals in need.

Describe one way that you think the city could realistically work cooperatively with other local governments to reduce costs and/or improve services.
University Heights can work cooperatively with other local governments to reduce costs and improve services by forming partnerships and relationships. This could involve joint planning and resource allocation, sharing costs of infrastructure projects, and collaborating on initiatives such as economic development, crime prevention, and community outreach.

For example, University Heights could partner with neighboring cities to share the costs of regional planning efforts. This would allow for more efficient use of resources and would help to ensure that the community is better equipped to address challenges such as crime and economic development.

Finally, the city could collaborate with other local governments to create a more unified approach to regional planning and development. This could involve the development of a comprehensive regional plan that outlines objectives and strategies for the entire region.

The city could also work with other local governments to create more effective ways to communicate and coordinate with each other. This could involve the development of formalized communication channels and the establishment of regular meetings and working groups.

By working cooperatively with other local governments, University Heights can achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of services, leading to a more vibrant and prosperous community.
Karen Gorman-Jones
CH-UH Board of Education

From the Your CH-UH Schools questionnaire:
My vision for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District is reflected in my campaign slogans by ‘Restore the Roar.’ As a gradu- ate, former employee and now a parent in the district, I have experienced the district’s past, present and now and I want to be apart of its future. A vision where the community again believes in its schools and parents want their children to attend. A vision where no matter what student starts we have the necessary resources and services to help them be successful. A vision where students who are apart of the solution and not the problem, and if they need to call us, they can. My vision includes a district where teachers and students feel safe, supported and enjoy coming to school or work. A district where parents feel they are apart of our restoration. I believe 2010 is the beginning of a new birth for our schools and we will embrace this optimism. I hope the community on expectations and their role in the community is changing and we must meet the needs to keep our schools strong so our com- munities stay strong. I would like to develop a Round Table. In addition, we would schedule some retreats where committed stakeholders would lay the issues on the table and begin to discuss and develop some strategic plans to benefit both communities. Create a new convi- sion for the districts surrounding businesses owners to attract jobs, vocational training through innovative partnerships for our young people. We invite community partners through encouragement, engagement and increased communication of what’s working well in both districts.

If elected, how would you encourage citizens, parents to participate in decision making?
I believe the best way to reach other parents is by example and letting them know that we value their feelings and concerns. I am currently polling parents about their concerns and they are shocked to know that I’m interested in what they think about the issues. So many parents are afraid to get involved and some are also reluctant.

Sheronda Isler-Hunter
CH-UH Board of Education

Who are the community stakeholders in Cleveland Heights and University Heights?
What ideas do you have for how these stakeholders can work together toward common goals?
Stakeholders are: Parents/Community Organiza-
tions, Churches and Religious Groups, Home and Business Owners and Local Papers.
One of my skills is in creating bridges between people with enthusiasm and I think we need training and facilitating around some cultural diversity and socio-economics. We need this to work together. We have to work with the fact the community is changing and we must meet the needs to keep our schools strong so our com-munities stay strong. I would like to develop a Round Table. In addition, we would schedule some retreats where committed stakeholders would lay the issues on the table and begin to discuss and develop some strategic plans to benefit both communities. Create a new convi-
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Ronald Register
CH-UH Board of Education

Please give one concrete example of how you propose to address one of the following real or perceived issues: disruptive student behavior, vandalism and litter by students, student engagement with the community, negative perception of the public schools, enrollment decline, public school performance on state tests, condition of school facilities, the high cost of educating students.
I feel that disruptive student behavior is a major concern. To address this issue we must be will- ing to hold all students who attend school in account for their actions. This means establishing clear standards and sharing those with students and parents (and maybe through a written contract). I would use professional development opportunities to enhance the abilities of staff to make sure that they understand the challenges in upholding their responsibility for decreasing disruptive behavior. I would like for the community to buy-in and be willing to speak up where inappropriate behav-
ior is witness. In order to make this effective, an organization like Heights Community Congress could work with the district and community to train the community on expectations and their role in changing disruptive behavior.

Tori Weisberg Smith
CH-UH Board of Education

What is your plan to improve the district’s state test scores?
Look at the situation academically and target specifically those areas which are our borderline and weak areas. We must provide targeted sup-
ports and help for these areas as did under Deb DeLeacy when test scores were raised. In addition, we must assess psychosocial factors contributing to performance and learning. What current brain research tells us is that children cannot learn when their basic needs are not met. We must consider District practices, policies and programming as to their impact on the learning environment. We must consider our population in poverty and transience and the chronic stres-
sors living with these conditions produces. We must create an environment which focuses the student on learning in a way that supports posi-
tive behavior, supports teachers in their jobs, and reduces the layers of stress in all lives. We must consider the stress on teachers caused by “No Child left Behind” and the many testing measures we must now meet. Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs speak to this idea as well in that basic physical and emotional needs must be met before one can engage in higher order skills. We must consider all factors affecting learning when designing our 21st Century educational system.

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ment decline, public school performance on state tests, condition of school facilities, the high cost of educating students.
Discipline. Shift the paradigm under which we operate…from zero tolerance to instruction, from fear to hope. The message sent through current disciplinary practice is that the children, not their behav-
iors, are the problem. If you remove the child, i.e. from recess, from the class to the hall, suspension, the problem will disappear. This is a horrifying message to send our future citizens. You are not good enough to be here unless you do as I say. We need to be very careful with the modes of discipline we choose and the messages they imply and consider the collective histories of our demographic population. Instead, the District should adopt a model of instruction for appropri-
ate classroom and community behavior. In the same way we would assess deficits in reading or math, we must assess deficits in behavior. Behavior is the only area where the system’s design creates policy and practice which makes children completely responsible for mastery without ever teaching them the skills. We would not assume children could teach themselves math or reading. If they struggled in those areas, we would not take away recess or adjust them public humiliation. Yet, regarding behavior, this is how our system operates.
Kalman Zucker
CH-UH Board of Education

Describe one innovative idea that would transform the district. As the board representative of the district team which created the current CH-UH district vision of PASSAGE, Preparing All Students For Success in A Global Economy, I feel our vision is an innovative idea which transforms our District in a number of ways. First of all, it focuses on the success of every student — for more than just words, the action plan that supports this vision links program and outcome assessment to this basic goal. Next, it transforms the basic culture of the District, by refocusing every staff member at every level of the organization on delivering their work in terms of how they will positively influence children’s lives each day. And this focuses expands beyond the staff to Board members, families, and the community at large — we are all part of the solution. One innovative example of professional development supporting this vision is the addition of the “instructional rounds model,” an analogy to medical rounds in which diverse teams (comprised of teachers, administrators, support staff, business department personnel) of district employees travel between classrooms or work areas to observe and discuss best practices and problems of practice and how to deliver high-quality instruction.

MONDAY MEDICINE

Neighborhood:
The Noble neighborhood of Cleveland Heights, specifically in the Inglewood Historic District.
Has lived in the Heights for 20 years.

Cleaning up Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park on Saturday, Oct. 10
Joanne Campbell and Diane Mogren

Volunteers are needed to spruce up the Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park, located at the intersection of Euclid Heights Boulevard and Coventry Road, on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Each spring and fall, Coventry P.E.A.C.E. organizes a day to clean the grounds and repair the playground equipment at the park. The nonprofit organization stands for People Enhancing A Child's (now a Community) Environment and evolved from a Coventry Elementary School PTA group charged with rebuilding the Coventry School playground in 1991.
The group raised the funds to build the playground and organized hundreds of parents, teachers and neighbors to construct it in 1993. They have continued to expand and enhance the school grounds over the years, including subsidizing the playing field and building the P.E.A.C.E. Park in 2001. The P.E.A.C.E. Arch, installed in 2001, was Heights' first public art project.

“The park is a jewel of Cleveland Heights,” said Coventry P.E.A.C.E. President Erick Kauffman. “With help it will continue to be for a long time.”
Tools, gloves, lunch and guidance are provided. RSVPs not required. Come for an hour or the whole day. For more information, e-mail jc333@roadrunner.com or call 216-377-4332.
Joanne Campbell has been a Coventry P.E.A.C.E. garden and playground participant for over 13 years. Diane Mogren is a supporter and a former Coventry P.E.A.C.E. playground president.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District (the “District”) is seeking Letters of Interest from entities interested in the lease of the former Millikin Elementary School Property located at 1700 Crest Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121, in Eastern Cuyahoga County (the “Property”). Entities interested in leasing the Property may obtain from the District at the address set forth below its Request for Letters of Interest detailing the procedures for submitting a Letter of Interest.
Letters of Interest should be submitted to the District at the address set forth below not later than 12:00 noon Eastern Standard Time on Friday, October 16, 2009.

The District does not currently intend to consider proposals for the sale of the Property, it being understood that the District is required by law to follow certain procedures for the sale of District property. Entities submitting a Letter of Interest, however, are requested to indicate their interest in and willingness to purchase the Property at a later date.

REQUESTS FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND LETTERS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO:
Stephan A. Shergalis, Director of Business Services
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District
2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, OH 44118
Phone: 216-371-7171 x 2004 • Fax: 216-397-3885

The District will select the entity proposing a re-use of the Property the District deems to be in the District's best interest and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Requests for Letters of Interest.
Gary Benjamin
Cleveland Heights City Council

Describe one innovative idea that would transform the city.

See www.garyabenjamin.com for several. My favorite is the Kalamazoo Promise. I believe it would revitalize Cleveland Heights, University Heights and the CHUH School system. It would also force these entities to work together. The basic idea is to provide funding so that every student who graduates from CHUHS will get a 4-year college tuition for all 4 years guaranteed. The cost in Kalamazoo is borne by private sector. Similar plans are in existence in Pittsburgh and Denver and this coming summer there will be a conference regarding the “Promise” in Kalamazoo. For about $100 to $200 a person we could fund it here. When tuition is guaranteed people with children want to move in and have their kids attend our schools. When their kids attend our schools those parents will work hard to insure that their child gets a good education in a safe environment. With people moving in property values should stabilize and rise. This year, for the first time in decades, Kalamazoo enjoyed a population growth because of the “Promise.” No other city in Michigan, which is in worse economic shape than NE Ohio, gained population. In fact – all the other cities lost population.

What is your plan to develop the local economy?

We need to provide some incentives for small, home-based businesses - attorneys, accountants, architects, etc. – to move in. Other goals are:

Goal 1: Fix all potholes right now and commit to repairing any pothole within 1 week of its occurrence to the viewpoints of our residents at Council meetings. I will continue to encourage our residents to express their thoughts and ideas about what is best for our community. Cleveland Heights is the most vocal active and progressive City in the area with a strong tradition of involvement. We are where we are today because citizens decided to fight for integration. We support the Schools to demonstrate the importance of good recreation and to make our community a true Home to the Arts. I would continue to listen to the viewpoints of our residents at Council meetings - via email or phone. I would also encourage our residents to be on a City Board or Commission; to find a non-profit that reflects their interests and get on the Board; to organize their neighborhood and present their ideas to Council. Decision making in our community comes from many different areas; ultimately decisions are a reflection of the voice of the community.

What are the best qualities of Cleveland Heights and what would you do to sustain them?

The best qualities of the City of Cleveland Heights are our diversity, the quality of our housing and the neighborhoods. To sustain diversity, our City needs to continue to reinforce within our City and to the general area that we are proud to be diverse Our diversity is not just racial but in the many different religions, the socioeconomic backgrounds of our residents and our support of different lifestyles. To sustain the quality of our housing, we must continue aggressive code enforcement - systematic and point of sale. We must also continue to offer loan programs for maintenance and to continue to seek out funding sources that support our historic properties. To sustain our neighborhoods we must celebrate all that we have to offer by assisting with street meetings, block parties and responding to concerns quickly. In particular, the ongoing priority of infrastructure maintenance must be a consideration.

Go to: www.marydunbar.com

If elected, how would you encourage citizens to participate in decision making?

To encourage citizens to participate in decision making, I would first of all want to be sure that citizens who put forth ideas feel that their suggestions are considered seriously and implemented by the city, or that they are empowered to implement the idea, if either is appropriate. People in Cleveland Heights have lots of good ideas but getting things done requires a responsive government. Permission or encouragement should be forthcoming for good ideas. Otherwise, there should be a discussion of the idea and perhaps of ways to improve it. It is not that easy to make it happen.

I would like to explore the feasibility of having a Cleveland Heights financial and environmental sustainability summit; similar to what Mayor Frank Jackson had in Cleveland. If carefully planned and executed, this would generate lots of ideas from concerned residents and result in action plans to generate momentum toward becoming the excellent community we all want.

From the League of Women Voters questionnaire:

The three most important things city government must address are a lack of a vision, strategic action plans to achieve the vision, and a commitment to implement the plans. First and foremost, we must improve our financial sustainability, housing and other buildings, and schools performance. A vision and planning will guide spending priorities, allocation of resources and measurement of progress.

We have amazing assets in this community to build on. Through regional collaboration, we can maintain government services for lower cost. We can attract new residents and high potential businesses through planning and affecting marketing of our city and schools.

Neighborhood: Cedar-Farmount
Has lived in Cleveland Heights for 4 years.
Web site: www.garyabenjamin.net

Bonnie Caplan
Cleveland Heights City Council

Please give one concrete example of how you propose to address one of the following real or perceived quality of life issues: crime, litter, vacant storefronts, disengaged youth, foreclosure/vacant houses, population decline, public school performance, high taxes.

City Council has been working diligently with a range of tools on the aforementioned issues. A recent example is: we have purchased several two-family homes on E. Derbyshire and have renovated them into individual condos and are selling them to new home owners. E. Derbyshire and E. Stratford are currently in a revitalization effort by the Chappy and Parkhill neighborhood groups and we have been an active partner in these efforts. The City has purchased foreclosed properties and either demolished them or have non-profit organizations purchase them and restore them. For example: we have purchased several houses. For example: we have purchased, for $1 each, 28 homes from HUD and are demolishing some and leaving non-profit organizations, like HRCRC, buy some from us, renovate them and then sell them to home buyers. As another example: we have purchased several vacant lots in the Vinings development area south of Excelsior Road. We are working with the Vinings neighborhood group to renovate and sell the lots.

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Improving the Cleveland Heights economy depends entirely on keeping and attracting the best and brightest citizens. Cleveland Heights must have the reputation as the premier Arts and Culture Community, providing the best quality of life for its residents. We must improve our schools, decrease crime, implement policies that encourage entrepreneurship, support local arts, improve neighborhood and retail area aesthetics, implement an historic preservation code, reinvigorate Cain Park, improving recreation facilities, reopen the Benson and Cain Park pools. And, all of this requires new, creative reinvigorate Cain Park, improving recreation and retail area aesthetics. The Planning Commission is currently engaging in a strategic planning process. However, this is the first time they have done so in sixteen years. This lack of planning is reason alone to vote out the incumbents.

How would you work together with the CH-UH City School District to address city issues you identified above? Please restate the issue you are addressing.

Crime. The US Department of Justice has a program called G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education And Training). Their website describes it as: “a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. The program’s primary objective is prevention and is intended as an intervention against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.”

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I would like to lay the foundation for a more efficient city. Regional cooperation will have an immediate and positive affect for Cleveland Heights.

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A direct impact on the daily lives of residents, I would like to see the interaction and discussion between staff and the council. Many times watching the process works encourages people to participate more or to have ideas about requests/recommendations on the improvement on services.

Describe one innovative idea that would transform the city.

Cleveland Heights is ready for a major transformation over the next decade and I have outlined several innovative ideas that will drive this change. Cleveland Heights’ unique position in northeast Ohio provides for an uninterrupted opportunity for greener, more efficient development, sustainable investment and a major investment in renewable energy. Under my leadership, I will launch the Cleveland Heights Green City Initiative to make our community the most energy-efficient, sustainable, green-driven community in Ohio by 2013. This includes working towards the goal of converting all city-owned facilities to renewable, off the grid, energy sources. By achieving these goals, Cleveland Heights can position itself as a competitive, energy-efficient, sustainable community for economic development, real estate and community growth.

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We need to prevent children from becoming delinquent. Delinquency only leads to misery for its families, their children and our community.

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police can train our Cleveland Heights police officers in this program, the only cost would be “release time” for the training. I presented to council about this program and the city manager and almost all council members denied that there was a need for this type of prevention program. There was no follow-up. Have you read the paper lately? Sadly, turned out to be correct there is a need for this kind of program.

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Keba Sylla
Cleveland Heights City Council

How do you view recent residential and commercial developments in terms of overall planning, architecture, functionality and sense of place? What types of new development do you think are appropriate and realistic for Cleveland Heights?

I view recent residential and commercial development in terms of overall planning, architecture, functionality and sense of place, as a little bit old fashioned and not responding to the norms of the 21st green architecture and functionality.

I believe, small residential housing with new sustainability technology, more efficient in terms of energy should be encouraged in the city. Business building, storage and recycling buildings are also realistic in our city. Finally, public buildings must also be energy efficient to alleviate the burden of the energy cost for our citizens.

How would you work together with the CH-UH City School District to address the issue you identified above (public school performance)?

I will make sure we all work together. My plan to address behavioral issues in the city school district is not based on blaming each other. I will urge cooperation and understand that the education of our children is not a game. They are the future of this community, and our economic growth and development depends on their education.

As a city council member and a professor, I will work tirelessly with all members in the community and in the Board of education in the District of CH-UH School District to talk seriously about our schools’ situation. I will organize a forum and a school fun day to raise these issues across the community.

Neighborhood: Overlook/Boulevard area
Has lived in Cleveland Heights for 10 years.

Learn more about the candidates at www.heightsobserver.org

Mark Tumeo
Cleveland Heights City Council

Please give one concrete example of how you propose to address one of the following real or perceived quality of life issues: crime, litter, vacant storefronts, disengaged youth, foreclosed/vacant houses, population decline, public school performance, high taxes.

One of the more difficult and disturbing problems facing Cleveland Heights is an increase in anti-social behavior among our City’s youth. This ranges from lack of civility through disruptive behavior, to significant acts of vandalism and crime. While our police diligently enforce the law, the County’s juvenile justice is overwhelmed and seemingly ineffective in resolving this issue.

Through much of the City is the outside of the purview of the City, one way I believe this can be addressed is through strong neighborhood organization. When people know their neighbors and watch for one another, it is much harder for troublemakers to gain a foothold. I have worked with several neighborhood groups to develop a strong cooperation with our police, housing and community relations offices, and we have helped those communities to take back their neighborhoods. I am extremely proud of the “Community Liaison Program”—I helped develop, and in my second term, I commit to working to expand this to other neighborhoods across the City.

How would you work together with the CH-UH City School District to address the issue you identified above (disengaged youth)?

I believe the City must engage and work more closely with our school district to address the issues of behavior and disengaged youth. I believe that working with the City the Schools could develop volunteer service programs that could help re-engage our youth. Mr. Ken Hadden proposed that a technical training program be proposed that a technical training program be developed volunteer service programs that could help re-engage our youth. Mr. Ken Hadden proposed that a technical training program be assisted that would teach students construction trades through renovation of foreclosed homes.

The City has such homes under our HUD $1 Home and NSF Programs. Such a cooperative venture should be seriously explored. The auto technician program at Heights High currently assists seniors, and should be promoted more widely. We also need to work with the schools to address behavior issues and address ways the City and Schools can work more closely to ensure behavior problems outside school property are addressed.

Over the past two years, the City has made great strides in cooperating with the schools on issues of security. I am committed to developing even stronger collaboration with the School Board so that we can work together to meet the needs of our youth, while maintaining the type of behavior and civil order we value in Cleveland Heights.

Neighborhood: Coventry
Has lived in Cleveland Heights for almost 13 years.

Website: www.tumeoforcouncil.org

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Lopez marks 30 years with dish remixes, deals

Christina Klenotic

In late 1979, when Lopez first opened in Cleveland Heights, owner Craig Sumers said residents had far fewer dining options. Thirty years later, Sumers said Heights residents have “a lot more alternatives within 15 minutes,” including popular dining spots on Coventry, Lee and Shaker Square. Yet, Lopez continues to seduce our palates with fresh menu choices and one of the best patios around. Even the Food Network was smitten with Lopez’s southwestern menu during a late September visit to film for its “The Best Thing I Ever Ate” series.

To mark Lopez’s milestone year, Sumers created monthly promotions, including a text message campaign that alerts diners of new menu choices every Friday and offers up dining discounts like $20 off food purchases. (Text “LOPEZ” to 91945 to sign up.)

The effervescent SuMers exudes heartfelt affection for the city that has hosted him for 30 years, and ends each text message and e-mail to customers with the signoff “Love, Craig.”

“I still feel the same enthusiasm for the business and our customers,” he said. “What began as a vision, is now a tradition.”

Sumers said the new campaign has been a success since more than 1,300 people have signed up for the free texting service. He also said Friday nights have been busy with diners lured by the menu options referenced in the weekly texts. Promotions will continue through at least December.

The Lopez menu has “seriously changed” over the past 12 weeks. One to two new items are swapped into the menu each week, which have been a mix of completely new dishes like the pulled pork lettuce wrap ($7.50) and reinventions of old favorites like the tamale cake “Benedict” ($18.50). The format of the menu also has been revamped to present repeat diners with selections in a fresh way with the hope they will try something new. According to Sumers, “people don’t read a menu” since they are creatures of habit and often order the same selections. I am guilty as charged since I’m usually tempted to order one of my Lopez staples like the savory mushroom goat cheese quesadilla ($14) and lobster enchiladas ($19.50). However, I have not regretted sampling new items like the blackened mahi mahi quesadilla ($17).

Sumers stressed how much he values customer feedback via comment cards circulated by servers post-meal and the comment section of the website. Customers can win $100 for submitting suggestions. Sumers said he spends several hours a week exchanging e-mails with customers who have offered helpful feedback.

“I wouldn’t be sitting here for 30 years in anywhere but Cleveland Heights,” Sumers said. “I love you, too.”

For her grandmother, Christina Klenotic is a “good eater” who never met a carb she didn’t like. She enjoys sampling eclectic restaurants, galleries and neighborhoods, which is why she loves Cleveland Heights.

Kosher wines
Gems to celebrate the New Year

Loren Sonkin

This is the start of the Jewish New Year and this month, the calendar is filled with celebrations. For many in the Heights, that will include kosher wines. I decided to check out some of them and found a good selection at many area stores, including Heinens, Zagaria’s, Tabor’s Kosher Meats and Cedar Green Wine.

Kosher wines tend to be more expensive than their counterparts. I spent a little more on these than I usually do for the wines I review here. Good kosher wines are made just about anywhere good wine is made—from Australia to Napa, South America to Bordeaux. For this column, I am reviewing only wines made in Israel.

The 2007 Dalton Canaan white is from the Upper Galilee. It’s a blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Riesling. The aromas are gorgeous—grapefruit, lime and floral qualities. The wine is crisp and clean, with just a hint of sweetness. It retails for around $20 and will be perfect for the harvest celebration in your sukkot.

I also purchased three similar reds at different price points. The 2007 Barkan Classic Cabernet Sauvignon sells for around $9. The wine has notes of cassis with a hefty dose of oak. It goes down smoothly and is certainly a good value.

The 2006 Tikshri Cabernet Petite Sirah is a blend of both grapes. It has an earthy hint of cassis and black raspberries. Because it’s a blend, it was perhaps the most complex wine of the three reviewed here. At $16, this wine would work well on the dinner table.

The 2007 Golan Cabernet Sauvignon retails for around $20. It has a very nice nose of cassis, tobacco with a bit of bell pepper. I found it the best of the three wines, but by only a slight margin.

Depending on your budget, any of these wines would make an excellent addition to your holiday table. LIshana Tova.

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Dobama Theatre Grand Opening

Marcia Mandell, Marcus Dana, Fred Sternfeld and Mary Jane Nottage attend the opening reception in the lobby of the new Dobama Theatre.

Ride for Miles

The Ride for Miles drew more than 400 cyclists to celebrate the life of Dr. Miles Coburn, environmentalist and avid cyclist.
Western Reserve Chorale announces 2009-2010 concert season

Susan Marshall

The Western Reserve Chorale begins its 2009-10 concert season in December, but it is rehearsing now. The group meets at Grace Lutheran Church on Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights. Membership is open to all. Singers interested in joining the Western Reserve Chorale are invited to attend any Tuesday evening rehearsal or contact executive director Joanne Poderis for information: jpoderis@msn.com or 216-791-0061.

The first concert, Chorus and Brass, a joint collaboration with the Chagrin Valley Choral Union and the Cleveland Brass Quintet, will be performed twice—Dec. 11 in Cleveland Heights and Dec. 13 in Chagrin Falls. The combined groups will present music representative of choral literature from the 1500s to present day. The second half of the concert will feature the Cleveland Brass Quintet in works transcribed for chorus and brass.

The second concert, Cherubini Requiem, March 21, 2010, will feature the chorus and full orchestra in a performance of Cherubini’s “Requiem in C Minor,” Beethoven referred to Cherubini as “Europe’s foremost dramatic composer.” Schumann, Brahms, Mendelssohn and Berlioz, all musical giants of their day, agreed that Cherubini was one of the best. “Requiem in C Minor” was performed at Beethoven’s own funeral. The third concert, Romantic Classics, May 23, 2010, will be a compilation of famous sacred/secular Romantic era choruses, featuring the magnificent and melodic styles of Fauré, Mendelssohn, Brahms and others.

Susan Marshall lives in the Heights and sings with the Western Reserve Chorale.
**Community News**

**HRRC promotes financial literacy**

Kathryn Lad

Home Repair Resource Center has two special events in October to mark Financial Literacy Month.

**“Maxed Out,”** an award-winning documentary from James Scurlock that exposes the inner workings of the credit card industry will be shown at the Lee Road Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8. Deemed “eye-opening and necessary” by the New York Press, “Maxed Out” paints a picture of a national nightmare. “Maxed Out” will follow on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Lee Road Library.

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Kathryn Lad is executive director of Home Repair Resource Center.

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**Wise money moves**

Gail Jackson

Are you someone who works hard, gets paid, pays bills and then wonders where all your hard earned money has gone? Here are a few money management tips from the Home Repair Resource Center:

**Money Move 1:** Establish a cash reserve. You set the amount; it can be $50 or $500. This is to be used only for emergencies. If you don’t have a lump sum to start with, save small amounts until you do.

**Money Move 2:** Make a budget or spending plan. Monthly expenses must have to get paid on time; your credit will be affected, and you may experience unexpected utility cut-offs or calls from bill collectors. List bills you must pay from each paycheck. When you have money left over, determine how you want to use it. If you don’t have money left over, consider making a “crisis budget,” to reduce your debts. It reduces other expenses for a set time and allocates that money to pay debts.

**Money Move 3:** Learn about the new energy tax credits. It is part of Home Repair Resource Center’s HouseMender University series, and will also cover Energy Star ratings and how they can help you choose energy-efficient appliances, heating and cooling systems.

The event is free and open to residents of all communities. For more information call 216-381-9670.

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**Learn about the new energy tax credits**

Rebecca Stager

Thinking about adding insulation or replacing doors and windows with more energy-efficient models? You can benefit from the new energy tax credits. Michael Higgins from the Ohio Department of Development will speak on “How to Reduce Energy Consumption: Energy Star Ratings and Energy Tax Credits” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Lee Road Library.

Becky Stager is the education programs coordinator at the Home Repair Resource Center.

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Largest CH historic district in the works

Mark Souther

In recent years local citizens have nominated many Cleveland Heights homes for a spot on the National Register of Historic Places, an official listing of historic sites in the United States that are architecturally and historically significant and worthy of preservation.

The latest local effort was undertaken eight months ago to rename the Forest Hill Allotment—the Grant W. Deming Forest Hill Allotment Historic District. With more than 650 homes, this would become the city’s largest historic district. The district comprises most of the area east of Coventry Road, west of Lee Road, north of Cedar Road, and south of Euclid Heights Boulevard and Superior Road.

The district was conceived nearly 20 years earlier than Rockefeller’s Forest Hill name. Developed 100 years ago by Grant W. Deming, whose brother Barton developed the Euclid Golf neighborhood, Forest Hill retains much of its historic character as a planned garden suburb. The district was conceived nearly 20 years earlier than Rockefeller’s Forest Hill name. Developed 100 years ago by Grant W. Deming, whose brother Barton developed the Euclid Golf neighborhood, Forest Hill retains much of its historic character as a planned garden suburb. The district was conceived nearly 20 years earlier than Rockefeller’s Forest Hill name. Developed 100 years ago by Grant W. Deming, whose brother Barton developed the Euclid Golf neighborhood, Forest Hill retains much of its historic character as a planned garden suburb.

The nomination is pending approval by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board, the state agency that screens nominations before consideration by the National Register, a division of the National Park Service.

National Register status recognizes a place’s historic integrity and does not constrain property owners’ actions with regard to their homes, unless federal funds are used. The designation raises awareness and appreciation for the neighborhood’s historical legacy and may make property owners eligible for rehabilitation tax credits that may become available for restoration.

The City of Cleveland Heights and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office will hold a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. to explain the meaning of historic district designation and answer questions. The meeting will be at the Superior Schoolhouse, 14391 Superior Boulevard in the Forest Hill Allotment.

For more information, contact Kara Hamley O’Donnell, Historic Preservation Planner, Cleveland Heights Department of Planning & Development at 216-291-4885 or kodonnel@cchts.com. Learn more about the National Register at www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.gov.

Mark Souther, an associate professor of history at Cleveland State University, lives on Lincoln Avenue just south of Euclid Heights Boulevard.
Elizabeth Clark

Situated in the Heights Rockefeller Building in Cleveland Heights, the nonprofit organization Facing History and Ourselves will open its nationally acclaimed interactive multimedia exhibit to the public on Oct. 22. The exhibit, “Choosing to Participate,” will run through Feb. 26, 2010 at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

The organization, headquartered in Brookline, Massachusetts, produces classroom resources and educational strategies that promote student engagement, critical thinking, and a scholarly approach to the study of history. With nine offices in North America, and another in London, Facing History engages students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry.

Facing History opened its Cleveland office in 1999. In the past 10 years, more than 800 local educators have participated in the organization’s professional development programs, ultimately reaching over 80,000 middle and high school students annually in 190 public, religious, and independent schools throughout the Greater Cleveland area.

“Choosing to Participate” will bring together Clevelanders of all ages and backgrounds to think critically about issues of racism and prejudice. The multimedia exhibit highlights four American stories of individuals and communities whose courage, initiative and compassion protected our democracy and human rights.

Two companion exhibits will feature local community members. “Participation: Young Artists Speak Up” will display artwork from local students in grades 6-12 that show the importance of participating in the community. The other local exhibit, “Portrayers of Courage,” highlights individuals who have taken a stand on behalf of others. An extensive calendar of workshops and guest speakers will complement the exhibit.

“Showcasing the creative talents of our students and celebrating the people in our community who make a difference every day is one more way to demonstrate that each of us has the power to make positive choices,” said Mark Swaim-Fox, director of Facing History.

To learn more about “Choosing to Participate,” visit www.choosingtoparticipate.org or call Emily at 216-311-9220, x. 226.

To learn more about Facing History in Cleveland, visit www.facinghistory.org/Cleveland.

Elizabeth Clark lives in Cleveland Heights and is an intern at Facing History and Ourselves.
Disciples Christian Church connects with community

Ronald Werman

Disciples Christian Church worships in a casual setting with contemporary music on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m., at 3663 Mayfield Road (at Yellowstone) in Cleveland Heights.

The one-month-old “Connections” worship is offered the third Sunday of each month and is open to the community. A praise band sets the tone for the service with upbeat music, reminding attendees of God’s love.

At the first Connections service on Sept. 20, 65 members and guests attended and were inspired by the music and the message of the “next chance” of Lazarus. Pastor Kris Eggert challenged everyone to live life to the fullest.

“With the same attention to quality and communal celebration that provides strengthening, peace, and courage for those so that all who attend can offer their support for those in our community who are seeking comfort and prayers. Saint Ann Church is located at 3715 Coventry Road at the corner of Coventry and Cedar roads in Cleveland Heights. For more information, visit www.discipleschristian.org or call 216-382-5344.

Ron Werman is a Cleveland Heights resident and member, elder, choir member and communications chairperson of Disciples Christian Church.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick offered at Saint Ann Church

Carol Iott

Saint Ann Church will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the Liturgy on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. Vigil Mass.

The Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical and communal celebration that provides strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the conditions of illness. The sacrament can be received by all baptized Catholics who have received the sacrament of the Eucharist and who are suffering from serious or chronic illness, preparing for surgery, or suffering with emotional and physical addictions.

The sacrament is celebrated once a year. This year it will be celebrated at the Mass so that all who attend can offer their presence, support, comfort and prayers. Saint Ann Church is located at 2175 Coventry Road at the corner of Coventry and Cedar roads in Cleveland Heights. For more information contact Nancy Zoller at 216-701-7824.

Carol Iott is a member of the Saint Ann Church Liturgy and Worship Commission.

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‘Truman’ alive and well

Cleveland Heights’ Petland store may have closed, but Truman (foreground), the mixed-breed boxer dog who lived there through 2006, is healthy and happy. “All our friends here and say ‘Hey! That’s from the pet store,’” says Adam Geraci, Truman’s former owner. “His owners moved to Florida, and have remarried to Howell. Still gentle, sweet and stubborn, Hoover gets along well with humans (background), who were adopted by the family 10 years ago.

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