Sustainable fun at Open Green Mapping Party on Oct. 9

Sarah Wean

FutureHeights invites volunteers to help map the sustainable features of the Coventry Village neighborhood at a mapping party and launch of the Sustainable Heights Open Green Map on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 1:30 p.m. at the Coventry Village Library. A cross between an informal field trip and hands-on workshop, the party is open to anyone who would like to contribute.

Participants will venture into the neighborhood by car, bicycle, or on foot, to record social, cultural and sustainable resources and take them back to "mapping central," where they will be immediately uploaded into the interactive online map. All are welcome to learn the online system for future mapping in other neighborhoods.

"It's called mapping because anyone can take part," said Deanna Bremer Fisher of FutureHeights. "We want people to have fun, learn about the neighborhood, and help launch community asset mapping in Cleveland Heights and University Heights."

The event is part of Sustainability Week, sponsored by the Sustainable Heights Network.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let’s think of the future and make recreation cuts equivalently

In a few years, when the smoke clears and all this economic turmoil is behind us, we will be left with the results of the decisions we are making right now.

Once Denison Pool is gone, it’s gone. Do we want to bulldoze the city’s newest pool, one of only two public pools in the city, and the one serving the part of the city with the most children and the most poor children?

Cuts have to be made somewhere, I accept that. But let’s look at all the recreation facilities that we have, in all parts of the city, and make the cuts equitably.

Let’s crunch numbers, discuss solutions, sort through facts and let reason prevail. For example, the city cites the need for more pavilions in the parks, because of the high demand for them. Denison Pool is scheduled to be demolished to make way for more pavilions. Part of the reason pavilions are in such demand is that they cost $25 to rent all day, and are open to groups outside of the city. Is it cost-effective to pave over a pool in order to put up picnic tables?

Soccer fields and skating rinks are also wonderful amenities, and I am glad they are here. But soccer and hockey are team sports. Swimming is something we can all enjoy, and learning to swim is something all children should have access to.

Let’s put together a Denison Pool potluck, lots of people talked about learning to swim at Denison, their kids doing the same and people talked about learning to swim at Denison. Their kids doing the same and meetings nurtured by FutureHeights, and it promises to become a point of pride for anyone who lives and shops in the Heights.

Tickets to the party are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. You can make your reservation at www.futureheights.org. For more information, please call the Domini Foundation or the Heights Observer.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Heights Observer welcomes letters to the editor. They must be submitted electronically, along with the writer’s name, phone number and e-mail address. Send them to info@futureheights.org.

The Heights Observer does not take editorial positions. Though I am a board member of FutureHeights and chair of its committee to oversee operation of the Heights Observer, what follows is my personal opinion as a lifetime resident of Cleveland Heights. It has not been endorsed or supported in any way by FutureHeights or the Heights Observer.

Martin Lentz has been the Cleveland Heights Police Department for 21 years and its chief since 1974—will retire at year-end. He has a reputation as an innovator and leader—to the point that he has received numerous innovations now seem routine. But our city has some serious public safety issues. With gangs and despair in poor communities on our boundaries, armed robberies on neighbors’ streets, and the effect of 200 vacant/foreclosed homes, our police officers have their hands full.

I have high regard for the work they do. I am not alone in my concern that—while speeding is firmly under control on Mayfield Road—perhaps the criminals are gaining ground.

In 2009, a couple folks in the Fairfax neighborhood invited people to a meeting with public safety officials to discuss crime; more than 200 showed up. What they seemed to want was a different relationship between the police department and the community to protect. They wanted a partnership—to somehow participate in making this community safer and better.

But the message they—intended or not—was dismissed. They felt as if they’d be told that the only real problem is their perception that there is a problem.

If the police department now needs a new leader, I hoped our government would use the moment to bring a next-generation approach to the job—a strategy that seeks to engage those who are already protected.

That’s why I was so concerned in July, when I asked Mayor Ed Kelley how the new police chief would be chosen. Is there a city council that’s really not doing anything to fight it; it’s the city manager’s job and that’s the law. That struck me as a bit dismissive.

More recently, on behalf of the Observer, I asked the same question of City Manager/Public Safety Director Bob Downey (see page 3). He didn’t describe a thoughtful, serious process; he provided a bureaucratic brush-off, saying it’s just a civil service promotion based on an exam taken by internal candidates. The implication is that he has limited discretion over whom he appoints.

When I asked some simple follow-up questions, such as when the exam was scheduled and who is on the Civil Service Commission that reviews the results, he declined to answer, prompting me to file a disclosure request (now in city hands) under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

What I’m hearing is that the selection of a police chief isn’t really anybody’s job; it just sort of happens.

But I believe selecting a police chief
Bob Rosenbaum

The chairman of the Observer’s editorial committee asked City Manager Robert Downey the following questions: Given the pending retirement of Police Chief Martin Lentz, what is the process for selecting the new police chief? How are these criteria deemed of high importance for the next chief, and how were those criteria established? Robert Downey’s answers follow.

At the end of this year, Police Chief Martin Lentz will be retiring after many years of dedication. As the residents of Cleveland Heights well know, Chief Lentz has served our community with distinction. His firm grasp of the law and his work ethic and discipline have set the standard for the entire police force. His understanding of our diverse community has been a vital part of our city’s success and stability. Regionally, he has worked collaboratively with other law enforcement agencies for the good of our residents.

Over time, he has instituted numerous innovations that have been copied by other cities throughout the country, such as officers who live in our community taking their cars home and parking them in front of their homes for visibility, computerized in every police car linked to law enforcement databases, and the creation of a bomb squad unit. In addition, he established the Police Academy that has trained officers from all over the region. The academy has received the highest ratings for education and training.

Our goal is that the next chief will be able to continue this tradition of excellence and dedication. Our expectation is that the next chief will continue to maintain our innovative programming and the discipline of our day-to-day operations. In addition, as technology adapts and evolves we anticipate that it will continue to bring improvements to the police department and the safety of our community.

Under the city’s Charter and Codified Ordinances, the position of police chief is a “classified” position and is governed by the city’s Civil Service Rules and Regulations and by state law. Therefore, the process for appointing a police chief is through promotional examination. The people eligible to take the examination are those who have served as police captains on the force for at least 12 months. The exam is provided by IPMA (International Public Management Association), an independent testing service. The results are reviewed by the Civil Service Commission (consisting of three Cleveland Heights residents) and they certify the results. The commission then gives the results to the city manager and a police chief is selected.

The city council and city manager are confident that the police department will continue to be the finest in the area. On Sept. 23, Bob Rosenbaum, at a regular Observer volunteer and the individual who handled this correspondence, asked these follow-up questions:

Has the civil service exam been administered yet? When?
Is there a hiring freeze? If so, how many people is it? If not, will there be a freeze? If so, when?
Who are the three members of the Civil Service Commission?
When is the commission scheduled to meet to review test results? (The meeting didn’t appear on the city’s online calendar, which showed events only through September)
When do you intend to make a selection?
When are the results presented to you, what kind of latitude do you have in making the decision? Do you need to accept the highest score, or are you able to consider other factors?
If so, what other factors, specifically, will you consider to be most important?
Perhaps rendering all of this moot, do you know yet who the next police chief is, or who it is likely to be?

Downey’s response was, “This is the city’s response at this time. More information in a couple of weeks.”
University Heights City Council Meeting highlights

SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 23, 2010
All council members were present.

JCU zoning decision appeal
Residents of Carroll Boulevard and Kerwick Road had an appeal on the Board of Zoning Adjustment’s (BZA) decision to approve a “transitional use special permit” allowing John Carroll University (JCU) to use the residential property at 4070 Carroll Boulevard for ROTC offices and administrative activities with conditions.

Planned use of the property
The docket, now owned by the university, would house approximately 10 offices for faculty and staff to be used during daytime hours. No classes would be held, nor any weapons or military vehicles kept there. Students might come to speak with a professor. The house is across the street from the Dolan Science Center and adjacent to a parking lot on one side and homes on the other: JCU plans to replace the roof and make some minor alterations inside. On the exterior, JCU might add a flagpole.

No action taken
Council tabled the decision, but Law Director Ken Fisher noted that the appeal must be decided upon at the next council meeting on Sept. 7.

Eastside Departments Group Enforcement
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Garage and residential sales
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Council discussion
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Free smoke detectors for UH residents

Anita Kazarian

Each year, nearly 5,000 people in the United States die in home fires. Over half of these deaths occurred in homes with no, or not working, smoke alarms. These are the grim statistics from the National Fire Protection Association.

Do you have a smoke detector in your home? Is it in good working condition?

This year’s Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, aims to educate people about “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With.” Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in half, and as a resident of University Heights, you can get them for free.

For the past 23 years, University Heights has had an ongoing program to give and install free smoke detectors to any UH resident who requests one, while supplies last.

Typically, most houses need about six smoke detectors, one for each level, including the basement, and one in each bedroom. How many do you have?

A sign posted in front of the University Heights City Hall in October, reminds people to set their clocks back to standard time and, more importantly, to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. When was the last time you changed the batteries in your smoke detectors?

According to Executive Captain Steve G. Ineman, a 28-year veteran of the UH Fire Department, the age of your smoke detectors matters. While the battery component may work for as long as 20 years with a new battery annually, the smoke sensor in the unit may not.

Ineman said the smoke sensor in the unit is different and has a shorter shelf life. “Just because your battery works, doesn’t mean the sensor for the smoke is still calibrated to get you out in time.” Smoke detectors typically have a shelf life of five years. How old are your smoke detectors?

Last year, when University Heights had its first house fire fatalities in over 30 years, Captain Ineman applied for, and was granted, a purchase state-of-the-art smoke detectors for UH residents.

“We are taking a proactive approach to these horrific incidences,” Ineman wrote in the grant application.

With nearly $82,000 in grant money, the UH Fire Department purchased 1,883 First Alert combination ionization and photoelectric smoke detectors. Each unit is equipped with a 10-year lithium battery, eliminating the annual battery changing ritual. The UH Fire Department will install a smoke detector and provide a free fire home safety inspection. But you have to call with your request. Contact the fire department at 216-321-1939. Today! Right now!

Anita Kazarian is a marketing professional, a 29-year resident of University Heights, and a frequent contributor to the Heights Observer.

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Noble Library surplus sale announced

Dean Schnurr

During the September board meeting of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, members voted to hold a surplus sale at the Noble Neighborhood Library as part of the renovation process. As part of the renovation, we will be replacing most of the furniture, including tables, chairs and display units,” said Library Director Nancy Levin. “Some of the current furniture will be reused in other buildings, but there is also a substantial portion that will be made available to the general public through a surplus sale.”

Items available include chairs, desks, tables, stands, study carrels and much more. For a complete list of items currently available, refer to the website, www.heightslibrary.org/page/surplus.

The surplus sale will be held on Monday, Oct. 11. Doors will open to the public at 10 a.m. and the sale will conclude at 2 p.m. All purchased items must be removed on Oct. 11 and all sales must be completed in cash.

Community members must arrange for removal and transportation of any items that are purchased.

Dean Schnurr is the marketing and community relations manager for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library.

Library holds third annual photography contest

Dean Schnurr

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library is excited to announce its third annual photography contest, sponsored by Cedar Center Motophoto.

Submissions for the contest will be accepted from Sept. 1 through Oct. 30. Participants may drop off submissions at any of the Heights Libraries. A total of three photos may be submitted by each person. Submission may be color or black and white and must be mounted onto white 8 1/2 x 11 sturdy matte board. Photos must be no larger than 8 x 10. A completed entry form must be attached to the back of the matte board.

For complete instructions and submission forms, please see the Heights Library website, www.heightslibrary.org/page/photoscontest.

Beginning Oct. 31, the finalists will be displayed as a traveling exhibition at each branch so that the public can vote for their favorites.

Five prizes will be awarded to the best overall photographs (color or black and white). All prizes will be redeemable only at Cedar Center Motophoto. Winners will be announced on Nov. 29.

The first-prize winner will receive a one-year membership to Motophoto’s ClubMoto, one portrait session and one 10 x 13 portrait, 50 free 4 x 6 prints from digital media, a 10 percent-off coupon for an enlargement printed up to 24 x 36, and a $25 gift certificate toward a custom frame order. A full list of prizes is available at the library website.

All participants are welcome to stop by the Cedar Center Motophoto for 10 percent discounts on prints and 25 percent off fee per image.

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What’s going on at your library?

Coventry Village Library

1923 Coventry Road, 216-321-3400

Baby Sitting Clinic, Oct. 13-15, 4 p.m.

Stop Out of Time, Thursday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

Babysign Language, Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.

Video Games for Wii Kids, Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Lee Road Library

2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Current issues, Thursdays, Oct. 7 & 21, 7 p.m.

Little Songs, Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

Treasures of Heaven: An Introduction, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.

Library After Dark: Teen Costume Party, Saturday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m.

University Heights Library

13866 Cedar Road, 216-321-4700

The Senior Spot, Wednesdays, Oct. 6-27, 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Knitting Circle, Thursdays, Oct. 7 & 21, 6:45 p.m.

Mystery Evening: Tana French’s In the Woods, Thursday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

Cedar Center Whole Foods Market

1399 Cedar Road, 216-932-3918

Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

New writers clubs for youth

Cynthia Larson

This fall Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library and Lake Erie Ink are presenting four creative writing workshops for youth.

In the Middle Writers club (4th-5th grade) meets each week from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Coventry Village on Mondays, University Heights on Tuesdays, and Lee Road on Wednesdays.

The Teen Writers club (6th-12th grade) meets every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lee Road.

These programs are free and are funded by the Heights Library, Reaching Heights, and other community partners. Students may attend every week through Nov. 17, or participate on a drop-in basis.

The writers clubs will explore a variety of genres, while remaining true to Lake Erie Ink’s primary objectives of giving youth a voice, a space to experience the power of creative expression, and an audience (by sharing their work orally and in a published anthology). The writers clubs are not only for students who already love writing, but also for students who have a lot to say and sometimes feel as if no one is listening.

The writers clubs and Lake Erie Ink are an outgrowth of the poetry club programs formerly held in free CH-UH schools, and were facilitated by Amy Rosenbluth and Cynthia Larsen.

Lake Erie Ink and Heights Library are seeking volunteers to help with the afternoon groups. All you need is a sense of humor and an open mind.

For more information, e-mail cynthia_larsen@sbcglobal.net or go to www.heightslibrary.org/pdf/heights_writers.pdf

Cynthia Larson is a Heights resident and a guerrilla writing teacher in Cleveland Heights, who engages in small skirmishes to protect and revitalize the role of creative writing in education.

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**Heights IBA seeks members**

Alex Quintana and Dawn Mongelluzzi Quintana

The newly formed Heights Independent Business Alliance (HIBA) is seeking members. Business owners, nonprofits, community organizations and concerned citizens are invited to join us in the effort to strengthen our local economy.

The Heights Independent Business Alliance works to build a vital Heights economy based on independent, locally owned businesses. HIBA unites locally owned independent businesses, citizens and community organizations to support the unique culture of the Heights through public education; cooperative promotion, advertising and purchasing; by creating a strong and uncompromising voice for one-of-a-kind independent businesses; and by engaging citizens in guiding the future of the community.

HIBA is looking forward to moving ahead with new initiatives, but needs community support. Now through Nov. 1, HIBA is offering a charter membership special of $80. It will be $100 after Nov. 1.

For more information and to obtain a membership form, visit www.shophiba.com. Visit HIBA's Facebook Fan page, www.facebook.com/shophiba, to show your support by hitting “LIKE,” posting news from your business, or posting other news that our community should be aware of.

Join us for our formal launch party at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 18, at the Future Heights 2010 Best of Heights Awards. Find out which are the favorites among Heights residents, and show your support. Tickets are $2 in advance. The event will be held at Motorcars Toyota, 2950 Mayfield Road. For more information, visit www.futureheights.org.

Alex Quintana and Dawn Mongelluzzi Quintana are owners of Quintana's Barber and Dream Spa on Taylor Road and cofounders of the Heights Independent Business Alliance.

**Sundaez adds jewelry line**

Kelli Fontenot

A new jewelry line featuring costume, modern and sterling accessories is what Sundaez Tanning owner Pamela Cooper calls a "hidden treasure trove" in Cleveland Heights.

Cooper's enthusiasm for the gems is evident. Grinning with excitement, she holds up a cameo pin, fishes around in the basket of options for a moment, and then brandishes a pair of steely silver hoop earrings and a shiny braided bracelet. "This one is from Italy," she said in a hushed tone, folding the delicate bauble over in her fingers. "I put out a lot of different styles—vintage, pearl, artsy pieces. There's an assortment and something for everyone. That's part of finding a treasure."

From classic sterling silver chains to sassy clip-on earrings, the range of styles in Cooper's new jewelry line aims to please both newcomers and the savvy shopper awaiting shoppers who venture inside. The tanning salon has been a fixture in Cleveland Heights since 1986, but the addition offers everyone a membership form, www.shophiba.com. Visit HIBA's Facebook Fan page, www.facebook.com/shophiba, to show your support by hitting “LIKE,” posting news from your business, or posting other news that our community should be aware of.

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Heights High improves Washington Boulevard entrance
Joy Henderson

Cleveland Heights High School’s Washington Boulevard entrance received a summer facelift with an architecturally appropriate door and window; brick pavers, trees, ground cover, benches and an antique replica street lamp.

This entrance was once the back door of the building, designed at a time when most students arrived at the school by trolley car or on foot and entered on Cedar Road. However, with changes in transportation, many students and staff began arriving by school bus and the Washington Boulevard door became the main entrance. To make the entrance more attractive, the brown dumpster was relocated to the loading dock area in the summer of 2009.

While retrofitting the entrance was important, CH-UH Director of Business Services Steve Shergalis is clear that this small retrofit does not address the building’s major needs.

“We performed several summer renovation projects at the high school and they all have one thing in common,” Shergalis said. “They let us maintain a minimally acceptable education experience for our students. The building is very old and, as the Ohio School Facilities Commission reported in April, it just isn’t suited for a 21st-century education. Our operations staff has to work incredibly hard all summer and through the year just to keep it usable.”

Until it can be replaced or renovated, the staff will continue to retrofit the building to make it usable for students and staff.

Other improvements made to Heights High last summer include:
• A section of the cafeteria was converted into the café-style Outtakes, scheduled to open in October.
• The lobby in front of the Auditorium was recarpeted and modular block-style furniture was added.
• The parking lot was repaved; there are now six visitor parking spots.
• Lockers in the boys and girls swimming pool locker rooms were replaced.
• Lockers in the boys and girls south gym locker rooms were replaced.
• The basketball offices near the south gym were renovated.
• The air circulation system in the west gym was updated.
• Hallway digital clocks were installed; the clocks count down from four minutes between classes, telling students exactly how much time they have to get to class.
• The stationary risers in the choir room were removed; new tile was installed.
• The football field press box was updated.

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

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Heights Marching Band hits a high note

Joan Drushel

The 87-member Cleveland Heights High School marching band is back on the field, entertaining audiences at football halftime at Heights Crawford Field. The band is directed by Brett Baker. He is assisted by elementary school instrumental teacher Robert Adamson, percussion specialists Dan Allie, Larry Smith and 2010 CHHS graduate Alphonso Davis.

Three students assist as band managers. Drum majors this year are Hailey Nowacek and Carynth McGea. Section sergeants are seniors Catherine Holt, Diana Drushel, Jon Tarnay, Paul Stroud, Michael Heard, head sousaphonist Eli Wildey and head percussionist Gordon Gustafson.

The season began in August with two-week band camp, where the members learned pregame, stand tunes, marching, and the halftime routine. This year’s routine features songs by Earth, Wind and Fire, including “In the Stone,” “September,” “Fantasy” and “Let’s Groove.”

The officers worked hard this year to introduce fun activities and section and freshmen awards for group motivation and bonding. The band dance committee, led by Camille Harris, developed and taught the band dance for halftime. The band is now beginning to learn a new routine for the second half of the season.

“This is the best marching band season since I have been here,” said drum major Hailey Nowacek. “It has been a lot of fun. The officers have done more than expected to work as a team.”

Manager Shoshanna Klein agrees, “The officers are really working well together.”

“This has been a fantastic group to work with,” said assistant director Robert Adamson. “The student leadership is phenomenal. They are always doing something productive, even while waiting for instructions from the directors. Many of them have even gone beyond the class rehearsal time and run independent sectionals on their own time.”

The marching band performs at all home football games, two away games—Bedford and Euclid—and the Memorial Day ceremony in the spring.

Joan Drushel, a Cleveland Heights resident, is the mother of two Heights High graduates and a current senior and freshman.

Fairfax Fall Festival is Oct. 16

Mike Spencer

Join us for the return of the Fairfax Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fairfax Elementary School. Last held in the early 1990s, the festival is sure to be fun for the entire community.

The Fairfax PTA invites you to enjoy traditional fun and games as well as inflatables, a cake walk, bobbing for apples, face painting, pumpkin decorat-

ing and a bake sale. Plan to stay for lunch; there will be a variety of culinary delights prepared by the Fairfax community. Locally grown pumpkins, apples, cider and fall decorations will be available for sale.

Contact Jon Hodges at jhodges24@aol.com for information on ticket prices and preorder information.

Mike Spencer is corresponding secretary for the Fairfax Elementary PTA.

The Heights High Barbershop sang the National Anthem at the Cleveland Indians Game on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 as part of a fundraiser for The Ronald McDonald House.

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The Cleveland Orchestra; Sasha Mäkilä, conductor

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The Cleveland Orchestra; Sasha Mäkilä, conductor

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The Family Concert Series is sponsored by Giant Eagle, which is also donating FREE ice cream following each concert.
The U.S. Department of Education has selected Communion of Saints School in Cleveland Heights for a National Blue Ribbon Award. The school joins the ranks of 254 public and 50 private schools honored this year. Only six private schools in Ohio earned this award for 2010.

“We have a long tradition, dating back to 1916, of educating students for academic success,” said Principal Meg Cosgriff. “People may not realize that there is a thriving school in the buildings on the corner of Coventry and Cedar roads. Hopefully, this award will let the community know what a treasure we are to the area.”

The Blue Ribbon program is part of a Department of Education initiative to identify schools across the nation with outstanding leadership and teaching practices. Communion of Saints School was recognized “academically superior,” meaning that students, regardless of their background, scored in the top 10 percent of the nation on standardized tests.

“Schools honored with the Blue Ribbon award are committed to achievement and to ensuring that students learn and succeed,” said a press release by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. “Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and must receive a quality education.”

Cosgriff attributed the school’s success to active, supportive families and to the students, who personally value education and appreciate the importance of hard work and goal setting for future achievement. In addition, she said that the staff of Communion of Saints is particularly skilled at challenging and motivating students to work to their potential.

The Blue Ribbon designation acknowledges the hard work of the entire learning community, including students, staff members and families. In addition, the award recognizes the school’s effective instructional methods. Communion of Saints is particularly proud of its success in integrating technology into the classroom. Having SMARTBoards in every classroom and a fleet of more than 100 laptops enables teachers to tailor lessons to students’ interests. “We know that students today are digital natives,” said Cosgriff. “The faculty at Communion of Saints School is working hard to educate children using the language they know best.”

Cosgriff, along with Communion of Saints kindergarten teacher, Barb Nicolletti, will attend an awards ceremony Nov. 15 and 16 in Washington, D.C., to represent the Communion of Saints community.

For more information about Communion of Saints School, visit http://saintann.us/School.html.

The U.S. Department of Education created the Blue Ribbon Schools award 28 years ago, to honor schools that have set and maintained stringent academic goals. For more information, visit www.ed.gov/programs/nibb/index.html.

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Everyone is welcome to attend, including families and children. No previous experience is needed. Bring a digital camera (and USB plug) to add photos if desired, and dress for the weather. The event is handicapped accessible and near public transportation. All attendees will receive a Phoenix Coffee thank you gift.

Mobile mappers go to www.shepherdmap.org to see “What’s Green Nearby” and to download an iPhone map app. To view and contribute to the map online go to www.futureheights.org.

Sarah Wain is a community volunteer who lives in the Coventry Village neighborhood.

New program teaches Heights High students to write film scripts and to make movies

Jacelyn Elkins

The new Script to Film afterschool program at Heights High will teach students how to write professional-quality film scripts and then to turn their scripts into films. The program is funded by a grant from Reaching Heights and will be taught by Jeff Glass, the media production teacher, and Bill Kramer, a freelance writer and frequent substitute teacher at Heights High.

During the first semester, students will meet once a week to learn scriptwriting from Kramer. The goal is for each student to write, revise, and polish a short film script that will be submitted to the Scenarios program (www.scenariosusa.org), a nationwide scriptwriting contest that asks submissions in mid December.

During the second semester, regardless of the outcome of the contest, student scriptwriters will join with members of Jeff Glass’s video production club to film and edit as many of these scripts as possible. “In the course of filming these scripts, additional students—and some adults—will be enlisted to act and help with costume and set design. The finished movies will be shown during a film festival evening for Heights High students, faculty and interested members of the community,” Glass said. The films will also be submitted to the National Blue Ribbon competition.

This past year, Kramer conducted scriptwriting workshops to multiple English classes in conjunction with the Scenarios program. A significant number of students entered the contest, and six Heights High students reached the semifinals, more than from any other school in the Cleveland area. One of the Heights High students became a finalist, competing with students in New York City and Texas.

Heights High English teacher Kathleen Scully said that she’d rarely seen students as enthusiastic about writing as they were after taking part in the scriptwriting workshop. Scriptwriting is not generally taught at the high school level. Still, it is a wonderful way to allow students self-expression. Students are not bound by conventional writing requirements. For instance, dialogue does not have to be written in sentences. Slang can be used when appropriate and descriptive passages are minimal. Students are taught to see the world in terms of action and dialogue.

“Students who are perplexed by having to write long, descriptive paragraphs find that kind of requirement to be virtually nonexistent. The result, for many students, is liberating,” Scully said.

Jackie Elkins is the administrative assistant in the office of communications and community engagement for the Cleveland Heights- University Heights City School District.

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The new structure can spark economic growth by being able to articulate a clear strategy which can be embraced in the region. I have long been a proponent of a county executive form of government in order for those interested in economic development to have one person at the helm to speak with when looking to invest or grow. While there will be others involved in the municipalities, the state, etc. this will greatly enhance the role the county can and will play in such efforts.

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Candidate for County Executive Independent

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Tim McCormack  
Candidate for County Executive  
Independent

If elected County Executive, what goals would you hope to accomplish during your term in office?

My primary objectives would include advances in the following three areas: Code of Ethics: With the new pervasive admissions of guilt throughout our regional public agencies, it is clear that (1) formation and adoption (2) strict execution of the nation’s most effective public Code of Ethics must be the first priority of the transformed county government. It must be first because, no matter how vital human services and economic development are in our scheme, all will fail if we cannot trust those spending our money. Jobs: Government is most helpful when it performs its vital public functions so efficiently as to create the sense and reality of well-being within the community. When there is good government in a community it retains as one of the major incentives for people who want to work and live there. Good government wisely allocates its resources in concert with private and nonprofit entities. It works in supportive ways to encourage starting up and maintaining employment. Education: It’s imperative that we see that every child succeeds. We must embrace the reality that every child born into this community be provided with the encouragement and tools to live up to their highest potential. It is humanity’s highest responsibility. When any child falls short of his or her potential, we all lose. Cuyahoga County’s infant and early childhood education approach is a promising beginning that needs the full support of the County’s infant and early childhood education entities. If not, we all lose. Cuyahoga County’s infant and early childhood education approach is a promising beginning that needs the full support of the County’s infant and early childhood education entities. If not, we all lose.

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Priorities on a regular basis.

How will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned? It will become clear soon based on the tone set, adoption of the Code of Ethics, and Volunteer Councils containing their work.

Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? Jobs are created and maintained in the largest part by private initiative. Private creativity remains our best hope for our future financial security. Government’s role as a passive partner in this equation is vital. Government on its own cannot replace private entities in performing the vital function of job creation, but it can and should be an essential partner in the equation.

What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives? Begin working with Council on November 3rd to jointly determine high level appointees. Open business systems will allow Council to view participants in the decision process and avoid surprises. Teamwork and respect will be the hallmark.

When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned? Purgings the remaining political appointees, crooked, and double-dealers will close the book on corruption and increase worker morale. In four years, government will be 30% smaller and cost-effective manner and keep foreclosures out of the hands of absentee speculators.

Do you see a need for further “ tinkering” with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? Do you know that when you include the judges we elect in Cuyahoga County, 53 countywide officials are elected within our county alone-3 commission- ers, 7 other elected officials, and a total of 46 judges. Wow! How many elected officials do we really need to work well? How about reducing Cuyahoga County elected offices to the fewest number essential to ensure the best government? There are three great reasons to do this. The first is to bring us good government. The second is to save vital resources. The third reason is to successfully win a vote to adopt the plan of a smaller, less expensive, consolidated Cuyahoga County government.

Don Scipione  
Candidate for County Executive  
Independent

If elected County Executive, what goals would you hope to accomplish during your term in office?

As a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident, promote our successes throughout the county.

• Consolidate and re-engineer county business systems, adopt a collaborative method of service delivery, and increase productivity 25% in four years, save $200 million each year, $200 million for tax cuts and investment in jobs and prosperity.

• Have an transparent and responsive county government by implementing Ethics Workgroup recommendations. County business will be on-line. There will be no “smuggling” bills. Create jobs and prosperity by promoting the healthcare technology industry and stimulating business expansion by reducing taxes and buying local. What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives? Begin working with Council on November 3rd to jointly determine high level appointees. Open business systems will allow Council to view participants in the decision process and avoid surprises. Teamwork and respect will be the hallmark.

• The healthcare industry is Cuyahoga County’s leading employer. I will vigorously promote our growing health care technology industry and tie it to a successful Medical Mall.

• Foreclosed properties. Go after all 10,000 foreclosed and vacant properties. I will work with the judiciary and state lawmakers to ensure we have means to expedite land banking in a cost-effective manner and keep foreclosures out of the hands of absentee speculators.

Do you see a need for further “ tinkering” with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? The Charter—which I believe in, helped write, and am committed to—culminates twenty years study. It is a human endeavor, so there will always be plenty of room for tinkering. That’s why we framed it an early date for its review, and planned succeeding reviews every five years thereafter.
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Matt Brakey
County Council Candidate-District 10
Republican

Describe the duties of the members of the County Council.

First, it is important to draw the distinction between “duties” and “powers.” Duties being what the new Council has to do, while powers being what the new Council can do.

The duties of the new Council include setting up a structure for managing county property and bureaucracies, approving the budget, creating a development plan, defending against lawsuits and ethical issues. However, the power to the new Council is much more extensive.

The powers of the new Council and Executives are extremely broad. Yet the real concern is the language that introduces these powers. “All powers of the Charter will...include, but not be limited to the following” (twelve powers listed).

Because the powers are not limited to the twelve powers, we must look to the rest of the charter for any limitation. Other than some vague language about respecting municipal role, there are no limitations given to this new government’s power. Therefore, other than state and federal laws and their respective conditions, there is no limit to the power of this new government.

I believe that it is power that causes corruption. Absolute power corrupts absolutely and this new government has near absolute power.

Why do you want to serve on the County Council?

I want to serve on the new County Council because I want to restrain the power of this new government. I want to allow Cuyahoga County residents to have a say in the management of their county and to make a change in how their hard-earned dollars are spent.

I want to serve so that I can act as a check and balance to the power of this new government. I recognize that government is wholly different than business.

I am very studied in Austrian free market economics, it is a great passion of mine. I am also well studied in political philosophy. I list among my influences David Hume, Friedrich Hayek and Malcolm X. I will bring these influences to my governance.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

I am President of Brakey Energy, a company that provides comprehensive energy management services to many of the largest companies in northern Ohio. Though unlike most businesses, I do not want to run government like it’s a business. I want to run government like it’s a government. I recognize that government is wholly different than business.

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What will you do in your first weeks?

This is a very good question. My answer is that I have no clue whatsoever. Any candidate who tells you that they do is being disingenuous.

The new government is going to have to work closely with the transition committee. It’s going to be chaotic, messy, and the blind will be leading the blind. I would encourage residents to temper their expectations.

How will we know that you are doing a good job?

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Rich Devor  
County Council Candidate-District 11  
Independent

Describe the duties of the members of the County Council.  
The main duty of a member of County Council or any other political office is to represent the will of the people with honesty and integrity. They should work to reduce the tax burden on the citizens as well as keeping debt to a minimum, and never passing debt onto future generations. Finally, the Council should work to reduce the size of government.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?  
I feel like I have to get involved in politics because I am no longer watch elected officials ignore the voices of the people and do what is in their own interests. Many people have given up because they no longer feel that their elected officials do what is in their best interests. This is what I strive to change. I want to show the citizens that I work for what integrity and honesty is about. I hope to restore their faith in the system and inspire them to become educated and involved. I also want to create a better future for the younger generations. If we all set aside and do nothing, the kids will grow up and ask “why didn’t you do anything”? What will be our excuse? We just need to do what is right.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?  
My qualifications include having a high level of integrity and honesty. I also have a working knowledge of American history and the intended role of government in our lives and economies. I am by no means an expert in these fields and I am constantly learning, but I have a solid understanding of them.

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Kathryn Gambatese  
County Council Candidate-District 11  
Republican

Describe the duties of the members of the County Council.  
Fiduciary and legislative as stated in the Charter- write or amend ordinances or resolutions including: appointments, establishment of departments, policy, procedures, contracts, oversee and approve annual tax budget, operating budget, capital improvements program and appropriations. Be a check and balance to the Executive. I have done this for 21 years on Richmond Heights Council.

Why do you want to serve on the County Council?  
To provide accessibility and accountability to resident and business taxpayers. To protect and sustain 95% of core county services that are health and human services. To promote eco- nomic development by reducing impediments so businesses and residents want to work and live here. To review the Justice System budget for resources to fund new sty and new programs. To turn the tide of foreclosures.

I was elected Chair of the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board and led the con- solidation of two boards, Mental Health and AOD (Alcohol and Other Drug). We became the new ADAMHS Board July of ’09.

My experience leading the transparent and inclusive process that created more efficient ef- fective services and savings could be applied across county departments to improve outcomes. We can reduce redundancy and waste by in- tegrating departmental silos as we redistribute the insufficient tax dollars to the other revenue. ADAMHS Board 1 year savings:

- Administrative Cost saved $1.9 million
- Personnel Cost: with 30 fewer positions saved $2.5 million.
- Facility Cost: Board is saving $440,000 each year of a ten year lease for offices.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?  
An early proponent of Reform, as board member and officer for 16 years on the Northeast Ohio City Council Association, Inc. (nccassoc.org) our programs looked at regionalization: Air service and Port Authority needs, collaborative opportunities of joint Fire Districts, purchasing consortia, the foreclosure crises, benefits of revenue tax sharing and initiatives like The Fund For Our Economic Future. Fragmentation of 37 municipalities with hundreds of taxing agencies threatens development. Other boards include: Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, Presi- dent for 6 of the last 12 years on a Golf Scout Board for 3 counties. My consensus building and vision planning skills helped improve each.

What will you do in your first weeks?  
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Sunny Simon  
County Council Candidate-District 11  
Democrat

Describe the duties of the members of the County Council.  
The County Council is the legislative branch of the new County government which will provide the checks and balances needed to oversee the County Executive.

The duties of the Council include, but are not limited to, adopting and amending the County’s annual budget, confirming appointments, overseeing an ethics policy and crafting rules and procedures for board appointments. The Council also has a duty to create viable land development and job training opportunities for individuals in the County. Council has been empowered to enact ordinances and resolutions to stimulate economic development.

Why do you want to serve on the County Council?  
I have a passion for revitalizing inner ring suburbs and for renewing the pattern of urban sprawl. I am committed to making our neighborhoods more livable, walkable and safe to raise our families. I also see a need to strengthen the County Land Bank to address and manage the foreclosure crisis. I am excited to move the County into a green economy and help create a best land use practice to provide a more sustainable pattern of land development and conservation throughout our District.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?  
My accomplishments as a South Euclid Coun- cilwoman for almost 12 years and as Council President include the establishment of the posi- tion of Economic Development Director, smart and green development, the South Euclid Dog Park, why the South Euclid Monarch Society, and leadership to build consensus among council members and the administration.

By my experience as an attorney, volunteer juvenile court magistrate, mayor’s court magis-
trate, and as a guardian ad litem for children, I have had significant experience in every aspect of the judicial system and to interface with health and human service agencies on frequent basis.

I am also a member of the National League of Cities Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Advocacy Committee. This Committee develops policy through consensus among members from throughout the country on matters such as energy policy and noise control.

What will you do in your first weeks?  
The Council will create and establish a functional council body, including the forming of commis- sions, electing a council president, and hiring a clerk of council to enable the Council to govern. Council will pass an ethics policy and establish ethics training for employees. Council will study the make up of the many boards and agencies and review the appointment process and their efficiency.

How will we know you are doing a good job?  
I plan to town hall meetings in the different municipalities in the District and stay in commu- nication with residents through the internet and hopefully by webcast. The people will be able to see results and the new Council’s transparency and open door policies. It is an exciting time for our region.

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VOTER’S GUIDE
Heights Observer October 5, 2010

Parenting Q & A

Ellen Barrett, a parent educator at Heights Parent Center (now known as Family Connections) for the last 12 years, fields questions from parents about the daily ups and downs of parenting. If you have a question you would like Ellen to respond to, email her at ebarrett@heightsparentcenter.org.

Q. My husband has been anticipating Halloween all summer, and is really excited to take our 15-month-old out trick or treating this year. We’ve picked out the perfect (and cute!) dinosaur costume, and want all the other kids in the neighborhood to see him, but I’m worried about scaring him. I don’t want to disappoint my husband, but I’m worried about scaring him.

A. Halloween is a favorite holiday for both parents and kids. Costumes, pumpkin carving and colorful decorations allow for expressive creativity and humor. But scary masks, strange glowing lights and frightening images and music can take the fun out and make the experience less enjoyable for both parents and kids. Here are a few tips to make Halloween enjoyable for all:

• Read Halloween books with kids ahead of time, so they’ll know what to expect. Try Trick or Treat by Melanie Walsh or Mouse’s First Halloween by Lauren Thompson (for toddlers) and By the Light of the Halloween Moon by Caroline Sturton (for preschoolers).
• Make sure the costume you choose is a familiar character and is comfortable to wear. Stay away from masks and bulky costumes, so your child can see well and walk easily.
• Take your child to only a few familiar houses with elaborate decorations. These events tend to be more child-friendly and focus on games and activities rather than blood and gore.
• If your child seems at all hesitant or fearful, wait until next year. By nature, adults sometimes forget that children might not understand even the simplest of Halloween traditions, like wearing differ- ent and often uncomfortable clothing, or going door to door encountering many new faces.
• Most kids can experience all the fun and whimsy of Halloween if parents protect them from the scary sights and sounds, and keep in mind each child’s age and temperament.

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• Make sure the costume you choose is a familiar character and is comfortable to wear. Stay away from masks and bulky costumes, so your child can see well and walk easily.
• Take your child to only a few familiar neighbors while it is still light, and skip houses with elaborate decorations.
• Consider organizing a neighborhood party or going to a community party. As the parent, you are the best person to gauge that. Help him learn about the fun and festive parts of Halloween. Let your son ease slowly into the scarier elements as he grows and matures.

Height High All-American lacrosse player receives Scholar Athlete award

By Joy Henderson

All-American lacrosse player Meg Lentz received the Farmers Scholar Athlete award. The presentation took place last July at the Sept. 16 Cleveland Heights vs. Maple Heights football halftime show on Fox 8.

“Receiving this award is a great honor,” Lentz said. “I like that it recognizes women’s lacrosse. Our team works so hard, and I love getting exposure for our sport.”

In July, she received All-American first team designation as a sophomore. Heights senior Eve Tranchito, who is now playing lacrosse for the University of Oregon, was awarded the All-American honorable mention. Four girls in the Cleveland area were recognized.

Lentz said she likes the creativity offered in her sport. “There are so many ways to score in lacrosse,” she said. “And everyone makes a difference on the field.” She plays midfield and said she enjoys the versatility of that position.

Lentz’s academic interests include math, economics and French. She is interested in several schools, but said she will definitely apply to Ohio State, Stanford, and Northwestern universities. All are ranked in the top 25 for women’s lacrosse.

Joy Henderson is the parent/community liaison for Heights High.
Ruffing Montessori is honored for its commitment to sustainability

Carol Provan

Ruffing Montessori School has been named a 2010 Emerald Award winner by Crain’s Cleveland Business for successfully implementing sustainable practices that trim costs, increase cash flow and reduce the school’s environmental footprint.

Ruffing recently completed a campus redevelopment using sustainable building techniques and materials, and achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification this year, making it the first LEED-certified building in Cleveland Heights.

Honored for having scored high on the “triple bottom line” (profits, people, and the planet), Ruffing has lowered electricity costs by 10 percent, created a healthier and safer building, reused building’s green features and transformed the school’s learning environment.

Ruffing’s respect for the environment inspired its campus redevelopment and sustainability initiative. The school has developed a unique, green curriculum centered on activity-based learning, following the Montessori method and using the building’s green features as a working lab. At every age level, students are introduced to increasingly complex ideas about sustainability and stewardship.

Some of the high points of the school’s recent campus renovation include a 53 percent savings in energy costs over the minimum required by code, access to natural light from 90 percent of the school’s indoor spaces, a 28 percent decrease in water use and the production on site of five percent of the energy used by the school. Ruffing credits a recent four percent increase in enrollment in part to the school’s heightened environmental consciousness.

Head of School Gordon Maas noted that, because of its environmental friendly building and unique green curriculum, Ruffing will continue to send ambassadors of sustainability into the world year after year.

Ruffing Montessori was established in 1959 and serves a student body of 315, ranging in age from toddler to eighth grade.

Carol Provan is director of development for Ruffing Montessori School.

Geauga Family Farms offers winter CSA

Michele Bandy-Zalatoris

Sad to see the summer farmer’s market season coming to an end? Can’t get enough of those delicious fresh vegetables? The Geauga Family Farms Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is expanding its program to include the winter season.

Enliven your winter as you enjoy local produce, or just provide money to the farm when it is most needed.

Each week during the summer season, Geauga Family Farms CSA delivers fresh, organic produce to several pickup points throughout the Heights. Nearby pickup sites include St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and Ruffing Montessori School in Cleveland Heights, First Unitarian Church of Cleveland in Shaker Heights and the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Beachwood.

The farmers of Geauga Family Farms have been planting crops to try a winter program this year. Shares would include items such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, lettuce, kale, winter squash, pumpkins, brussel sprouts, broccoli, apples, eggs and a baked good each week (whole wheat bread or pie). There will be one share size at $25 per week, delivered.

Shares will be sold in six-week blocks. The first block will start in early November and go through mid-December. The second block will run from early January to mid-February, and the third block from mid-February to late March. Each block will cost $75, with applications and payment due two weeks before the start of the block.

Geauga Family Farms is trying to gauge levels of interest and areas, so that it can work on finalizing pickup sites. The pick-ups would occur on Saturdays.

The shorter commitment of a winter share is a great way to find out if the CSA way of eating works for you.

For more information on the Geauga Family Farms organic CSA program, go to www.geaugafamilyfarmcil.org or e-mail bandyz@sbcglobal.net.

Michele Bandy-Zalatoris is a Cleveland Heights resident with an interest in local food and a background in urban design and planning.
SUSTAINABILITY

Coventry area Unitarian-Universalists hold event to improve shared gardens

Walter Nicholas

Unitarian Universalists live by a set of Seven Principles, one of which translates easily into “We should care for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.” It’s a brief step from here for many Cleveland UUs to commit themselves to sustainable life in some of its many modes.

“Sustainability on the world level is vastly complicated,” says Rev. Colin Bossen, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland, located at 2738 Lancashire Road near the heart of the Heights Coventry area. “But we’re achieving some sustainability in Cleveland Heights by converting unused lawn and space around our building into productive community gardens.”

The society’s agriculture grew from an initial visit last year by Nicole Wright of Ohio State University Extension, and Craig Bourne, a resident of Musicians Towers, the 13-floor senior housing building directly across from the society. Plans conceived at the meeting were presented to the society board, enthusiastically approved, and then the work began.

Sandy McCurdy, a Musicians Towers resident, assigned plots on a first-come basis. UU member Marie Nightingale

Oct. 6 is international Walk or Bike to School Day

Mary Dunbar and Nancy Dietrich

Oct. 6 is official Walk or Bike to School Day at Canterbury, Fairfax, Garity and Roxboro elementary schools. But anyone can use this opportunity to join with others in celebrating International Walk or Bike to School Day at Canterbury, Fairfax, Gearity and Roxboro elementary schools. But

Adults can also play at Oct. 9 event

Mariana Williams

Bring your children, your grandchildren, or just your inner child for an afternoon of games in the Heights. The Sustainable Heights Network and Funny Times are sponsoring “A Play Date in the Heights” from 4–6:30 p.m. on Oct. 9. The event is part of Sustainability Week, and is an opportunity to connect with nature, play and enjoy the fall weather.

The central meeting spot for the event is the Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park. Play stations will be set up all around the park, playground and library. Participants will be able to listen to stories, play nature games and explore. Once you have had your fill of fun and games, enjoy some refreshments and relax.

Mariana Williams is a graduate student at Cleveland Heights University Heights Sustainability Week.

Studies show that aerobic exercise results in a higher energy level and a greater ability to focus on school work. Walking or biking to school also helps a child to develop independence and mastery of his or her environment.

Cleveland Heights and University Heights make it easy with compact neighborhoods, sidewalks, low speed limits, and, of course, crossing guards. In fact, just a generation ago, our sidewalks were filled daily with youngsters coming and going on their own to our community’s public and parochial schools. To help your child participate, you

might want to cover the route together ahead of time, organize neighborhood youngsters to go as a group, or simply lace up your own shoes and go along for the walk or ride. Oct. 6 might just be the start of a new and healthier way of life for your family.

Mary Dunbar and Nancy Dietrich are members of the Cleveland Heights Bicycle Coalition.

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Heights Youth Theatre presents ‘Pippin’

Ellen Sindelar

Heights Youth Theatre launches its 2010-11 season with Pippin. The 1972 musical—with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and book by Roy C. Hirson was originally choreographed and directed on Broadway by Bob Fosse.

The story chronicles a young man's search for true fulfillment, leading Pippin, the son of Charlemagne, to seek out life's truths in the glories of war, the comfort of women, the seduction of power, and ultimately in the simple joys of family. Along the way, Pippin gives us classic songs, such as "Magic to Do," "Corner of the Sky," "With You" and "Morning Glow."

This concept musical promises to be a thought-provoking, high-energy, multimedia production that will be both visually electrifying and an emotionally stirring theater experience.

The HYT cast includes 60 talented students in 1st through 12th grades, many from the Heights area; and professional musicians playing the score. Leading cast members are Patrick Mooney (Pippin), David Levitz (King Charlemagne/Lead Player), Christina Ciofani (Berthe), Brett Castro (Lewis), Katie Wilkinson (Fastrada), Lillian Sindelar (Catherine) and Philippe Kogan (Theo).

Pippin will be presented in the Willey Middle School Auditorium at 2181 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, Friday, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 12, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 and 13, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $9, $8 for seniors and children under 6. Box office opens 45 minutes before each performance. Call 216-780-2235 for information regarding tickets and group seating or visit www.heightsyouththeatre.org.

Ellen Sindelar is president of Heights Youth Theatre, a University Heights-based non-profit organization committed to providing quality children’s theater and she also directs a masters program in diversity management at Cleveland State University.

Directions to be known
There is some work to be explained.
Claire McMahon has an M.F.A. in writing and poetics from Naropa University: The Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics and a Ph.D. in 20th-century American and British poetry from Kent State University. She is coeditor of MoonLit Poetry Journal (Drag City Press, Chicago) and the author of a book of poems titled, Emergency Contact (Van Zeno Press, Cleveland). She has taught at Lake Erie College, Baldwin-Wallace College, Cuyahoga Community College and Chancellour University.

Get a Grip on Life
It’s easy to lose our grip on life.

Sometimes circumstances rip it from our hands.
Sometimes we just drop the ball in a key area of our life.

How do we regroup and regrip after we've dropped the ball?
How can we strengthen our grip to avoid a tragic fumble at a key time?

Grip on life
The Spirit-controlled life

Grip on relationships
The Spirit-controlled community

Grip on marriage
The Spirit-controlled couple

Grip on family life
The Spirit-controlled home

Grip on work
The Spirit-controlled workplace

Get it, kid, I mean it,
So you are competing with that.
And still was a famous musician.
You've got to be there
Even if you are drunk or hung over,
You've got to show up.
You can't ever hide from that.
Sometimes;
Your way out of things
You've got to write and talk
To get ahead.
You must follow,
There's a list at least
At the start.
Directions to be known
There is some work to be explained.
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James Joyce meets Monty Python at Nighttown

Nighttown Academy of Poetry & Letters rises again October 24 to benefit the Friends of the CH-UH Library

Bruce Hannes

Last year, two award-winning Cleveland Heights residents, Irish actress Derdriu Ring and her good friend, Plain Dealer columnist Regina Brett, conjured up the Nighttown Academy of Poetry & Letters, as well as the fictitious troupe’s first event. The literary extravaganza, best described as James Joyce meets Monty Python, comes alive for the second time on October 24 for Wise Up!! Chapter 2, a fundraiser benefiting the Friends of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library. Last year’s inaugural event was a total sell-out, raising more than $7,000.

This year’s event features a local cast of celebrities, literary greats, and friends of the arts, each of whom will read and bring to life a short poem or piece of prose. The readings are interspersed with musical numbers with literary themes.


The Friends of the CH-UH Library won’t be the only beneficiaries of the evening’s activities. Two local independent bookstores near to the hearts of bookloving Clevelanders—Appletree Books and Mac’s Backs—will sell books that evening, with the proceeds of those sales staying with the bookstores. The Friends of the CH-UH Library will also host a silent auction, with all event-related dollars donated to the Friends of the CH-UH Library. That auction has already started online at bit.ly/wiseupchapter2auction.

Wise Up!! Chapter 2 is sponsored by Nighttown. Reservations can be made by calling the CH-UH Public Library at 216-932-3602 ext. 234 or online at www.heightslibrary.org/page/friends. Directed and produced by Derdriu Ring and Regina Brett, Joe Hunter serves as music director.

“We sold out two shows last year, so advance reservations are indeed a must!” said Ring and Brett in unison.

Bruce Hannes is the vice president for institutional advancement for Nighttown Academy of Poetry & Letters.

Behind the scenes at Dobama is a box office gem

Evan Komito

Dobama Theatre’s 2010-11 season has gotten off to an intense, thought-provoking start. While “the play’s the thing,” no one enters without a ticket and so Charlotte Enflo’s face is the very first one you will see at each production.

Enflo, who joined Dobama in December 2009 as box office manager and development associate, points out that meeting the Heights theatergoers is the best part of her job. “They know that each Dobama production will be a unique experience,” she says, “and they are very vocal about it.”

She feels the excitement and anticipation in each exchange. A recent graduate of Goldsmiths, University of London, England, with a master’s degree in arts administration, Enflo sees each ticket purchase as an opportunity for building a relationship, which is vital to Dobama’s future.

Coming to Cleveland Heights from England is somewhat of a homecoming for Enflo. Born in Sweden, she moved to Kent, Ohio, when she was five years old. Her father is a mathematics professor at Kent State University. The right equation for Enflo combines ticket sales, grant-in-aid funding, and charitable donations, all of which add up to a fiscally healthy organization. All three components are included in Enflo’s job description.

Now that Dobama has established its location on Road, Enflo is gratified to see the number of returning season subscribers. She has also seen growth in the number of new subscriptions. She’s developing her skills at filing grant applications, but it is the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with each Dobama supporter that she relishes most.

Contributors at every level are very much appreciated, and this year new benefits and special events are being planned for supporters at the “Spotlight” level and above. In addition, Enflo hinted that a special fundraiser is being considered for Spring 2011.

Name tags for subscribers, free coffee in the lobby, new gallery displays (curated by Gunter Schwegler), and a semi-annual newsletter are some of the ways that Enflo and the Dobama staff are making patrons of this unique Cleveland Heights theater company feel that the troupe’s 51st year will be something special.

Welcome Enflo to the Heights the next time you are at the Dobama box office. The Walworth Farce by Enda Walsh concluded its run on Oct. 3. Next up will be Dead Man’s Cell Phone by Sara Ruhl, opening Oct. 29.

Evan Komito is a resident of Cleveland Heights and occasional contributor to the Heights Observer.

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Recipe for an impromptu potluck

Lisa Gaynier

“Gerald’s been gone for five years and I still haven’t learned to cook for one,” said a widowed friend recently. Sam is single and doesn’t know how to do anything in the kitchen but heat up pizza. Margaret and Jerry are empty-nesters, as are my husband Mike and I.

I think we all look for community. I’ve written about my lovely neighborhood and extended family in past postings. For instance, how our neighbor, Pam, invited Mike and me to a party the day we moved into the neighborhood. And how my exercise group meets for a potluck dinner party on the last Sunday of every month. We don’t exercise together any more, but we sure know how to eat!

And, oh, did I mention how ridiculously busy we all are? My friend Linda and I have taken to scheduling play dates six months in advance. These dates are not for our kids, they’re for us! Mike says no one will believe me when they read this, but it’s true.

Scheduling play dates is one solution, but another I’ve devised is the impromptu potluck. Here are my ground rules:

1. I don’t clean the house. These people aren’t guests; they’re my friends.
2. I don’t wait for the weekend. We all have to eat—even if your contribution is store-bought from Zagara’s; it’s the companionship we seek.
3. I don’t get out my fine china. Did I say, these people are friends?
4. I invite someone from work who’s in the same boat, especially if they’re new to town. It’s a great way to bond with a colleague. It’s also a terrific recipe for building community.

Lisa Gaynier lives in the old Coventry School neighborhood with her husband Mike and their cat Andie. She teaches and directs a masters program in diversity management at Cleveland State University.

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Heights Observer offers free media workshops

Bob Rosenbaum

To help people feel empowered to contribute to the community conversation, the Heights Observer is offering the following workshops this fall. All are held from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road, in Meeting Room B. Workshops are free and open to the public. Reservations (http://bit.ly/9egGro) aren’t necessary, but are appreciated.

Tuesday, Oct. 5: You too can write the news, by Bob Rosenbaum. Basic reporting and writing for community journalists.

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Editing for community journalists, by a panel of journalism professionals and instructors who edit for the Heights Observer. Why, what and how editors work.

Tuesday, Nov 23: Photography for community journalists, by Greg Donley. How to take better newspaper photos, and how to submit them for publication in the Heights Observer. Tuesday, Dec. 7: The Media Meltdown: What happened to newspapers and magazines, and what’s next, by Bob Rosenbaum, who in addition to his work at the Observer is a media consultant. An overview of the economics and other industry trends that shape today’s news business.

Bob Rosenbaum is the chairman of the Heights Observer editorial committee and member of the FutureHeights board.

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HEIGHTS OBSERVER CROSSWORD

Here are the headlines from pages 1-2 of the September Heights Observer. Find and circle these words in the letter array, where they may run (forwards or backwards) horizontally, vertically or diagonally (see marked example “THE”). Though words (like “the”) may repeat in the headlines, each generally appears in the array only once.

Headlines

Music Settlement halts plan, but talks continue; Ohio wins Rode to the Top; CH-UH students will benefit; New business alliance partners with FutureHeights in Best of the Heights awards; Cleveland Heights Bicycle Coalition petitions CH City Council to improve bicycle infrastructure; Motorcars opens eco-friendly car wash; New documentary on minority-owned businesses; Swim team wins second place; Meet author Dan Chaon; Workshops for becoming a true Observer; How to Walk to School movement gains traction here; Enthusiastic volunteers are helping the Heights Observer thrive.

Submitted by Robert Haas.

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NEIGHBORHOOD gardens make a congenial setting for an impromptu potluck gathering.

Lisa Gaynier
Air, space and women

Anita Kazarian

Cleveland Heights residents Jean and John Piety went back in time on Sept. 3, when the International Women’s Air and Space Museum (IWASM) was transformed into a 1940s canteen for its annual pre-air show party. Swing dancing, period costumes, food, raffle baskets and imaginative decorations in the museum kicked off “Swing Back in Time,” honoring women in aviation and space history. Canteen guests enjoyed a unique view of the air show planes in the airport’s grassy area overlooking the runway, which was opened up for the party. Where else can you be up close and personal with six of the Navy’s Blue Angels?

Jean Piety has been a member of the IWASM for many years. She was the manager of the science and technology department of the Cleveland Public Library where she developed her interest in aviation and space history. Retired, Piety continues as archivist for the Cleveland Technical Societies Council, a consortium of technical societies in the Greater Cleveland area.

Toni Mullee, the executive director of IWASM, appreciates supporters and volunteers like the Piets. Mullee said, “We love volunteers! Volunteers help at special events, do research for exhibits, and file information on women pilots in our research center.”

According to Mullee, this gender-based museum serves a unique purpose, “to preserve the history of women in aviation and space, a history that is rarely told in-depth at other aviation museums or in history books.” When the founders of the museum realized, way back in 1976, that the history of women in aviation was not being preserved, they began collecting that history. As a result, the museum has an amazing collection.

The museum is actively involved in inspiring young women to consider careers in aviation, space or related fields by holding two summer camps annually, one focused on engineering and one focused on aviation. The museum also hosts career exploration events and career shadowing programs.

Some of the careers Mullee said are available to women in aviation and space include the obvious ones, such as pilot, flight attendant, mission specialist, and engineer, but there are many others out there, including airport management, air traffic control, marketing and related medical professions.”

The museum is opening its new Aviation Education Center on Oct. 8. This hands-on room will introduce children to science and math concepts, history and careers in aviation and space. The museum’s educational efforts in promoting careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), to students throughout Northeast Ohio, makes this museum critical to the future of our region, according to Piety.

The International Women’s Air & Space Museum is located in the Burke Lakefront Airport, 1501 North Marginal Road. Museum admission is free and exhibits are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The Gay Ellis Wells Research Center and gift shop are open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 216-631-1111 for more information or visit www.iwasm.org.

Anita Kazarian is a marketing professional and a 29-year resident of University Heights. Contact her at anitaekazarian@gmail.com.
Ride for Miles draws a crowd

Noble Road Presbyterian hosts costume party
Carol Phillips

Noble Road Presbyterian Church will host a Family Fall Costume Party and Funky Disco Dance from 6 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 30. The church is located at 2780 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights. Admission is $5 per family, $3 for adults, and $1 for children under 16 years of age. For more information, call 216-382-0660. Who will you come as?

Carol Phillips is secretary for Noble Road Presbyterian Church.

Mini-course on saving money
Gail Jackson

You can save money if you want to. By doing small things and changing some of your habits, you can start to put your pennies into a nest egg that will soon build into real dollars. You’ll find it easier to make these changes if you have a purpose for your savings, such as to create an emergency fund, add to your retirement account, go on a family vacation or pay for holiday fun.

The first strategy to try is the “dollar a day” concept. Challenge yourself to save just one dollar a day. At the end of the year, you’ll have $365! For people who haven’t been able to save before, this can be a good start. You can modify this strategy to suit your own situation; for example, you can try to save a dollar for each day that you work, or people in a two-income household can share the challenge so each wage earner saves 50 cents per day.

A second strategy is to do simple home repairs yourself. Cleveland Heights residents can get hands-on skills training on various home repairs at the workshops offered by Home Repair Resource Center. You can borrow how-to DVDs, books and handouts in HRRC’s Financial Fitness series, is presented at the Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit www.hrrc-ch.org for the dates or call 216-381-2207. The workshops are a part of HRRC’s Financial Fitness series, which helps people rethink how they spend their money.

A third strategy is to take some simple actions to reduce energy consumption. Install florescent light bulbs, replace appliances when not in use, put a thermal blanket on your hot water tank, and change your furnace filter regularly. You’ll see real savings on your utility bills.

A fourth and final strategy is to spend less than you earn. Start by going through your bills to see if there are any optional services you can eliminate. For example, do you need premium cable or could you just rent a movie from Redbox? (Redbox is a vending machine where you can rent movies inexpensively!) Do you use your cell phone much, or could you replace it with a pay-as-you-go phone? Do you need unlimited text messaging on your cell phone? Can you use the ATM of your own bank, rather than paying a fee to use one from another financial institution?

The first strategy to try is the “dollar a day” concept. Challenge yourself to save just one dollar a day. At the end of the year, you’ll have $365! For people who haven’t been able to save before, this can be a good start.

Every month HRRC offers the Power of a Personal Budget Workshop that helps people rethink how they prioritize their spending and share cost-cutting strategies for saving money. This workshop, as well as the others in HRRC’s Financial Fitness series, is presented at the Lee Road Library. For more information, visit www.hrrc-ch.org for the dates or call 216-381-2207.

Gail Jackson is a housing counselor at the Home Repair Resource Center in Cleveland Heights.

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The third annual Ride for Miles was held Sunday, Sept. 26, at John Carroll University. Around 420 riders participated. Four bands and 23 restaurants donated to the event, which raises funds for the Miles Coburn Environmental Seminar to educate people about the global climate change emergency. Next year’s ride is set for Sept. 18, 2011. Learn more at www.rideformiles.org.
Community events

Oct. 2–10  Sustainable Heights Week  Text is a unsung hero house, ride bike to the farmer’s market, hike Doan Brook or participate in a Green Assets Mapping Party in historic Coventry Village. Most events are free and many are family friendly. Visit www.sustainableheightsnetwork.blogspot.com for a full list of events. For more information, email the network at sustainablehts@gmail.com. Visit www.sustainableheightsnetwork.village. Most events are free and many are family friendly.

Oct. 7  Meeting Room B, Lee Road Library
7:00–8:30 p.m.  FutureHeights

Oct. 8  First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard
8:00–10 p.m.  Apostles’ Free

Oct. 12  Meeting Room B, Lee Road Library
7:00–8:30 p.m.  FutureHeights

Oct. 12  Workshop: How to Edit (for Community Journalists)
Why, what, and how editors do what they do. 7:00–8:30 p.m. Meeting Room B, Lee Road Library

Oct. 18  Most events are free and many are family friendly. Visit www.sustainableheightsnetwork.village.
Best of the Heights Awards  Heights Independent Business Alliance Launch Party
6:30–9:00 p.m.  Motorcenter Toyota, 2950 Mayfield Road  FutureHeights and HIBA

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