Coventry Village SID is a catalyst for change

Deanna Bremer Fisher

The Coventry Village Special Improvement District (CVSID) has had a big impact on Coventry Road in 15 years. “Twelve years ago, professionals didn’t want to rent in Coventry,” said Lewis Zipkin, vice president of CVSID and property owner in the district. “Today, we get calls from around the world.”

The CVSID was formed in November 1996 when property owners noticed that Coventry was becoming a little rough around the edges. “We chose to stay,” said Gary Biller, Coventry property owner and treasurer of CVSID. “The street has never looked better.”

In 2000, Zipkin was having lunch with the Cleveland Heights city manager at Tommy’s Restaurant when he learned that the city would be working with Cuyahoga County to repave Coventry Road. “I called Tommy [Fello] over and we began to talk about redoing the street, not just from curb to curb,” said Zipkin, “but from building to building.”

CVSID worked with an architect to develop plans for a new streetscape, decorative planters, new sidewalks and curbs, and burying some of the overhead wiring. Street signs, benches and planters reflect the eclectic, hip vibe that Coventry Village has become known for, branding the street as a destination.

The project was primarily funded by the county with assistance from First Energy. CVSID financed its portion of the project with a loan from the city for $400,000, at four percent interest, payable over 10 years. Special terms capped the amount paid by the SID each year to service the loan at $50,000. The city agreed to forgive any unpaid portion of the loan after the 10-year period.

“Coventry Village SID is a catalyst for change,” said Zipkin. “If the SID wasn’t organized, I don’t think we would be where we are today.”

School board votes unanimously against placing bond issue on November ballot

Deanna Bremer Fisher

What was expected to be a mere formality was instead a change of heart at the July 17 Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board of Education work session. Three board members reversed their earlier positions and voted no on placing a $130.6 million school facilities improvement bond on the November ballot.

The bond issue, which would have had a 36-year maturity, would have cost homeowners $16.40 per month per $100,000 in property tax valuation. At its July 3 meeting, the board voted 3–2 to move forward with placing the issue on the November ballot. Board members Karen Jones, Eric Coble and Nancy Peppler voted in favor of the issue. Ron Register and Kal Zucker cast the dissenting votes.

The unanimous 0–5 vote reversed the board’s earlier decision to move forward. In explaining his change of opinion, Eric Coble said, “I know that there is a large contingent of the community that feels that this plan is not done yet, is not fully cooked and ready to be presented to the public. And a lot of people are asking specifically for one more year. There have, over the last several weeks, been a number of people who have stepped up, who have promised to continue to work and to continue to give their time and their energies to make it a plan that a larger portion of
I've been writing news stories now for five years, but I still consider myself a nonprofessional. I didn't train to be a journalist, and never thought I'd end up running a newspaper. Because I lacked professional training, I knew I'd better find some folks who knew what they were doing—and quick.

Members of the Heights Observer Editorial Advisory Committee are those folks. They are my go-to group. Whenever I need advice on something in the newspaper, usually one of them can help.

The current committee chair is Jewel Moulthrop, a retired editor who moved to Cleveland Heights in 2007 to be closer to her grandchildren. Somehow, she found us and asked if we needed help copy editing. With her expert eye and command of the English language, she soon was sitting with me every month to review the final proof of the page—and finding lots of errors. Longtime is one word, no hyphen. Book titles take italics, titles of plays take quotes. Who knew? It didn’t take me long to ask Jewel to join my team of advisors.

Some people may think that grammar and punctuation are little things, but they often make the difference between a newspaper that is a chore to read and one that is a real joy. We hope you enjoy reading the Observer.

As a citizen-journalism publication that welcomes news stories and opinion pieces from every Heights resident, we try to maintain the voice of each writer and editor when we edit a story. But we also try to help each look good by ensuring that the stories are grammatically correct, concise and easy to read.

We generally follow the Associated Press style, but Jewel has created the Heights Observer style guide to help our writers and editors know the particular quirks of our community. For example, city council members in University Heights are councilwoman or councillor. Cleveland Heights Council, however, prefers the title of council member. Some may call it the Noble Library, but its real name is the Noble Neighborhood Library, and we make sure that every Heights Observer article refers to it correctly.

All of the committee members are listed in our masthead. Bob Rosenbaum, former committee chair, has had a long career in journalism and publishing. He now runs his own marketing and communications firm, the MarketFarm, and heads our advertising and business development efforts. Greg Donley, a graphic designer and writer, was part of the FutureHeights team that launched the Heights Observer. He laid out the first two print issues and worked with our current design staff to develop the Observer’s distinctive look. David Budin, former editor of Northern Ohio Life and Cleveland Magazine, is my go-to guy for anything arts related. He's an excellent editor who knows how to fit a story to the available space. Ellie Mallet was a columnist for the Plain Dealer and has written several books. She’s an excellent storyteller and wrote an Organizer column for a while. Carrie Buchanan is a journalism professor at John Carroll University (JCU). John Etorre writes Working Words, a blog about writing.

Several committee members also serve on the FutureHeights Board of Directors. They provide oversight of the Heights Observer project.

Clare Taft is a lawyer who wrote for JCU’s student newspaper, The Carroll News. Vice Reddy, a city planner by trade, has written several stories analyzing our community from this perspective. Kevin Smith has expertise in real estate and urban planning. Jeff Coryell worked as the new media director for a campaign for the United States Senate and founded a successful statewide political website, Ohio Daily.

This expert team of professionals works behind the scenes to make this newspaper the most professional-looking nonprofessional newspaper around. Editor-in-chief Kim Sergio Inglis and I are grateful for their assistance. We hope you continue to enjoy the end result.

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

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School facilities master plan is flawed

In regard to the Facilities Plan the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board voted to fund with a bond issue this November, this plan is not "comprehensive." I know what the Citizens Committee meant when they wrote comprehensive—I believe I was the one who suggested that word. This plan does not include Taylor, the board of education, the bus depot, Coventry, the Severance barns, Millikin or even remotely resembling a plan for the future of Noble, Fairfax or Gereity. That is what was meant by comprehensive.

—Eric Silverman

Cuyahoga County Public Library suffers from too much money?

When I heard that the Cuyahoga County Public Library was going to spend $36 million to build a new library in South Euclid-Lyndhurst and abandon the current library in the Telling Mansion, it did not sound like a particularly good idea to me. But, in order to be fair and gather the facts about the issue, I called and spoke with Sari Feldman, the director of the Cuyahoga County Library, to get further details. I also checked on the library’s website and read the report about the costs to make necessary repairs to the current library buildings—the Tellin Mansion, garage and storage house. These buildings are on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

—Fran Menth

Library saving money through efficient building design

Heights Observer blogger Fran Menth recently shared her perspective on Cuyahoga County Public Library’s Facilities Master Plan and building a new South Euclid-Lyndhurst branch. Cuyahoga County Public Library appreciates the opportunity to respond to the issues she raised and share information about the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch project, which has the full support of Mayor Wels in South Euclid and Mayor Ciceri in Lyndhurst.

—Sari Feldman
One-man community garden needs assistants

To the Editor:

“Who will help me plant this seed?” asked the Little Red Hen in the fairy tale. Nobody wanted to help with anything until it was time to eat the bread.

In a similar true-life story, Steve Warner, a Cleveland Heights High School science teacher and Environmental Club faculty advisor, has been caring for the Taylor Road Learning Garden all summer by himself, with the help of a scattered few volunteers and the University Heights Fire Department.

Twenty of the 40 lots on the property; at 14750 Superior Road (behind the former Taylor Academy School, on the hillside facing Taylor Road in University Heights), were farmed this spring and summer. Six plots were maintained by students at the high school, and 14 by community members. With the exception of the students, it cost $250 per year for a plot. The additional 20 plots have not been claimed. All were available to any resident of Cleveland Heights or University Heights, or even residents of other towns and cities.

So, over the summer, Steve has done most of the work. The fire department fills the eight rain barrels with water when they are emptied, but the only way to drain them is to lift watering cans and pour the contents on the plots. He has shovels, trowels, rakes, wheelbarrows and a string trimmer, all of which were provided by funds from a grant he got early on in the process of including outdoor learning as part of his curriculum.

Steve is aided by members of the Northern Ohio Perennials Society, and some students who are at home on summer break. But the lack of additional manpower, a proper shed for storage, and a permanent water system have stymied his efforts to enlarge and improve the project.

In the fall, Steve will return to his teaching responsibilities, but the gardens will still need care. Steve is looking for help from anyone who would be able to help prepare the gardens for winter, and develop a long-term plan for the land and a permanent watering solution that can be presented to the CH-UH School Board. Interested residents can contact Steve at 216-544-3500 or steven_warner@uab.org.

Joyce W. Hoffer
Lyndhurst
(CH resident, 2006-09)

Dog-free Cleveland Heights parks are underused

To the Editor:

Your front page article about the Dog Project caught my eye when I saw a copy of it. I do hope they get cited, though!) So what is more, it looks like those Cleveland Heights parks.

The first time we tried to walk in the East Cleveland part of Forest Hills Park we encountered signs saying “No Animals Allowed.” What they do about rabbits, deer, squirrels, foxes and the coyote family living in the park is beyond me. I do hope they get cited, though! So it has always been a pet peeve for me that although I pay taxes to Cleveland Heights, I have to go outside the city to walk my dog.

What is more, it looks like those of you who don’t like dogs don’t use the parks that much yourselves. The parks do look pretty, though.

Alan McIlwain
Cleveland Heights

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The City of Cleveland Heights Public Works Department rototilled the enclosure to prepare the soil for the garden, and the Parks and Recreation Department publicized the program to Cambridge children. Become on the Heights donated plants, potting soil and mulch; the Case Western Reserve University Farm donated plants and seeds; Home Depot donated a watering can and tomato cages; and a grant from the Ohio State Cooperative extension bought plants, a compostor and a rain barrel.

With the garden now flourishing, Westin said the most common question she hears at the pool is, “Who will get all the vegetables?” The answer is that the children who planted, weeded and watered the garden will also enjoy its bounty. So far, they have harvested and consumed pea pods, green peppers and an abundance of Swiss chard. Beans, corn, tomatoes, eggplant, carrots, beets, zucchini, and cucumbers are all coming up soon.

Daniel Budin is a lifelong resident of Cleveland Heights and a member of the Future Heights Board of Directors.

OPINION/LETTERS TO EDITOR
Demolition of Denison Pool also destroys covenant with our children

Fran Mentch

I just checked weather.com and the official temperature is 96 degrees. A few days ago, 2012 was declared the warmest year on record for Ohio. In a time when many other communities are building new pools, Cleveland Heights destroyed one of its two public pools.

Denison Pool was demolished a few weeks ago. Denison Pool was destroyed and a new soccer field was built—not over the pool—but next to where the pool used to be. The new soccer field could have been built elsewhere in our town. It could have been built at Denison without destroying the pool. I ask myself why Denison Pool was demolished. Are we too poor to maintain two swimming pools? Are the children in that part of the city expend-able? Is that part of the city expendable? Or do we simply have a dysfunctional city government?

Within the last 18 months, Cleveland Heights City Council closed Denison Pool, refused to work with the Trust for Public Land in order to turn Oakwood into a Metropark, and bulldozed forward an unsafe and unwanted plan for narrowing Taylor Road. All three projects have had a negative effect on the livability and the community can support. I am will- ing to give them that year.

Nancy Peppler said, “I want to make it really, really clear that my decision is absolutely not a vote to remove Plan C from consideration. It’s simply a recog-nition that the traditional school sup-porters aren’t fully in support of us going forward this November. They’re fully in support, and in fact are demanding, that we go forward on a plan to renovate the property value of our neighborhoods. Cleveland Heights city government’s financial and psychological abandon-ment of the northeast side of the city endangers the area, and the rest of the city. A deteriorating community helps no one. No one.

Because the Denison neighbor-hood has large numbers of poor chil-dren, minority children and children who live in single-parent households, I asked Heights Community Congress to help keep Denison pool open. It seemed like a diversity issue to me. It has been public knowledge for a long time that African-American children have three times the risk of drowning because 70 percent of them cannot swim. I also contacted Yvonna Hall, director of the local office of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, to ask for help to keep the pool open. I am not aware that either of these or-ganizations did anything to help keep Denison Pool open.

In 1994, sociologist John O’Neill in-troduced covenant theory to explain the ties between the treatment of children and community and nationhood. He calls for intragenerational and intergen-erational justice, and the importance of civic sustainability.”

Is there any intergenerational jus-tice at work here? Many young adults in our city remember Denison Pool.

It gave them summer jobs, the chance to socialize, and a place to cool off and burn off some teenage energy. Cleve-land Heights residents now have only one place to swim. Denison Park and Cumberland Pool are four miles from each other, so a child who used to go to Denison Pool will now have a four-mile walk or bike ride. Four miles is pretty far for kids—especially in this heat.

Mayor Kelley refused citizens’ request for a public meeting, despite requests and petitions, and appeals from Severance Neighborhood Organization. Not one city council member stepped forward to help residents. A basic tenet of city planning is to consider equity when making decisions about allocat-ing resources. Equity was cast aside in making this decision. To my knowl-edge, no one in city government tried to prevent the demolition of Denison. Susanna O’Neil, the community services director, seems to have pushed hard to demolish Denison Pool and would not consider any alternative.

People trust their government offi-cials to make the best choices for the community. By demolishing Denison Pool, blocking a Metropark and pushing six lanes of Taylor Road traffic closer to families’ front doors, the government of Cleveland Heights has broken the covenant to care for our children and for the generations to come.

Fran Mentch is president of the Severance Neighborhood Association.
On June 23, teams of alumni from the four Heights middle schools held a Middle School Grudge Match kickball game. Participating were teams from Wiley, Monticello, Roxboro, and Roosevelt (Roosevelt Junior High School was torn down in the late 1970s and replaced by Boulevard Elementary School). The tournament was held at Forest Hills Park and attracted close to 200 Heights alumni from the class of 1974 to the present. Family and friends joined in the festivities with food, games and water balloon fights. Second-time champion Team Roxboro beat Team Wiley 1-0 in the hard-fought championship game.
Board of Elections announces polling location changes in CH

Kim Sergio Inglis

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (BOE) has announced the closing of three Cleveland Heights polling locations, Boulevard Elementary School, Oxford Elementary School and Severance Towers. In addition, two precincts at other polling locations will move to new polling sites this November.

Erich Stubbs, election support official for the BOE, presented the changes to Cleveland Heights City Council on June 25. The changes are:
• Close Boulevard School polling place; move precincts 1C, 3E, 4E to CH Community Center (Rec. Center)
• Close Oxford School polling place; move precincts 5A, 5B, 5E to Caledonia School (Caledonia is part of the East Cleveland School District, but the building is in Cleveland Heights)
• Close Severance Towers polling place; move precinct AG to Cleveland Heights City Hall Council Chambers
• Move precinct 2D from Fairfax School to Canterbury School
• Move precinct 2E from Lee Road Library to Fairfax School (to reduce number of precincts voting at the library from five to four)

The changes reduce the number of Cleveland Heights polling locations from 18 to 16, and add one new polling location, the community center. No polling changes are planned this year for University Heights.

The BOE will send two letters notifying affected voters of the changes. The first letter will be sent sometime in September, according to Stubbs. In addition, signage will be posted at all affected polling locations on Election Day, indicating the new polling locations.

Stubbs explained that Oxford is closing because its ramp is not ADA compliant, with an incline that is “too high for a wheelchair.” In the case of Boulevard, Stubbs said that was “more of a voter convenience issue,” and it is closing because the parking lot is too far from the voter location entrance. Severance Towers location is closing because it is less than a quarter mile from another polling place, City Hall.

As asked if there had been complaints about accessibility at Oxford and Boulevard, Stubbs replied, “We didn’t get a lot of complaints, but my job is to make sure there is no issue. I keep in mind safety and ADA requirements. If we can’t resolve ADA issues, we move the location.”

In his analysis, Stubbs looked at the “top six cities” ranked by population (based on the 2010 census). They were (in order) Cleveland, Parma, Lakewood, Euclid, Cleveland Heights and Strongsville. While Cleveland Heights ranked number five in population, at 46,121, it ranked number four in number of registered voters, at 34,157, and number one in percentage of registered voters, at 70.72 percent.

Lakewood, with 35,792 registered voters, has 10 polling locations, compared with Cleveland Heights’ 16 locations for 34,317 registered voters. Stubbs said there are no plans to add polling locations in Lakewood, and that additional changes may be made in Cleveland Heights, but not until 2013. “We didn’t want to make a lot of changes in a presidential election year,” said Stubbs.

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

Coventry Chess match ends in a draw

It was a “heated” battle between two local chess champions in Coventry Village on July 22. A crowd of chess aficionados surrounded the players to take in the action.

Master David Allen, 52, and national Grand Master Champion Anatoly Lein, 81, battled 90-degree temperatures with National Pawnbroker Championship title on the line. Lein’s strategy was carefully calculated and respected by Allen and the crowd. When they finally declared a draw, it was a “friendly draw” and a respected match.

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Water main break at Cedar Fairmount snarls traffic

A water main break caused Fairmount Boulevard to be closed at Cedar Road.

Deanna Bremer Fisher

A water main break at the intersection of Cedar Road and Fairmount Boulevard caused rush hour traffic jams on Cedar Hill on July 12 when the eastbound lanes of Fairmount had to be closed.

“The break occurred at 2 a.m.,” said Dennis Zentaraski, commissioner for utilities, water and sewers for the City of Cleveland Heights, “and it was a big one. It required emergency response because of the large quantity of water.”

The break was located and repaired by 2 p.m. One traffic lane remained closed, however, awaiting repair of the road bed.

A water line broke at Cedar Road and Grandview Avenue on July 8.

“They things happen,” said Zentaraski. “When they decide to go, they go.” Zentaraski added that about 59 water line breaks happen each year in Cleveland Heights.

Deanna Bremer Fisher is executive director of FutureHeights and publisher of the Heights Observer.
Cleveland Heights City Council
Meeting highlights

JUNE 18, 2012

Council Member Cheryl L. Stephens was excused.

New fire chief
Following the Civil Service protocol to find a replacement for Fire Chief Kevin Moore, who is retiring at the end of August, the city will promote Lieutenant William “Dave” Freeman to that position. Freeman has served in the department for 20 years, most recently as paramedic coordinator. The protocol includes independent evaluations by six fire chiefs from the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association Testing agency.

CDBG funds
Council approved one-year contracts (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) with three non-profit organizations for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These include contracts to:
• Heights Emergency Food Center, $5,000 for operating expenses. The food center served 13,000 people in the Heights this year.
• Heights Youth Club Inc., $20,000 for assistance with its Project Team: The Educational Enhancement Program. Project Team serves 480 youths, 51 percent of whom are from low- and moderate-income households.
• Noble-Nela Merchants Association, $4,500 to support the association’s administrative costs and activities. Forty businesses benefit from the association’s work, which includes streetscape improvement and marketing of the district.

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Summer in the City free parking
Vice Mayor Dennis Wilson announced a new Summer in the City program involving free parking throughout the city on three weekends: June 29 to July 1, July 27–29, and Aug. 24–26.

Citizens United resolution
With one dissenting vote, council approved an amended resolution expressing opposition to the United States Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) case regarding the constitutional rights of corporations. The resolution supports a constitutional amendment to provide that corporations are not entitled to the “rights” of natural persons and that use of corporate money to influence the electoral process would not be constitutionally protected speech. Council Member Mary Dunbar voted no, maintaining that council’s time is better spent on local rather than national issues.

Bicycle surveys
Dunbar urged resident participation in two surveys: one about locations for bike racks, and the other to help the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) update its Regional Bicycle Plan. Links to the surveys can be found on the Heights Bicycle Coalition website, http://bikesinheights.org.

Little Free Library
Council authorized a partnership with Cleveland Heights University Heights Public Library for a Little Free Library program. Following the lead of other communities in at least 24 states and eight countries, this legislation allows the library to place boxes on posts on tree lawns or other public properties as approved by the city manager. Constructed to look like houses, barns, birdhouses and other structures, the boxes will be filled with donated works of literature free of charge to any interested person. No box will be installed on a tree lawn in front of a residence if the property owner objects to the placement.

Council vacancy application
On June 27, the city began accepting applications for filling the council seat vacated by Phyllis Evans. The appointee will serve through Dec. 31, 2013, and must run for election in November 2013 to complete Evans’s term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2015. The application form can be found in the “News” section of the city’s website, picked up at city hall, or obtained by calling the city manager’s office at 216-291-3775. Anyone who has previously applied for prior vacancies will need to complete a new application. The deadline is July 25.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

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2011 Residential Recycling Report

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District released its 2011 Residential Recycling Report, revealing the degree of participation in recycling programs by residents of the county’s 59 communities. The City of Cleveland Heights, which has encouraged its residents to observe sustainable practices with a renewed vigor since the unveiling of its 2011 Strategic Development Plan, claimed a top-ten spot on the list. Disposing of 18,676 tons of solid waste, but saving 27,988 tons from landfills, the city was able to report a total of 59.98 percent materials recycled. This amount is a slight improvement over the 59.16 percent recycled in 2010.

“We used to have a recycling goal of 50 percent for Cleveland Heights, but we found we’ve been surpassing that amount,” said Bonnie Caplan, Cleveland Heights city council member. “I put out more recycling than I do regular trash, and I’m not even a fanatic about it.”

Shifting perspectives from environmental benefits to economic ones, recycling makes sense (and cents) when considering the city pays a fee for every ton of waste it sends to the landfill, but gets paid for every ton of material it recycles. University Heights fell short of its recycling goals in 2011. Contributing 5,078 tons of waste and recycling 1,210 tons, the city reported a total of 19.25 percent materials recycled—a decrease from 2010’s 30.07 percent.

Jeff Pokorny, University Heights service director, hypothesized that the diminished amount could be attributed to a change in the collection of yard waste. Beginning May 1, 2011, UH residents who wanted their yard waste collected for composting had to adhere to stricter guidelines. For example, unwanted yard debris must be placed in a brown kraft bag for compost; a plastic bag for landfill. In addition, materials such as brush and wood must be on the tree lawn, bundled in a manageable size, for collection on the regular garbage pick-up day.

Pokorny noted that the total combined amount of waste (around 6,000 tons) was in the same ballpark as last year, which is a positive aspect. Pokorny said that now the city must “renew its efforts to get the word out about recycling,” to motivate the involvement of residents in shifting the ratio of waste to recyclables to the level that the city has previously achieved.

The information in the county’s report was provided by each municipality and included materials collected through curbside and drop-off programs, plus organic waste diverted from landfills through composting, brush chipping and other methods.

Pepper Pike achieved the highest recycling rate, 70.98 percent. Not surprisingly, cities with higher percentages of residents who own their own homes and have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher, and with low poverty rates, achieved a higher rate of recycling. For example, 48.7 percent of Pepper Pike residents are homeowners and 69.7 percent have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher. The poverty rate is 3.7 percent. East Cleveland, which achieved a recycling rate of only 16.4 percent, has a poverty rate of 37.4 percent, a homeownership rate of 35.1 percent. The percentage of its residents who have achieved bachelor’s degrees is 19.6 percent.


How can residents become motivated to participate in recycling programs? “Residents may be more inclined to participate if they realize each small effort can add up to create significant results,” said Caplan.

Kerrie Bercher, CSU student and Future Heights intern, is interested in environmental planning and urban studies.

Bees

People probably couldn’t live without bees. Approximately 90 percent of all flowering plants require pollination to survive.

In the agricultural industry, a third of pollination is accomplished by honey bees. Among the plants that depend on honey bee pollination are almonds, carrots, melons, apricots, cherries, pears, apples, avocados and blueberries. Mear, milk and cheese products are reliant on the pollinated crops that livestock eat.

Unfortunately, many bees are disappearing—a 50 percent decline has been cited in recent years. Scientists have linked a constellation of factors, including pesticides, parasites and viruses, to adverse effects on bees, including colony collapse disorder. Some have said that pesticides (neonicotinoids) are a main culprit, and many European countries have banned neonicotinoids to safeguard bees’ health.

About one percent of the human population is extremely allergic to bee stings. Away from their nests, bees rarely sting unless stepped on or threatened. Near their hives, however, bees will defend their home. You can minimize the chance of bee stings by not wearing perfume or scented products.

If bees are entering and exiting from a hole in your house, you may have a colony. Call a beekeeper or a reputable pest control company to confirm and get rid of them. Be sure to insist that they use the least toxic method.

For more bee information, visit www.beyondpesticides.org.

Barry Zucker is executive director of Beyond Pesticides Ohio.
Exercise programs for older adults with arthritis

Arthritis is a chronic, often painful disease that affects the joints of the body. There are more than 100 forms of arthritis, but according to the Arthritis Foundation (AF) the two most common among older adults are osteoarthritis (OA) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

OA is characterized by a breakdown of cartilage that protects the bones. The bones then begin to rub against each other, causing stiffness and pain. RA is an autoimmune disease that attacks the protective membrane that lines the joints. Fluid builds up in the joints, causing inflammation and pain. OA affects one or more joints in the body, while RA affects the entire body, as well as the internal organs.

The AF states that arthritis is the most common cause of disability in the United States. Sixty-five percent of Americans with arthritis are over the age of 64. Of those, 60 percent are women. There are nearly 1.5 million people living with arthritis in Northeast Ohio.

“People with arthritis often feel there is nothing they can do to relieve their pain, but there is actually a lot they can do,” said Kelly Donahue, program and public awareness manager for the Northeast Ohio branch of the AF. Said Donahue, “Research has proven that the best thing people with arthritis can do to control their pain and prevent further deterioration of the joints is to exercise.”

The AF recommends gentle stretching and range-of-motion exercises. They have developed three exercise programs especially for people with arthritis, offered at 225 locations in Northeast Ohio. They include a land-based exercise program, an aquatic program, and tai chi classes. All of these programs strengthen the muscles around the joints, which helps to protect the joints, making them healthier and reducing the pain.

The AF exercise and aquatic programs are offered at Judson Park in Cleveland, and the tai chi program will be offered at Church of the Redeemer in Cleveland Heights starting in September. More locations are listed on the AF website at www.arthritis.org/media/chapters/or/ohio/Programs%20Calendar412.pdf. One should consult with a doctor before beginning any new exercise program.

Fortunately, there are several steps to take to prevent arthritis. Avoiding joint injury and over-use, maintaining a healthy weight, and exercising regularly help lower one’s risk of developing OA.

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Jake Weisblat sets Thunder Run course record

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Jake Weisblat broke the Forest Hill Park Thunder Run record by more than a minute with his time of 17:29.1 at the 5k race held July 21. "It's fun to win," he said. "The course is nice and flat."

The 16-year-old is a Cleveland Heights resident and a student at University School. This was his first Thunder Run, but his mother, Gina Weisblat, who placed first in her age category, has run in each of the previous three events.

“We heard about it a few years ago when our sons were playing baseball right here at Forest Hills,” she said. “I think it’s a really pretty course. It’s nice to run in your own community.”

This was the first 5k for nine-year-old Veronica Gross. “It was hard,” she said. The rising fourth grader at Canterbury Elementary School said that she never runs and didn’t train for the event. She swims with the Shaker Sharks, a USA Swimming program located in Shaker Heights. She decided to take part in the race just the night before. “My sister Jesse had done it and I wanted to do it,” she said.

“My 17-year-old brother, Tom, said he could run a nice day,” said Richard King. “I wanted to get out and do something in the community, instead of by myself every time I run.” King said he had seen a poster for the event at Bill’s Dry Cleaners on Lee Road.

Leah Huff pushed her daughter Oliva in a jogging stroller as she ran. Visibly pregnant, Huff is a member of South Euclid-based Velocity Church, which encouraged her to participate as part of a 50-day health and wellness challenge. “We are due in December. We are having another little girl, named Evelyn,” said Huff. “When I’m pregnant, I run about four days per week. Being pregnant, it just gave me a goal to just run a little more.”

She and her husband live in University Heights. “My husband and I have only lived here for three years,” said Huff. “I’ve never been [in Forest Hill Park]. It’s beautiful, it’s nice and shady.”

Race organizer Jim Roosa was pleased with the event’s attendance.

“This year’s race drew about 65 to 70 runners, he said, “This is really good energy. We get lots of positive feedback from people.”


The event benefits a different Heights-based nonprofit every year. Roosa and Jed Koops began the run in 2009 when their church, Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, held a Big Give Challenge in which every congregant was handed $50 and asked to invest it in some way that would help the community. Forest Hill Church pastor, John Lentz, always participates in the race.

This year, Lentz placed first in his age category for the second time.

Past races have benefited the Heights Emergency Food Center and Reaching Heights. Proceeds from this year’s event will go to FutureHeights.

“We’re going to keep building it up,” said Roosa, who said they will start planning for next year’s event in January. He said they haven’t yet decided which Heights-based nonprofit will be the beneficiary. “We look for a nonprofit with an active volunteer base,” said Roosa. “We want them to be involved in this. They should be based in the Heights and, preferably, [be a group that] is underserved.”

“We always have people running the event who are amazed at what is in the park, even though they live around here,” said Roosa. “One of the nice things about doing the event is that we introduce this wonderful resource to people’s not your typical big square run, like when you run street races. This curves around a bit, so it is a little more scenic.”

For more race results and information about Thunder Run, visit www.thunderrun.org.

Deanna Bremer Fisher is executive director of FutureHeights and publisher of the Heights Observer.
Bike parking expands in the Heights

Heights Bicycle Coalition

When the City of Cleveland Heights wanted to increase bicycle parking capacity, it wondered where to place more bike racks.

To help the city gather input, the Heights Bicycle Coalition surveyed its members and other local cyclists about their bike parking needs.

Thirty cyclists responded and gave suggestions about locations throughout the Heights. Severance Town Center was most often cited as a place that needs bike racks. One respondent noted that the Severance ring road includes a bike lane, but that bike racks are rare.

Other sites where bike parking was suggested are: all area Starbucks, the Cedar Fairmount Business District, the Heights Rockefeller Building, Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park, Forest Hill Park, Cedar Center and Wendy’s on Cedar Road. Locations in downtown Cleveland and Shaker Heights were also suggested.

Respondents mentioned the importance of bike rack design. A rack that provides two points of contact with the bike frame provides more stability and enables the lock to secure both wheels and the bike frame to the rack.

Bike racks near retail businesses provide short-term parking, but long-term parking for bike commuters is also needed. RTA has installed covered parking at several Rapid stops for cyclists who combine cycling and public transit. These covered structures protect bikes from rain and other elements, preventing weather damage and prolonging the life of the bicycles.

Bike parking capacity in the Heights is increasing and, with the help of the survey, racks will be placed where cyclists noted a need. The City of Cleveland Heights, the Cedar Fairmount Business District and other business districts are all installing more bike racks. The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District is improving bike parking for both students and staff.

Improved bicycle parking is one aspect of a bike-friendly community. “Convenient, easily used, and secure bicycle parking encourages people to replace some of their car trips with bicycle trips,” according to the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

The Heights Bicycle Coalition was formed in the spring of 2010 and works to encourage citizens to ride bicycles for fun, fitness and transportation.

The Affordable Care Act: What’s in it for you?

Jessica Schreiber

Americans held their collective breath awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), aka Obamacare. The answer came back on June 28: the historic reform of our healthcare system was upheld as the law of the land.

Passed by Congress in 2010 amid much sound and fury, the ACA affects almost all Americans. Whether you consider healthcare reform a pithita or Pandora, it is important to understand the provisions and benefits contained in the law and how it will affect you and the people you care about.

But isn’t the ACA a gazillion pages long and more confusing than Finnegans Wake? Actually, when devoid of political spin and focused on the provisions and protections for consumers of health-care services, all of us, the information is readily accessible.

In response to the need for accurate and understandable information, the Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN) and UHCAN Ohio have created a local speakers bureau consist- ing of volunteer physicians, leaders of women’s organizations and other civic activists to explain and answer questions about the healthcare law.

Speakers will provide up-to-date information, answer questions about the provisions of the law, and explain how to access the benefits of the law as they are rolled out.

A number of provisions are already in place, such as allowing children to stay on their parents’ insurance plans until age 26, banning insurance denials for pre-existing conditions and eliminating co-pays for preventive services for seniors. More changes will take effect beginning Aug. 1 and ongoing to 2014.

For women, the ACA provides many benefits, including cancer screenings, maternity care and contraceptive cover- age, and prohibits gender discrimina- tion in the cost of insurance policies. Speakers can tailor presentations to the specific concerns of a group. Two of the most popular presentations are:

• “The New Healthcare Law—Ask a Doc,” in which a local physician provides an overview of the law and its impact from his or her perspective as a health care provider, and

• “The New Healthcare Law Has Ohio Women Covered,” in which a female speaker highlights the benefits that are most important to women and their families.

This is a unique opportunity to get the facts about the Affordable Care Act and what it offers to women, families, seniors and businesses. Consider invit- ing a speaker to address your organiza- tion or group, or organize your own house party for neighbors and friends.

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Reading with a buddy at Heights Libraries

Anna Register

In July, Heights Libraries promoted literacy and leadership with a new program, Reading Buddies. The program was offered at the Lee Road Library and paired students in grades 1-3 with teens aged 13-17. The program was designed to help grade-school students reach appropriate reading levels and prevent summer learning loss, while giving teens the opportunity to play a leadership role.

The program is based on one conducted through Heights Libraries about 10 years ago. It returned with the help of a teen volunteer from that program, who is now a librarian at Heights Libraries.

"Jessica Robinson [youth services librarian], offered to run this program after participating in a similar one when she was a teen," said Susan Black, youth services manager. "The governor wants third graders to read at level before they leave third grade. The best way to learn is to practice. With this program, children are paired with a teen they can read to, receive encouragement from, and play words games with."

The hour-long program led to more than just better reading skills. Patrick Tan and his children, Sean and Patricia, regularly attended the program. "My children are more focused and able to listen," said Tan. "They are very shy, especially Patricia, and I notice they talk to adults more." When asked how he felt about the program, Sean happily chimed in, "I like stories like Blue Clues."

The teens received an orientation to help them determine a child's reading level. From there, they chose books and other word-based activities specifically for the child they were working with," explained Black. The teens were guided in how to recognize material that would challenge, but not frustrate, the children they were mentoring.

Reading Buddies is over for this summer, but Heights Libraries continues to offer an array of programming to improve literacy for both children and adults. For more information visit www.heightslibrary.org, or call 216-932-3600.

Anna Register is the marketing assistant for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library.

Come soon: a Little Free Library near you

Sheryl Banks

Heights Libraries has become part of a small movement with big potential: Little Free Libraries.

Little Free Libraries are just that—small, house-like structures containing books for people to borrow or exchange. The concept is similar to that of those "take a penny, leave a penny" bowls you see by cash registers. If you take a book, bring another book to replace it. Or, just return it.

Little Free Libraries can be located on yards, tree lawns, street corners—just about anywhere they can fit.

The first Little Free Library has opened at the southeast corner of Elmwood and Sylvania roads, near the Noble Neighborhood Library. "We’re fortunate that a former children’s librarian volunteered to be a steward for the first one," said Sam Lapidus, Heights Libraries coordinator. "She’ll work with the Noble branch manager to keep the box well stocked with gently used children’s and adult books that have been donated or culled from our collection."

Two more will be opened over the next few months. The project is another way for Heights Libraries to encourage reading and literacy, and encourage members of the community to engage with one another.

Part of the charm of the Heights Little Free Libraries is the structures. A Cleveland Heights business, Sibby Stained Glass and Woodworking, is building them, and is donating the labor and using mostly recycled materials.

The roughly 3’ x 3’ structure at Elmwood and Sylvania roads looks like an elegant playhouse, with solid wooden walls and real roof tiles to keep books dry in all kinds of weather. It has leaded glass doors, which have written on them: “Take a Book, Leave a Book.”

In an age of e-books, this Little Free Library is refreshingly low-tech.

According to the Little Free Library organization at www.littlefreelibrary.org, Ohio currently has five of the structures, including one in Cleveland on West 82 Street.

“Little Free Libraries are a great way to get people excited about books and talking about them at the neighborhood level,” said Lapides. "The people who live in Cleveland Heights and University Heights are passionate about reading and literacy, and also about their neighborhood, so this project fits in to our community perfectly.”

Sheryl Banks is the marketing and community relations manager for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library.
What's going on at your library?

Lee Road Library
23455 Lee Road, 216-823-6000

Fridays, Aug. 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
Reading Rumpus. Bring the whole family for books, music, rhymes and activities designed to develop early literacy skills. After storytime, play in the early literacy PLAYRoom.

Thursday, Aug. 21, 7–7 p.m.
The Life of Jimmy, James Teal, local resident, descendant of slaves and author of the memoir, The Life of Jimmy, will share stories and anecdotes from his family history, his early childhood on an East Texas farm and his adult life in the Cleveland area.

University Heights Library
13866 Cedar Road, 216-321-4700

Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.
UH Olympics. While the Olympics are happening in England, you and your family can compete in our own wacky events.

Friday, Aug. 17, 1:30 p.m.
How You Read This Movie? Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone. Teens can read the book, then see the movie at the library.

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

Monday, Aug. 6, 3–5 p.m.
Coventry Village Songwriting Workshop. Songwriters of all levels are invited to share their own songs in a constructive environment.

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 6–7 p.m.
Family Film Night: Where the Wild Things Are. Snacks provided.

Barbara Trepal retires

Barbara Trepal, part-time children’s services associate at the Noble Neighborhood Library, will retire Aug. 1 after 10 years of service. The retirement resolution passed by the board mentioned her dedication and willingness to help other library staff in reference and circulation, as well as her expertise in planning programs.

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

Friday, Aug. 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday, Aug. 21, 7–7 p.m.
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Heights Libraries welcomes new manager of youth services, honors outgoing manager

Brian C. Hare, new youth services manager.

Sheryl Banks

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library announces the appointment of Brian C. Hare as its new youth services manager. Susan Black, outgoing youth services manager, retires this month after nearly 34 years with Heights Libraries.

“I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of this library system,” said Black. “I learned something new every day from my co-workers and my customers. I will miss everyone. But I am looking forward to travel, adventures and family time in my retirement.”

Black began working at the CH-UH Public Library in 1978 as a children’s services librarian for the University Heights branch. Since then, she has helped the community raise a generation of babies by introducing them to the power of language and reading through her inspiring story times and programs at local preschools.

Black also supported the implementation of many industry changes, moving from a card catalog to a computerized catalog system; from photographic checkout to automated checkout; from vinyl records to CDs; from books to Books on Tape; Playaways and e-books.

In addition, she hired and mentored many talented staff, some of whom have been promoted to higher positions within and outside of the Heights system, including Nancy Levin, current Heights Libraries director.

Black was promoted to youth services manager in March 2011.

“The word ‘no’ was never in Susan’s vocabulary,” said Levin. “When it came to customer service, such as helping seniors with their mail or taking time to just listen to customers, Susan was always ready and willing to do whatever it took to make sure customers got what they needed. We will miss her.”

Black’s replacement, Brian C. Hare, who starts in early August, has six years of library experience. Most recently he was director of the Liberty Center Public Library in Liberty Center, Ohio, a small rural library located near Toledo. Hare has a bachelor’s degree in visual communications technology with a focus in marketing from Bowling Green State University, and a masters degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Before serving as director at Liberty Center, Hare was a teen specialist with the Wood County District Public Library and a law librarian for the Barco Law Library in Pittsburgh.

“I am very excited about getting to know the staff and community of Heights Libraries,” said Hare. “It’s clear that the library’s services reflect the interests and values of its patrons. I think technology can play an ever-increasing role in our communities and we need to figure out how it can be integrated into what we do with youth and young adults. My immediate goal is to understand how my department supports the quality, cutting-edge services and programming that lie at the heart of the library.”

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

The Heights Observer asked if the Cleveland Heights 6 p.m. curfew for youths should remain in place via an online poll. The results were:

58.9% Yes
It is working. Keep it in place.

41.1% No
It was meant to be a temporary solution. Let’s find another way.

Tell us what you think about local issues. Go to www.heightsobserver.org to answer the Daily Question.

The Heights Observer August 1, 2012
CH-UH welcomes new principals Michele Evans and Andrett Calloway

Angie Shaker

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District has hired two new elementary school principals. Michele Evans will lead Gearity Professional Development School, and Andrett Calloway will lead Fairfax Elementary School. Both will begin their new positions on Aug. 6.

The CH-UH school district encourages parents and members of the community to meet Calloway and Evans at a Meet the Principals night, to be held sometime in August, on a date to be announced.

“We are thrilled Andrett and Michele will lead Fairfax and Gearity,” said Superintendent Doug Heuer. “They are true professionals and each brings a wealth of knowledge, education and experience to their respective positions. We’re confident they will continue to ensure that our schools remain places where all students have opportunities to learn skills for the 21st century.”

Evans and Calloway both completed extensive interviews with the Educational Services Department; the district leadership team; parents, teachers and members of the community.

Prior to accepting her position as Fairfax Elementary School principal, Calloway served as Heights High’s program specialist and night school principal. She also worked as a kindergarten through eighth grade assistant principal in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for four years.

Calloway began her career as a sixth grade math and language arts teacher at CH-UH. She holds a master’s degree in instructional administration from John Carroll University, and an education specialist degree from Cleveland State University. Calloway is pursuing her doctorate of education in instructional leadership with an emphasis in organizational leadership.

Evans comes to CH-UH from Malone University, where she serves as an adjunct professor, teaching school finance and research courses in the university’s principals’ licensure program.

Prior to her work at Malone University, Evans led Canton City Schools as superintendent. She also was director of testing, evaluation and research within that district. Evans served in the Ohio Department of Education and as Hilliard City Schools elementary principal in Hilliard, Ohio, and kindergarten through eighth grade principal at Columbus Public Schools in Columbus, Ohio. Evans has a doctorate in educational policy and leadership from The Ohio State University.

Angie Shaker is director of communications for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District.

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The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District recently recruited Johnetta Wiley to Cleveland Heights High School to serve as administrative principal.

“Dr. Wiley is a proven leader with a commitment to academic accountability,” Superintendent Doug Heuer said. “She has an impressive track record of inspiring students, collaborating effectively with colleagues, and helping those around her perform at their best. We’re thrilled that she’s agreed to be a part of the Heights team.”

Prior to joining the CH-UH school district, Wiley served for 10 years as the principal at South High School within the City of Columbus School District. She also worked to develop a new teacher evaluation system as part of the Race to the Top Teacher Evaluation Committee. In addition, she served as the assistant principal at South High School Urban Academy for four years, and as a science teacher at South High School for 10 years.

Wiley earned her doctorate of education with a focus on educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University in North Miami Beach, Fla.; her principal certification with a focus on educational administration from the University of Dayton; and her masters of education from Ashland University.

Wiley is the recipient of numerous awards. The district Parent Teacher Association in Columbus recognized her as the 2012 Educator of the Year, and the State of Mississippi presented her with a humanitarian award in 2011. Under her leadership, U.S. News and World Report recognized South High School as one of America’s 200 Best High Schools in 2010.

"Parents and students have been meeting with Dr. Wiley in recent weeks and welcoming her with open arms," Heuer said. "We’re thrilled to have her working with our students and Heights High staff."

Angee Shaker is director of communications for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District.

Heights High Barbershoppers sing national anthem at Cleveland Indians game on July 3
Heights Observer August 1, 2012

Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board
Meeting highlights

JUNE 18, 2012
All board members were present.

Facilities planning
Overall plan
Steve Shergis, director of business services, reviewed facilities Plan C. At Heights High, the plan calls for the preservation and renovation of the building's historic core and the addition of new space. The three middle school buildings would house grades four through eight. At Monticello and Rixoboo middle schools, the historic core would be preserved, renovated, and new space added. Wiley would be renovated. Oxford, Canterbury, Boulevard and Rixoboo elementary schools would become pre-kindergarten through grade three schools. Oxford, Canterbury and Rixoboo elementary schools would be completely renovated, while Boulevard would be torn down and rebuilt. The community's desire for preservation was considered, along with maintaining modern facilities, acoustics, airflow, and improved movement of people. The high school work would be done first, followed by the grades four through eight schools, and finally the pre-kindergarten through grade three schools, which would be completed by 2022. The plan calls for the closing and repositioning of Fairfax, Noble and Clarity elementary schools.

Finances
The cost of the entire plan would be $256.2 million with a six percent contingency. A $4.59 mill 37-year bond issue, which would cost the owner of a $100,000 home $15.50 per month, would raise $137.2 million. Alternative funding options would be pursued to raise $26.2 million. The options include $1 million from the district’s permanent improvement fund, a projected $6 million from private foundations, $10 million from private donations, $2 million from the district’s Career Tech partners, $20 million from the Ohio School Facilities Commission, and $30 million from a COPs loan. The debt service of the latter would be paid out of the district’s general fund and permanent improvement fund. Privately donated funds would be used for renovations to the high school stadium, auditorium and natatorium. There are already potential donors for the stadium renovations, including the track, fields and grandstands. Once the plan is complete, the district will save about $3.5 million a year in use and decreased administrative and support staff. Demands on the permanent improvement fund will also decrease significantly because of the decreased square footage and the allow systems.

If some of the funding options do not come through, the six Learning Communities at each pre-kindergarten through grade three building could be pulled from the plan. Some of the originally proposed enhancements to the high school auditorium have already been removed, and the projected cost of housing students in “swing spaces” during construction has been reduced from $15 million to $13.1 million. As other construction options arise, they will be taken advantage of.

Bond issue
For a bond issue to appear on the November general election ballot, the board must vote to approve submissions to the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio School Facilities Commission at its July 3 regular meeting. At the July 17 work session, it must approve the bond language and submit it to the County Board of Elections by July 31.

DWB observer: Nancy Dietrich.

JULY 5, 2012
All board members were present.

Facilities plan
Superintendent Douglas Heuer gave reasons why the Master Facilities Plan should be approved. These included the need to downsize, many need-ed building repairs, the marginally effective rating of the buildings by the Ohio Facilities Commis-sion (OSFC), and the reasonable budget. Board members Karen Gorman Jones, Nancy Pepperl and Eric Caball supported the plan, maintaining that the children deserve better facilities to get a better education, and delays would increase cost. Jones asked, “If not now, when?” several times. Board members Kal Zucker and Ron Register were concerned about the cost, the timeline, and communication with the community. They could not support the plan. The board voted to approve the plan, with Zucker and Register voting no.

Special needs district
The board approved the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District as a Special Needs District, with Zucker voting no.

Improvement bonds
The board approved a resolution declaring the need to place a proposal on the fall 2012 ballot to issue school facilities improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of $130.6 million, with Zucker and Register voting no.

Local partnership program
The board authorized the OSFC Expedited Local Partnership Program, with Register voting no. The board also approved, unanimously, a resolution of intent for the Expedited Local Partnership Program. 0.5 mill maintenance requirement, which is required by the state. The district already has the amount in its permanent improvement fund.

Heights High principal
John Krewsky was named administrative principal of Heights High School.

DWB observer: Adalee Cohn.

Look for earlier and often expanded postings of meeting summaries online at www.heightsobserver.org.

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CH-UH graduation rate will decline under new state measurement process
Krisa Hawthorne

When you hear about high school graduation rates, what do you think they measure? The number of students in 12th grade who finish the required courses, plus the few who graduate early.

Starting with the 2011-12 school year, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) has redefined “graduation rate” on state report cards to measure how many seniors graduate within their high school school studies in four years or less. This change in the state report cards seems to favor districts with mini-mal challenges, wealthier populations, and fewer special needs students. It does not indicate a higher level of school ef-fectiveness nor provide a useful tool for determining school quality.

“What should be important is the quality of education as measured by how well prepared each student is to transition from K-12 to higher education or a successful career. In special education, where a student is legally entitled with an IEP (Individualized Education Program), it can be seen that services that are appropriate until the age of 22, the new standard for gradua-tion penalizes schools that opt to meet the child’s needs, as opposed to a four year timeline for graduation,” added Heuer.

Ohio’s state and local report cards, released in August, measure performance of districts and schools in four ways: 26 state indicators drawn from academic tests; Value-Added results, which show whether students meet the expected one year of growth for students in grades four through eight in reading and math; the Performance Index, which looks at the perform-ance of individual students; and Ade-quate Yearly Progress (AYP), a feder-ally required component for measuring achievement of each student subgroup. For more information, visit the Ohio Department of Education website, www.ode.ohio.gov, or the DOE website, www.ed.gov.

Krisa Hawthorne is assistant director of Reaching Heights, a community-supported nonprofit that works to ensure excellence in public education.

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The musicians also did some sightseeing, but Klein and O'Keefe said the performances were the best part.

Klein added, “Performing and practicing on a different schedules, in the varied acoustics of different halls—and with jet lag—was a definite challenge.”

James Feddeck, Cleveland Orchestra Youth assistant conductor and COYO music director, helped students adjust to the circumstances.

“He doesn’t say bad things—ever. He just fixes what’s wrong,” Klein said. Both girls thought that the experience helped them become more focused and flexible. “The whole experience was so inspiring,” said O'Keefe. “We all became closer, learning from each other and growing as musicians.”

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The girls play oboe in the Heights High Symphonic Winds and Symphony, the school marching band and chamber groups.

Klein started playing the clarinet in 4th grade at Canterbury Elementary School. She switched to oboe in the 6th grade. She has also played with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony and the Contemporary Youth Orchestra.

She will explore music therapy as she applies to colleges this fall.

O'Keefe began studying the oboe at Noble Elementary School. She plans to audition for several music institutes this year as she pursues her goal of playing in a professional orchestra.

Klein and O'Keefe were part of the European tour with the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (COYO), June 13-21.

Around 75 members, drawn from 40 communities in northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, went on the tour. The group performed in Prague, Vienna and Salzburg, with a program that included works by Johannes Brahms, Richard Wagner, Antonin Dvorak and Edward Elgar.

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Music education creates determined learners

I have the privilege of organizing the Heights Summer Music Camp, a project of Reaching Heights. For each of the last eight years, it has given an average of 85 elementary and middle school music students from the CH-UH school district a week of intensive music exploration, instruction, and growth. We attract kids who have had years of private instruction, and those who have had just a year of group instruction in their elementary schools. About a third of the campers attend with scholarship support.

Each year, I have witnessed campers push themselves hard, have fun, and rise to high expectations. It is magical.

In addition to the widespread transformation of a slightly wary group of shy children on the first day of camp into a confident and capable orchestra, our campers provide inspiring evidence of the power of effective instruction and a supportive environment to bring forward the capacity for growth that exists within every child.

While part of the day is spent in chamber groups and an interactive music theory class, the orchestra is an orchestra under the direction of Dan Heim, Heights High music director. Each instrument group spends an additional 45 minutes together working on its part of the music, assisted by high school mentors and professional educators and musicians.

In just a week, this motley crew of rising fourth through eighth graders pulls off something magnificent. They master three pieces of music to perform at the end-of-camp concert. They play the notes and rhythm accurately, and play together, with musicality. This is the learning goal, and it is articulated to them daily as they receive the instruction and thoughtful feedback that helps them achieve it.

This year, like every year, the audience jumped to its feet with heart-felt applause as the orchestra took its final bow. The enthusiastic response was well earned. The music was terrific. I always cry. How often does one get to witness such a clear expression of what education can achieve?

An awe-inspiring finale concert occurs year after year because each camp day engages these young musicians in learning experience where everyone is accountable to the group, and it combines serious work with joyfulness. All of these aspects of the camp motivate the campers to learn and improve.

One ecstatic parent reported that each day after camp, her child took the initiative to practice more—unheard of! An informal survey of 33 campers revealed that this is the norm; all but three usually practiced after a day at camp. Camp inspires a desire to do well. Knowing that effort and success are connected may be the camp’s greatest contribution to the academic lives of participants.

Motivation is a critical factor in learning. Research reported by Dylan William in Embodied Formative Assessment shows that students are “more motivated to reach goals that are specific, are within reach, and offer some degree of challenge.” This describes the work of the Heights Summer Music Camp Orchestra.

Heights Summer Music Camp gives these learners an experience in which they discover the rewards of investing themselves in a growth process. It provides the right mix of challenge and support to motivate participants to push themselves. The result delivers an affirming message: Excellence and equity can exist together.

Music is a special subject that helps shape children as learners. We need to guarantee effective music education in our schools because it helps students become inspired, determined and committed learners—a fundamental goal for public education that supports their learning across content areas.

Susie Kaster is a 30-year resident of Cleveland Heights, former director of Reaching Heights, and serves on the national board of Parents for Public Schools.

Eastside Kicker girls take Niagara Pioneer International Soccer Tournament

Coach Jen Ferrerio’s Eastside Kickers’ U11 girls team made the trek to the Fort Niagara International Soccer Tournament the weekend of June 30, and returned to Ohio with the championship trophy. The girls played four games and scored 23 goals. Four different opposing teams, from New York and Ontario, together scored only one goal against the Eastside Kickers, on a penalty kick. After the championship win (7–0), team members ran across the field singing “Hang on Sloopy,” and spelling out O-H-I-O. These girls did our city and state proud.

Pictured with their coach are team members Julia O’Donnell, Jayden Weaver, Fiona Sweeney, Elle Pacheco, Ethan Tobin, Maddie Hanson, Grace Markin, Gracie Stover, Parker Galinas, Peyton Galinas, Grace Beedles, Claire Stephenson, Isabella Rosalini and Kennedy Kasting.

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GroundWorks Dance Theater premieres new work at Cain Park

Pam Barr

Music is the muse of most choreographers, and David Shimotakahara is no exception. His latest work for GroundWorks Dance Theater, to premiere at Cain Park Aug. 17 through 19, was inspired by the iconic sounds of jazz master Dave Brubeck.

Aply titled "Brubeck," the dance is set to seven selections from the albums “Time Out” and “Time Further Out,” recorded in 1959 and 1961, respectively, by the Dave Brubeck Quartet, featuring Brubeck on piano, Paul Desmond on saxophone, Eugene Wright on bass and Joe Morello on drums.

"To me, this period of Brubeck’s music reflects a time of great confidence and optimism," said Shimotakahara, GroundWorks’ founder and artistic director. "I wanted to pay tribute to his music and its timeless appeal to all generations. I also wanted to challenge the skills and agility of our dancers with the facility and brilliance of the musicians on these classic recordings."

He said that in addition to many variations and changes in rhythm, the tempos are quick. “While the music is tightly arranged, there is an ease and elegance to the playing.”

Brubeck, designated a Living Legend by the Library of Congress, continues to be an active and popular jazz artist. With a career that spans more than six decades, his experiments in odd time signatures, improvised counterpoint, polyrhythm and polytonality remain hallmarks of innovation.

The Cain Park program will also feature a new work by Amy Miller, GroundWorks artistic associate. Called “Current Frame,” it is a duet set to the music of Baroque composer and violinist Heinrich Biber. It will be performed to live music played by violinist Hanne-Berit Hahnhann, who has performed with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, St. Luke’s Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Europe and the Radio Orchestra of Vienna.

Other dances on the program include two additional Shimotakahara creations: “Sweet,” a duet set to the music of Bobby McFerrin and “Book of Water,” a rich and poetic acknowledgement of the mystery of life’s many connections.

Performances in Cain Park’s Alma Theater are at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, and Saturday, Aug. 18, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-745-3000 or 216-371-3000, and are also available at the Cain Park ticket office.

Pam Barr is a Cleveland Heights resident and a principal of Barr Communications, a boutique marketing and communications firm.

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Yiddishe Cup salutes Mickey Katz at Cain Park

Bert Stratton

Yiddishe Cup plays a "Tribute to Mickey Katz" concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Alma Theater in Cain Park. Katz (1909–85) was a klezmer clarinetist and composer of Yiddish (English) comedic tunes.

Tickets are $22/$20 in advance and $25/$23 the day of the show. Visit cainpark.com or call 216-371-5643.

Bert Stratton is a Cleveland Heights resident and leader of Yiddishe Cup. He writes the Klemer Guy Blog at www.klemerguy.com.

Dobama Theatre’s board of directors announced that Nathan Motta will join the company’s artistic staff on Aug. 1 as the second associate artistic director. In this new role, Motta will work alongside Dianne Boduszek, Dobama’s current associate artistic director, and Joel Hammer, artistic director. Hammer will continue to provide overall artistic guidance for the theatre and oversee the Mainstage productions.

Nathan Motta, who has been with Dobama since 2009, is the founder of the successful Dobama Emerging Actors Program (DEAP) and the Dobama Young Playwrights Competition. In addition, he produced the 34th annual Marilyn Bianchi Kids’ Playwriting Festival this summer.

Motta is a professional director, conductor and composer/lyricist, who has worked with the Cleveland Play House (CPH), Opera Cleveland, Ohio Light Opera, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Mercury Opera Rochester (N.Y.), and Civic Light Opera (Pittsburgh), among others. He served as assistant director on CPH’s productions of Brecht’s “Galileo” (the inaugural CPH production in the Allen Theatre) and Tom Stoppard’s “Every Good Boy Deserves Favor,” a collaboration with the Cleveland Orchestra.

Motta’s original musical, “Midsummer” (based on Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”), will premiere in October 2012. He holds a B.F.A. from Carnegie Mellon University and an M.M. from the Eastman School of Music.

The lineup for Dobama’s Mainstage 2012–13 season includes five Mainstage premieres. The first four plays are “The Mother**ker with the Hat” by Stephen Adly Guirgis; “A Bright New Boise” by Samuel D. Hunter; “Sons of the Prophet” by Stephen Karam; and “4,000 Miles” by Amy Herzog. The season’s fifth play, to be directed by Nathan Motta, will be announced at a later date.

To learn more about the Dobama’s 2012–13 season, plan to attend the Season Preview and Donor Appreciation Party on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the event is $5. For tickets to Dobama’s Mainstage productions, call the box office at 216-932-3396.

Jewel Moulthrop is a Cleveland Heights resident, FutureHeights board member and frequent contributor to the Heights Observer.

‘Once Again Showcase’

Christina Sanders

A few years ago, Cleveland Heights High School graduate and business owner Mai Moore was having a conversation on Facebook regarding the great amount of musical talent that comes from Cleveland Heights and University Circle and racial lines. Deacon Burns, one of the artists who will perform, described the event as “the Lollapalooza of the Heights” because “it brings together a lot of talent that needs to be heard from.”

This year’s concert will be held at the Agora Theater at 5000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Admission is $18 in advance, and $25 at the door. VIP tickets are $100, and include VIP seating and unlimited beverages for the evening. For more information, visit www.onceagainheights.com.

Christina Sanders is a senior at Cleveland State University and a FutureHeights intern.

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Carol Leslie, occupational therapist, helps patients through difficult times

Yelena Tischenko

Carol Leslie, University Heights resident and occupational therapist, helps trauma and transplant patients get through difficult times in their lives after surgery and recovery.

Leslie opened her business in Beachwood on March 1, in an office that she felt had a “calming and soothing aura.”

As an occupational therapist, Leslie looks at how to schedule her client’s day, and how patients can conserve their energy and simplify their tasks, especially patients with chronic pain. Sometimes, reconfiguring their days are all they need.

Leslie wants to work with people who feel isolated in their homes and to be part of their discharge plan so they can become functional as soon as possible. She wants to help them “use good judgment about pacing their activities for success.”

“I want to work with people who perhaps never have been diagnosed but who have new onset difficulties, such as anxiety or body-image issues after surgery, and are avoiding getting back into their regular lives,” said Leslie.

“Some clients may perhaps be disfigured,” she noted. “It’s amazing how that may set a social barrier for some of them, so that they become avoidant of social situations.”

“It’s all about organizing one’s world, setting safe parameters and real- istic expectations,” said Leslie.

“I also see myself as a coach, but not clinical. I want to coach people about their lives—on how to be successful rather than focusing on remedializing something that it was broken—and just look at the whole person and maximize what still works,” Leslie said.

“I also help them figure out when they are successful, so they can also say ‘Wow, I was very successful today!’” Leslie said.

The best thing about my business is creating a safe space for people to explore their lives without judgment,” she said. “I will usually keep the blinds closed to create a soft environment. I believe in metaphysics, harmony and aims at peace. Clients then walk away with some new techniques to try to get some hope. That’s what I really wanted to create, a spiritual feel where they can experience peace.”

Leslie’s business has largely been through word-of-mouth and previous clients who have referred family members and others to her.

Referrals also come from physicians, as well as clinical nurse practitioners, who often manage a patient’s discharge, and who have been keen into a patient’s needs once they go home.

When she isn’t meeting with a client, Leslie uses technology to reach people between their sessions, by texting, instant messaging and e-mailing for ongoing support.

Contact Carol Leslie at 216-765-8806 or wellnesscoachot@gmail.com.

Yelena Tischenko is a senior majoring in magazine journalism at Kent State University and a Heights Observer summer intern.

H. Gray Underwood founded beauty school to help at-risk students

Christina Sanders

H. Gray Underwood has an open-door policy. The students at his cosmetology school have just as much access to his office as they do to a flat iron (for hair straightening).

Underwood is the founder and executive director of The Cut Beauty School, on Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights. Students regularly go in and out of Underwood’s office to discuss everything from their academic progress to their weekend plans.

Underwood grew up cutting hair and soon discovered that he enjoyed doing women’s hair more than men’s.

After getting his cosmetology license, he opened his own salon. The shop didn’t stay open very long, and he began working for Gillette promoting the company’s products and teaching cosmetologists how to use them.

While working for Gillette, Underwood wrote Hair Cutting Simplified. But he soon discovered that the people who were making the most money, and the biggest difference in the industry, were those who owned beauty schools.

In 1996, Underwood opened The Cut Beauty School. Cut isn’t an easy requirement trade school. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, apply for financial aid, if needed, pass a personal interview; and fulfill a laundry list of other requirements.

The program is designed at 12-month, a 550-hour course of study, which is more than the average 900-clock-hour school year at most universities.

Students are graded on both the hands-on portion of the program and written exams. Evaluations occur at the 450-hour mark of each student’s school year. At any given time, some students will have more hours than others.

Underwood opened The Cut Beauty School because he remembered growing up feeling that his future prospects were dim. Cosmetology took away those negative feelings and he hopes it gives his students the same hopes and aspirations that it gave him.

Christina Sanders is a senior at Cleveland State University and a FutureHeights intern.

June Greenwald Antiques holds sale before closing Cleveland Heights store

Bob Rosenbaum

June Greenwald Antiques announced a store closing sale starting July 30 at 10 a.m. at its Cleveland Heights location at 3506 Mayfield Road, at the corner of Lee Road. The store is the original location of the business, which was founded more than 50 years ago by June Greenwald.

In 2009, two of her children, Robin and Ronald, opened another store at 284 Chopin Blvd. in Woodmere Village. That location has been so successful that they have decided to close the original Cleveland Heights show-room and move to Mercantile Road in Beachwood—directly across the street from the Ohio Design Center.

June Greenwald Antiques is the oldest operating antique business in Northeast Ohio. The sale in Cleveland Heights is meant to help move out the inventory that has built up over the last half-century. The Greenwalds have bought pieces from the great estates of old, renowned Cleveland families, as well as from estates throughout the country.

According to the owners, there are simply too many of these collected treasures to move, so everything—including furniture, fixtures, glass, pottery, porcelain and paintings—will be marked down by 50 percent, with some items marked down as much as 75 percent.

“This sale is the end of an era,” Robin Greenwald said. “I hope people will want to come and add some of our treasures to their collection.”

Bob Rosenbaum is a Cleveland Heights resident and principal of the MarketFarm.

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The Fairmount School of Music inspires students

Yelena Tischenko

Inna G. Onofrei, composer and piano instructor, started teaching at Fairmount in 2006.

“A lot of new generation students get bored with classical music, and have been asking me to play songs about their dogs, for example,” Onofrei said. “I’ve been composing since I was 15, so one day I got the idea to make an album for my students. I have 10 pieces, and my students worked on about half of the album. They’re really excited. They think it’s challenging, but at the same time it’s very entertaining.”

Onofrei’s “Lola’s Adventures,” a piano composition, is the first project she has written for her students.

“The first time they looked at it, they were really scared,” Onofrei said. “They told me, ‘It looks so hard.’ In a couple of days, they realized it’s not so hard, and to grow as a musician, you have to challenge yourself. There are a bunch of different techniques hidden in the pieces to help them learn while having fun.”

The importance of being creative is one aspect of enjoying and learning music that Onofrei tries to convey to her students.

“Music isn’t just entertaining, it helps our brains and memory develop. That’s why it’s important to help our young generation be interested in music,” Onofrei said.

Sandy Love, a guitar and trumpet master, is one of the school’s most experienced teachers. He started teaching middle school in 1972, and then played for Motown Records from 1974-77. “I live in Michigan, but I drive here,” Love said. “I have about 20 students a week here and other students in Michigan. A lot of the kids I have taught have grown up to become recording artists.”

Ann Marie Falcone, the school’s director of education, has been teaching for about 18 years. Some of her students play in the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, and she even coached one student all the way to first chair. She is currently in the process of writing an opera based on an original story, and refers to herself as a “closet composer” because she didn’t study as a child, composing.

The Fairmount School of Music offers many classes and instruction in a variety of instrument. Call 216-341-5688 or visit www.fairmountmusic.com for information about classes and prices.

Christina Sanders

London Golphin, owner of Royal Ink Custom Tattoos at the corner of South Taylor and Cedar roads in Cleveland Heights, always had artistic talent. As a young man, drawing was his way of dreaming. He soon learned that he had the ability to translate his mental images to paper. As the years passed, the pressures of life and family took Golphin away from his artwork.

A few years later, Golphin began to search for his inner peace. After some thought, he identified two things that gave him peace: basketball and drawing. Although he knew that professional basketball was not in the cards for him, he found it rewarding to volunteer as a youth basketball coach at the Forest Hill Excel Learning Center. In addition to coaching, Golphin returned to his passion for art, drawing in his free time. This time around, however, he recognized that he had some serious talent and began looking for something positive to do with his artistic gift.

Golphin said he noticed that Greater Cleveland lacked a good urban tattoo parlor. Most of the places around town specialized in traditional tattoos that used big, bold black lines, which he believed lacked character and originality. Golphin set out to open a parlor that truly defined Urban Ink for a new generation of tattoo enthusiasts. He opened his shop, Royal Ink, last December.

Customers of Royal Ink cannot get a plain tattoo in this shop. There aren’t any templates or predrawn designs to look at and choose from. Golphin’s parlor specializes in custom tattoos that vary greatly in style, and that truly express the term Urban Ink.

Golphin’s tattoos feature lots of colors and characters with bold, eye-popping features. He leaves it up to the client to tell him how they want to express themselves in ink.

Golphin employs five artists, all of whom buy into his vision. In order to work at Royal Ink, an artist has to have a professional attitude, a strong desire to become great and to be a part of a team. Although talent is a must, it is not enough to remain on Golphin’s staff. The artist either meets the requirements, or leaves.

Royal Ink’s owner believes that it is important to teach children that they can do whatever they put their minds to, and that it is never too late to find one’s passion and use it to become successful. In addition to his work with youth basketball, Golphin donates his old shoes to a foundation that provides shoes to disadvantaged youths.

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Inside a quirky space at 2254 Lee Road, Elisabeth Gevelber’s Simply Charming boutique offers unique stationery, Australian jewelry, Hello Kitty accessories, and other unusual items.

Simply Charming’s motto—Slylish, Delightful, Unique—aptly describes both the store and its owner.

“I’m kind of like a square peg in a round hole, I don’t fit into corporate America,” Gevelber said. “It’s just easier for me to have my own business and I’m more comfortable doing my own thing.”

Gevelber believes a good location is key to starting a business from scratch.

“I was on Lee Road from 2007 to 2009, and there was nothing available when I was looking to reopen a year ago,” Gevelber said. “I’m glad to be back. Lee Road is a great place to be an entrepreneur.”

Besides location, Gevelber said that meeting vendors who have the products she wants to sell is essential, and trial and error is part of that experience.

“I’m going to offer an Australian line called Bico Pacific,” Gevelber said. “It started out as men’s jewelry, but both men and women can wear it. It’s fierce, really bold and strong. I’m really impressed with the line and it’s probably one of the most unique lines I’m carrying.”

Gevelber’s prices range from the single digits to $295 for one-of-a-kind Italian jewelry.

Said Gevelber, “It’s a line of hand-made jewelry called Kasia that is purely made in Italy and then finished in Los Angeles. I’m crazy about their stuff.”

Gevelber also carries a line of purses made here in Cleveland by a company called Blue Orchid. “It’s very cool and well-priced,” Gevelber said. “I really do carry an eclectic mix of stuff. I’m also a greeting card fanatic and I’m really excited because I’ll be carrying a line called ‘I Can Has Cheezburger.’ It’s hysterical!”

Because of the economy, Gevelber said, “People are more reserved and more thoughtful in their choices. I think of the idea for Sweet Memories four years ago. While visiting a friend who was in declining health, Slobin became frustrated when he ran out of topics to discuss. That day, he considered the idea of putting conversation-starting questions on cards.

Slobin turned to friends to help him. Russell Stephanichuck designed the cards while others offered support and suggestions for them. “We’re all from Cleveland,” Slobin said. “We’ve been lifelong friends.”

The group worked together to develop the graphics, compile questions for the cards, raise money to have sample cards made, and then find a manufacturer to produce and package them. As a reflection of the group effort in creating Sweet Memories, Slobin and his friends decided to name their distribution company All Together Now USA Ltd.

“Sweet Memories start conversations”

Longtime Cleveland Heights resident Neil Slobin joined with several friends to develop Sweet Memories, a deck of 52 cards with questions designed to spark conversations.

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For more information about the Sweet Memories cards, go to www.sweetmemoriesusa.com.

Simone Jasper, a 2012 graduate of Beaumont School, is an intern at the Heights Observer.

“I was in the process of contacting nursing homes, hospices and outpatient services,” Slobin said. He also sends e-mails about Sweet Memories to friends and family, asking them to forward the information to others.

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Nighttown continues longtime tradition of fine food and hot jazz

Richard Stewart

On one hand, it’s a Cleveland Heights musical mainstay that has hosted the likes of Wynton Marsalis, Stevie Wonder and the Count Basie Orchestra. One the other, it’s a culinary symbol of consistency that, for decades, has served up some of the most popular meals and drinks on the entire east side of Cleveland.

Since February 1965, Nighttown has been catering to residents from Westlake to Hunting Valley, with an intensely loyal following from throughout the Heights and the University Circle neighborhoods.

In April 1992, Brendan Ring, a hard-working Irish immigrant who had moved here from New York, became a bartender at Nighttown. He held that position until 1994, when he became general manager. It didn’t take long for then owner, John Barr, to notice that Ring’s work ethic and stick-to-itiveness made him the obvious heir apparent.

“He and I bit it off from day one,” said Ring. “He wanted someone to freshen it up. He kind of made it clear that I would be the owner one day.”

That day would come sooner than Ring expected. He was given a 20 percent ownership stake in 1996. “That was sweat equity,” [Barr] was expected. He was given a 20 percent ownership stake in 1996.

“"That was sweat equity. [Barr] was always giving me challenges and goals to reach, and I met all of those goals,” said Ring. “It took me five years to come up, with the other 80 percent.”

Inside Nighttown, an amalgamation of diverse artwork adorns most of the wall space, and numerous plaques in the hallway commemorate members of the Cleveland Press Club’s Hall of Fame. It’s the type of place that attracts huge crowds, which is exactly what greeted them at the door.

“When they arrived, they said to me, ‘you weren’t supposed to tell anybody.’” Ring explained. “I said I didn’t, this is a typical Thursday night.”

With more than 400 seats, Nighttown has one of the largest seating capacities of any restaurant on Cleveland’s East Side. With about 40 employees, Nighttown is one of Cleveland Heights’ largest employers.

“We have three employees who have been here for more than 20 years, and two others who have been here for more than 35 years,” said Ring. “When people come in here they see the same faces. It’s like a family. We also like to keep our prices affordable.”

Nighttown’s tradition as a magnet for jazz musicians began long before Ring’s tenure. The restaurant always had a piano. “[Barr] brought in significant old-time jazz, and all I do is to build on that,” said Ring.

Ring employs a full-time booking agent and is known to attract some of the top jazz talent in the country, year in and year out. The jazz magazine Downbeat, known as the foremost publication in the industry, lists Nighttown as one of the top jazz clubs in the world, an honor Ring takes considerable pride in.

Ring intends to use his passion for food and music, and his sense of when to innovate, to keep the establishment fresh for the next 47 years.

“I think there is a lot more that goes into a restaurant other than the food,” he said. “I don’t want to wake up 20 years from now and say, what happened?”

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Taste owners celebrate three years in business

Yelena Tischenko

At 2317 Lee Road, one can see Cleveland Heights residents and out-of-towners enjoying delicious food and refreshing wine at the restaurant called Taste.

After taking a year to decide on a menu and the type of place they wanted, Raj Singh and Larry Weider opened the restaurant in 2008.

Singh, who owns Café Tandoor on Taylor Road and restaurants in Westlake and Aurora, is the managing partner of Taste. Weider, whose day job is in sales, takes care of the restaurant’s substantial wine list. The two are longtime friends.

“When we were opening, [Singh] wanted a fine dining restaurant and understands that having a good wine program is essential to having a successful restaurant,” Weider said. “We’re in this for the food, and the wine is here to support the food program.”

This past January, Taste celebrated its third birthday. “If you can make it to four, it is rather exciting,” Weider said. “After the excitement wears off the first year, you have to look for ways to continue to excite—like new dishes, innovative ideas, new items for the menu and mixed drinks.”

Taste offers a variety of dishes, such as rosemary pomegranate fritters with Romano cheese, filet mignon, and Cajun organic salmon over garlic spinach with a chardonnay cream sauce.

“We have an item that’s been on our menu nonstop since we opened. The sea scallops with creamy leeks, red pepper and mango coulis would have to be our signature dish,” Weider said.

Along with its food menu, Taste offers over 125 different selections of wine. “That’s a lot for any restaurant,” Weider said. “Wine is king. With liquor, water, coffee and beer added up, we sell more wine.”

Keeping a restaurant open is difficult. “If you can’t reach profitability, you don’t have the ability to pay your employees or vendors,” Weider said.

“The way I look at it,” Weider added, “The fun comes later and the work needs to be done now. Making money in a tough economic environment is the challenge.

“To Raj’s credit, he runs a pretty tight ship. The fact that we’re still open after three years is pretty amazing. Statistics suggest that 70 percent of restaurants fail in the first three years, and that’s an incredible failure rate.”

After profitability, keeping clientele coming back is a must. Singh believes food quality, ambiance and service are the most important things a restaurant should have.

As for Taste’s future, the duo would like to have a patio behind the restaurant. The atmosphere would be more private and cooler in the back because the sun is always in the front of the restaurant.

“If you take care of your customers, they will take care of you,” Weider said. “That’s the most gratifying part in any business. It’s sort of a glamour business. People like going out to dinner because it’s a fun experience and when the food and service are good, people love it.”

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Community events

Thursday, Aug. 2
Coventry Summer Series: Music and Movies
7:30–11 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park at Coventry Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard

Thursday, Aug. 2
University Heights Summer Concert Series
Frank Moravcik Polka Band
7–8:30 p.m., Wiley Middle School lawn

Sunday, Aug. 5
Coventry Summer Series: Yoga
5:30–7 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Sunday, Aug. 12
Coventry Summer Series: Yoga
5:30–7 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Sunday, Aug. 12
Coventry Summer Series: Drum Circle
7–9 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Monday, Aug. 13
Coventry Summer Series: Playground Fun
7–9 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Monday, Aug. 13
Atma Yoga anniversary event: Stories of Transformation (lecture and yoga)
7–8:30 p.m., Lee Road library, 2345 Lee Road

Tuesday, Aug. 14
Tunes Outdoors on Tuesdays Series: The Singing Angels
7–8:30 p.m., Lake View Cemetery, 12136 Euclid Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 16
University Heights Summer Concert Series
Mark Grey and NorthCoast Jazz Collective
7–8:30 p.m., Wiley Middle School lawn

Thursday, Aug. 16
Coventry Summer Series: Music and Movies
7:30–11 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Saturday, Aug. 18
Atma Yoga anniversary event: Off-the-Mats Dog Walk to Shaker Lakes
8–10:30 a.m., Atma Center, 2319 Lee Road
($15 includes T-shirt, dog bandana and brief yoga session)

Sunday, Aug. 19
Lake View Cemetery 5k: A Run Through History
7:30–9 a.m., Lake View Cemetery

Sunday, Aug. 19
Coventry Summer Series: Yoga
7:30–7 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Sunday, Aug. 19
Coventry Summer Series: Drum Circle
7–9 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Monday, Aug. 20
Coventry Summer Series: Playground Fun
7–9 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Wednesday, Aug. 22
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes hosts Heights Writes Pop-Up Poetry event
Noon to 2 p.m., Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Blvd.

Thursday, Aug. 23
University Heights Summer Concert Series
Clear Fork Bluegrass Quartet (with ice cream social)
7–8:30 p.m., Wiley Middle School lawn

Thursday, Aug. 23
Coventry Summer Series: Music and Movies
7:30–11 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Friday, Aug. 24 to Sunday, Aug. 26
Free parking in Cleveland Heights
(whatever there is a meter)

Saturday, Aug. 25
App-enhanced Historic Walking Tour of Coventry Village
9–11 a.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Arch

Sunday, Aug. 26
Coventry Summer Series: Yoga
5:30–7 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Sunday, Aug. 26
Coventry Summer Series: Drum Circle
7–9 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Monday, Aug. 27
Coventry Summer Series: Playground Fun
7–9 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Tuesday, Aug. 28
Tunes Outdoors on Tuesdays Series: Blue Lunch
7–8:30 p.m., Lake View Cemetery

Thursday, Aug. 30
Coventry Summer Series: Music and Movies
7:30–11 p.m., Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park

Sunday, Sept. 23
HCC’s Heights Heritage Home and Garden Tour
(various Cleveland Heights locations)

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