

FREE
TAKE ONE

Volume 5
Number 11
November 1, 2012

HEIGHTS OBSERVER

READ LOCAL. SHOP LOCAL.

Published by **FutureHeights**

Serving Cleveland Heights and University Heights • Latest news updates at www.heightsobserver.org

INSIDE



5
Project Build helps clean up Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park



13
Beth El hosts Rabbi Arthur Waskow for three days of peace and learning



18
CH-UH 2012 Homecoming King and Queen



27
2012 Heights Holiday Gift Guide

Residents choose Best of the Heights

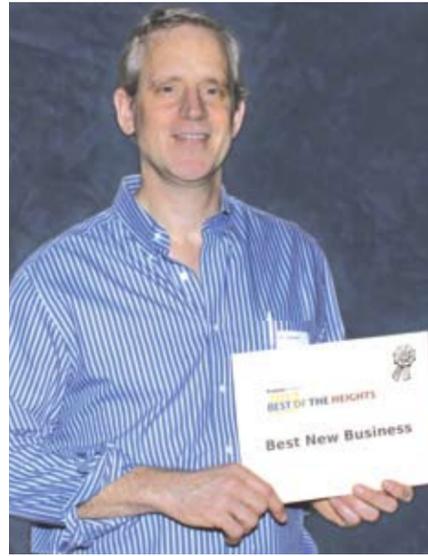
Simone Quartell

More than 600 residents in Cleveland Heights and University Heights voted in 21 categories, online and by ballot in the *Heights Observer*, for their favorites in the eighth annual FutureHeights Best of the Heights competition.

The awards were presented at Dobama Theatre on Oct. 17, where more than 120 people gathered for the ceremony and reception.

Winners in four coveted categories were the Tavern Company for Best Cleveland Heights Business, Bialy's Bagels for Best University Heights Business, Sweetie Fry for Best New Business and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District for Best Heights Spirit. Academy Music, an anchor in the Mayfield Warrensville business district, received the Board Choice Award.

Angee Shaker, director of communications for the school district,



Keith Logan of Sweetie Fry, which won the Best New Business and Best Place to Take Your Kids.

was "very excited and proud" that the district won Best Heights Spirit. She especially wanted to recognize Kristen Hughes, the district's athletic director, and the athletic teams for their school spirit and involvement in the community. She said that she believes the

district's "Tiger Proud and Bully Free" movement has contributed to a rise in school spirit, and also thanked the alumni foundation for its continued support of the district.

Shaker began working for the district in 2009. "[The Heights] is such a strong, diverse, engaged community that pushes everyone to be their best," she said. "We are all Tiger Nation."

Lloyd Bell, president of the FutureHeights Board of Directors, has two sons who attend CH-UH schools. "My sons have gotten an excellent education in the system and a lot of attention from their teachers and the administration," he said.

Keith Logan, who owns Sweetie Fry, said, "Cleveland Heights is a spectacular place because of its racial, socioeconomic and intergenerational diversity. Sweetie Fry would not be understood in other communities, but when the business opened on Oct. 1, 2011, people immediately understood and were ex-

continued on page 7

Harvey Pekar statue unveiled at the Lee Road Library

Sheryl Banks

A crowd of roughly 175 fans, friends and family of the late Harvey Pekar attended the program "Harvey Pekar: A Literary, Library Life" on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Lee Road Library.

The event included the unveiling of the highly anticipated Harvey Pekar statue, which was donated to Heights Libraries by Pekar's widow, Joyce Brabner. The unveiling followed a presentation by JT Waldman, the illustrator who collaborated with Pekar on Pekar's posthumously published book *Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me*.

The statue reflects the character of the man it honors. Instead of a life-size depiction of Pekar striking a heroic pose, Brabner and local artist Justin Coulter designed a warm, humble and interactive sculpture that invites the viewer to consider Pekar's down-to-earth diligence, as well as his creativity. The base of the piece is a real wooden desk, with room for people to sit and



Harvey Pekar is honored with a statue at the library he loved.

draw using supplies in the desk drawer. On top of the desk is a larger-than-life

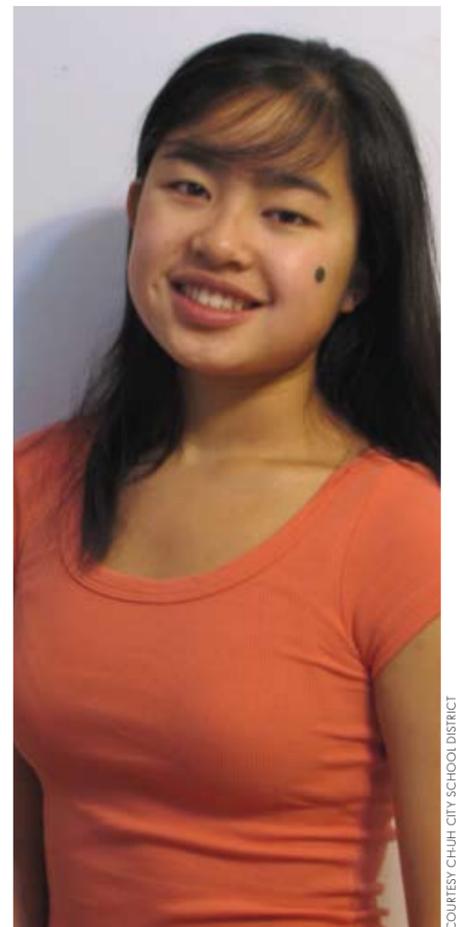
continued on page 8

Senior soloist Sara Friedberg performs at IMD concert

Hope Wright

The Instrumental Music Department of Cleveland Heights High School will open its 2012-13 season with the first of three major concerts, on Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The premier concert of the season will include students in Symphonic Winds, Heights High Symphony, and



Sara Friedberg

Concert Orchestra, under the expert direction of Brett Baker and Daniel Heim.

continued on page 10

Deliver to addressee or current resident

FutureHeights
2163 Lee Road #103
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Lay Facilities Committee works hard to make progress on complex issue

Deanna Bremer Fisher

At its second meeting on Oct. 24 at Gearity Professional Development School, the Lay Facilities Committee (LFC) grappled with complex issues in an attempt to shape a master school facilities plan capable of winning voter support in November 2013. Key questions emerged, such as which parts of the project are already decided and how the committee should proceed in engaging the public.

The LFC held its organizational meeting on Oct. 3, at Heights High. Patrick Mullen, executive director of Reaching Heights, was elected com-

mittee chair and established a three-week meeting schedule in order for the committee to be ready to make recommendations to the CH-UH Board of Education (BOE) by early May. The LFC confirmed with members of the board that Plan C, which the BOE accepted last year, is open for revision.

Mullen had four agenda items for Oct. 24: to briefly review the work of the previous school facilities committee; get more information about grade configuration, a decision that would narrow building configuration options; discuss how to engage the community at large; and establish working subcommittees. After each

segment, Mullen invited comments from community members in attendance.

Engaging the community in the planning process is a key goal of the LFC. "Members of the community are invited to contact subcommittee chairs [see contact list on page 9] and participate on those committees," said Mullen.

The BOE established the LFC in response to a request that grew out of a community meeting convened by FutureHeights and Reaching Heights in August, after the BOE decided against placing a bond issue for school facilities on the November 2012 ballot. At its

continued on page 9

Letters Policy

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

HEIGHTS OBSERVER

The *Heights Observer* is a citizen-based news source published monthly by FutureHeights, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to civic engagement and quality of life.
2163 Lee Rd., #103,
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
216-320-1423
Copyright 2012 FutureHeights, All rights reserved.
Reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

PUBLISHER
Deanna Bremer Fisher
dbfisher@futureheights.org

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Kim Sergio Inglis
city.editor@heightsobserver.org

ADVERTISING
Bob Rosenbaum
216-401-9342
brosenbaum@heightsobserver.org

EDITORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Carrie Buchanan, David Budin, Jeff Coryell, Greg Donley, Eleanor Mallet, Jewel Moulthrop, Vince Reddy, Bob Rosenbaum, Kim Sergio Inglis, Kevin Smith, Clare Taft

EDITORS
Jamison Babb, Maryann Barnes, Deanna Bremer Fisher, Ben Bubnick, Carrie Buchanan, Daniel Budin, David Budin, Greg Donley, Eleanor Mallet, Jewel Moulthrop, Vince Reddy, Bob Rosenbaum, Jessica Schreiber, Kim Sergio Inglis, Dermot Somerville, Clare Taft

WEBMASTER
Dan Ott

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION
Temma Collins and Ruth D'Emilia

DISTRIBUTION
Hannah Baldwin

The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the *Heights Observer*, its publisher and staff, or of FutureHeights, its staff and board of directors.

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

School facilities are important to the vitality of our community



OPENING THE OBSERVER

Deanna Bremer Fisher

And so Cleveland Heights sits on a fragile fault line of demographic inversion. It has its location, its shady streets, and big, comfortable houses that almost anyone would want to live in. And it is afflicted by painfully high taxes, obsolete working-class bungalows, a violence-prone transient population, and schools with a troubled reputation. Right now, the burdens seem to outweigh the advantages.

—Alan Ehrenhalt, *The Great Inversion and the Future of the American City*.

That's one person's view of the current situation in Cleveland Heights. Ehrenhalt's new book examining population shifts in American cities devotes most of a chapter to our city of 46,121 people. A FutureHeights member called the book to my attention. I read the Cleveland Heights chapter first, then went back and read the entire book.

Although Ehrenhalt gets some of the details wrong—he refers to Coventry Road as Coventry Street, for example—he may have gotten it right overall. I believe that the health and vitality of our city is fragile, and the reputation of our schools is an important factor. Many people choose where to live based on the availability of strong public schools, whether or not they intend to use them, because schools affect property values. As

Superintendent Douglas Heuer said at a FutureHeights meeting last year, he's never seen a strong community that didn't also have strong public schools.

Shortly after the CH-UH Board of Education (BOE) decided last summer against putting a facilities bond issue on the ballot because there was insufficient community support for Plan C, I had a conversation with Patrick Mullen. He is the director of Reaching Heights, a nonprofit that supports community involvement in our public schools.

We both felt that the issue was of vital importance to our community. We both served on the School Facilities Committee, convened by the district, where we learned about the urgent need to fix our school buildings. There is \$40 million of deferred maintenance, our buildings have been added onto many times over the years—not always sympathetically—and we use space inefficiently. Our student population has decreased from a peak of 15,000 in the 1960s to only 6,100 today, and is projected to drop to about 5,500 in the next several years. We've closed some buildings, but still maintain too much space, with fewer resources. Something must be done, but no one can seem to agree on what.

FutureHeights and Reaching Heights convened a meeting of folks who had been involved in the process, to determine how to move forward. The outcome of that meeting was a request to the BOE for a Lay Facilities Committee, a group that would work independently from the district to develop a plan that the community could support.

The BOE agreed and the work of that committee has begun. One of the ways we hope it will be different this time is that we plan to really listen to the voice of the community. There are multiple options that make sense on paper or for other communities, but not necessarily for ours. We are not working from a blank slate. We have 11 existing buildings, and our communities were built around them. If one of those buildings closes, it will impact the neighborhood. On the other hand, we also know that we can't just continue as we have in the past. We need to know what you value, and what trade-offs you are willing to make. Would you agree to close your neighborhood school if it meant a lower tax bill down the road? Would you agree to a higher cost project, if you thought that improved buildings would improve student performance?

Although the board determined the members of the committee, there are multiple ways for community members to become involved. Contact a committee leader and tell us your thoughts (see page 9), write a letter to the editor (www.heightsobserver.org), or participate in our online school facilities forum (www.chubfacilities.org).

Whatever you do, don't sit this one out until you find out that your elementary school building will be closed or that your property taxes will increase. Get involved now!

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

Highlights from Observer blogs

Read the whole story at blogs.heightsobserver.org

Meadowbrook-Lee: The Market and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy say we should move on

According to Cleveland Heights city officials and the CH-UH Board of Education, the Orlean Company's proposed development plan for Meadowbrook-Lee has been removed from consideration and a new one is being drawn up. The Orlean plan included an 11-year 80 percent tax abatement and the donation of the city land to the developer; a combined \$4 million public subsidy.

It is important to note that this plan included a commercial tax abatement—the first commercial tax abatement the city has offered.

—*Fran Mentch*

The world of Crowdfunding: Local Interests and Beyond

Today we have a trend in accessing funds from friends and other interested parties via the Internet in the concept of crowdfunding. Crowdfunding is where your friends are the capital. You state your

project and ask for their financial help in achieving your project goals. I recently ventured into the crowdfunding world and found three main companies that provide this service, Kickstarter, Indiegogo and a more recent addition, Kapipal.

Each company has a different style to their pages but essentially they all provide a great atmosphere and way to approach funders and helpful hints as to what you as an entity should provide on your project page.

—*Tiffany Laufer*

Election news and views from JCU

How do you motivate young people to become involved in the voting process? One way is through class assignments.

As part of their first journalism course, Carrie Buchanan, assistant professor of communications at John Carroll University, had her students interview local candidates and report on events related to the upcoming elections.

Some interviewed candidates; others attended debate parties and other events, then filed their reports. To read these stories, go www.heightsobserver.org and scroll down to the article titled "Election news and views." And be sure to cast your ballot on Nov. 6.

BIG FUN
VOTED CLEVELAND'S BEST TOY STORE
WE BUY OLD TOYS FOR CASH
Traditional Toys for Traditional Holidays! Funky Toys for Funky Holidays!
Collectibles • Cards • Nintendo • Cleveland Gear • Pop Culture • Ghouardi T-Shirts • Baby Stuff • Classic Candy • Great Books (most at least 1/2 off) • Stocking Stuffers • Buttons and Magnets • Unique Toys • Great Gag Gifts
1814 Coventry Road • Cleve. Hts
216-371-4FUN • www.bigfunbigfun.com
Thanks for supporting local businesses!

tommy's is a local independently owned Cleveland Historical landmark and award winning family Restaurant celebrating our 40th year anniversary. We cater to all dietary walks of life. Stop in and see why we have become so many family's favorite place to dine.
Come on over, we're open!
Sun-Thurs: 9am-9pm
Fri: 9am-10pm, Sat: 7:30am-10pm
tommy's
coventry village
1824 Coventry Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
r: 216.321.7757
tommyscoventry.com

WHY REPLACE?
When we can Restore Your Windows at a fraction of the cost!
ITS THE GREEN ALTERNATIVE!
Our expert technicians can restore your window to "like-new" condition at a typical price of \$100.
call for a free estimate
(216) 321-7729
MJM Window Restoration

Neither religion nor just hamstrings

To the Editor:

All of us at the Atma Center rejoiced after receiving news that we were named the Best Place to Express Your Spirituality in the 2012 FutureHeights Best of the Heights awards. Then we imagined some might wonder why a yoga school won in this category, dominated by nominations for churches and synagogues.

Yoga, in its currently most visible form, highlights fancy postures, long complicated routines and sweaty bodies. But this is just one small aspect of yoga in the legacy of this ancient 1,000-plus-year-old practice. At the Atma Center, students have a wide range of experiences.

Beginning students move their bodies gently, joint-by-joint, increasing their body awareness. Progressing slowly, more advanced students learn powerful breathing and meditation techniques that increase more subtle awareness of the spirit.

Yoga is not a religion; it is wel-

coming of all religions. Through their yoga practice, our Christian students say they feel closer to Jesus while our Hindu students connect more deeply with Brahman, Shiva, or other deities to whom they are personally drawn. Further, the practices taught are centered around the belief that we are more than our physical bodies, and that when we get our bodies comfortable and our minds quiet, we can experience that eternal spark of life within us.

The Atma Center would like to thank all of the community members who recognized this element of our teaching, and we extend our warmest invitation to all those who are seekers, no matter what physical shape you might be in, to explore this ancient science of life.

Omkar Olga Chwa
Yoga instructor and staff member at Atma Center in Cleveland Heights

Will a new city hall parking lot help our city?

Fran Mentch

Will greening city hall's parking lot attract new residents or help our businesses?

According to a *Sun News* article published on *Cleveland.com* on Oct. 6, Mayor Ed Kelley plans to spend \$250,000 of the city's money to "retrofit" the city hall parking lot to make it "greener."

At the Sept. 19 meeting of the Cleveland Heights City Council, council members unanimously passed a resolution to pay Behnke Associates \$4,850 plus expenses to develop this plan. The resolution was passed as "an emergency." (Passing legislation as an emergency reduces citizen input and prohibits citizens being able to use a referendum. Please consider asking council not to pass such large ticket items as emergencies.)

Using \$250,000 in tax dollars is only part of the project. Council also hopes to raise additional funds from grants to add trees and plants to the parking lot. Sources of possible additional funds include Ohio EPA and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Small-Scale Demonstration Grants.

Spending \$250,000 of city money to retrofit a parking lot did not sound like a good idea to me. But I thought maybe the parking lot was in really bad shape and needed to be replaced anyway. So I drove over to city hall and drove around the parking lot to see for myself. It seemed fine to me. It's not in perfect condition, it has a few holes that

should be patched. But it is not a road. It's a parking lot.

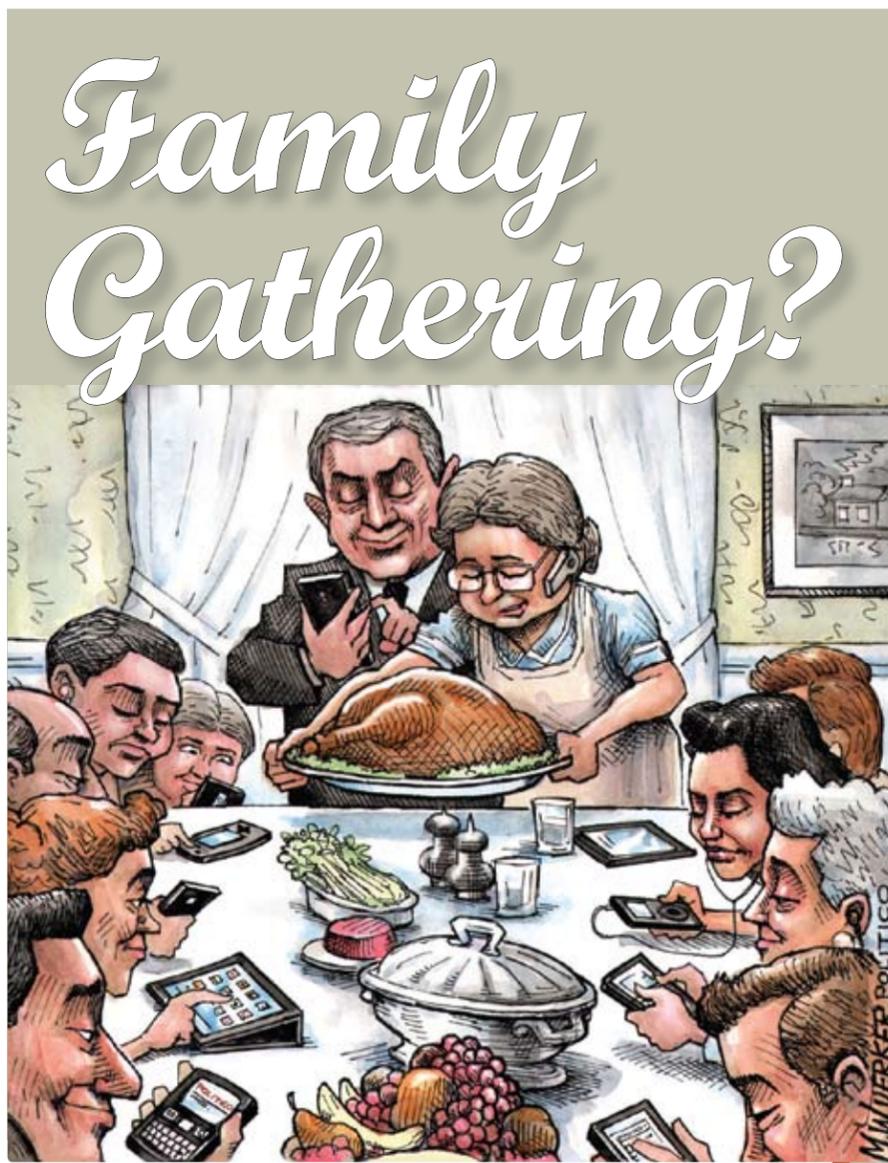
Most of us are in the same boat. We have friends and family unemployed or underemployed, our property values have declined dramatically but our property tax rates are increasing. We can anticipate further property tax increases to pay for the CH-UH City School District facilities master plan; a bond issue is in the works for the November 2013 ballot.

By all means, let's spruce up the city and make it greener. But let's do it in a way that will make our city appealing to residents and businesses and help our economy. There are many places around town that need better stormwater management, but plantings and pocket wetlands should be built in places that will help connect neighborhoods and business districts, or make biking and walking to University Circle a safer and more pleasant experience.

Please drive through the city hall parking lot and judge for yourself whether this \$250,000 expenditure is worthwhile. Some proposals and plans are complicated; this one is not. You can trust your own judgment on this issue.

If you agree that city council members should use \$250,000 of our tax dollars, not on a parking lot, but to do something that will help people and our economy and our city's future, please contact them and let them know how you feel.

Fran Mentch is a longtime resident of Cleveland Heights.



Send them home
with FUNNY TIMES.

Buy One, Get One FREE
Gift Subscription!

Yes, I need a laugh!
1 YEAR (12 ISSUES) ... \$26

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

ALSO, send a FREE, 1-year gift subscription to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

All foreign subscriptions add \$20 per year

Send check or money order to:

FUNNY TIMES SUBSCRIPTIONS

P.O. Box 18530 Dept. HOT • Cleveland Hts., OH 44118

Or pay with: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card # _____



NAME _____

EXP. DATE _____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

DAYTIME PHONE # OR E-MAIL (_____)

(In case we need to contact you regarding your order)

Guaranteed to make you laugh
or your money back!

CALL 216.371.8600 ext. CLE
or visit **FUNNYTIMES.COM**



your spot for retail wine & beer

thewinespotonline.com
2271 Lee Road • Cleveland Heights
p 216.342.3623

- wine & beer for holiday parties— call us
- gift baskets for the holidays
- unique gifts for wine & beer lovers
- we now have growlers— fill one up!



Tenth year for Scarborough Road donut party

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Every October, early in the month, a small, round yellow sign goes up on Scarborough Road to announce a cherished neighborhood tradition: the Sperl family's donut party. Tom Sperl, bassist for the Cleveland Orchestra, and his family invite several hundred of their closest friends, associates and absolute strangers to a donut party on their lawn. Orchestra folks, church friends, neighborhood pals and an occasional politician turn up to enjoy warm, fresh donuts with delicious toppings, hot cider and coffee.

This was the tenth year that the

Sperls have hosted the event, which seems to get a little bigger each year. The donut machine makes approximately 400 donuts per hour, and it was working at capacity on Oct. 13 as a long line snaked down the street. Neighbors greeted neighbors; friends chatted with friends; and everyone agreed that the donuts were worth the wait.

See more photos, taken by professional photographer Jay Levan, at <http://pbodoz.com/donuts/2012>.

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



Tom Sperl (right) enjoys making donuts for his friends and neighbors every year.

DEANNA BREMER FISHER

Campaign trail affirmations



THE COMMON GOOD

Susie Kaeser

I got started on the campaign trail in Cleveland Heights in early October. While knocking on doors is not my favorite activity, it is my civic duty. Despite my hesitation, something sweet kept happening, which made those moments of discomfort worthwhile. I encountered parents of children who went to school with my kids back in the 1980s and 90s at Boulevard, Monticello and Heights.

I've loved these heartfelt reunions, rich with authentic interest in one

another's families, and with unspoken trust and delight that we are once again working for the same cause. We live in a web of relationships—some daily, some occasional, but those connections make us whole, make life rich, make the place where you live more than shelter.

There is something very special about the connections I made with other parents during my kids' school years—strangers with whom I shared the same anxious hope that our school community would do right by our children. It is a remarkable bond. One that lasts long after the school years end. The children became our children. And our schools gave me the chance to forge connections with people beyond my usual circle of like-minded friends. Our public school involvement made us a diverse and co-

hesive community, with high hopes for one another's children. It nurtured our commitment to the common good.

I moved to Cleveland Heights in 1979 with the explicit goal of joining an integrated community that would expand my world, and would provide our children opportunities that would break old barriers. The best way to pursue my commitment to justice was to become part of a community that made equity a goal of daily life.

Of all things, the campaign trail gave me more than enough evidence that my aspirations for moving to Cleveland Heights so long ago have been realized.

As my compatriots provided updates on their children, I learned that the six-year-old boy, whose coloring skills impressed me 20 years ago, had graduated from Columbia University and is now at Harvard. The friendly wrestler

completed Morehouse and is now at the University of Chicago. Other kids are now parents, business owners, teachers, guidance counselors, physical therapists, nurses, international development entrepreneurs, women's health advocates and aspiring professors.

Learning about the children who are now approaching their 30s provided that invaluable long view that is so rare and so informative. Judging by these young adults, I'd say our future is in good hands. Our community pulled together to give this upcoming generation the support, encouragement, and educational opportunity they needed and deserved.

I couldn't be more proud of them and of us.

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

**SHORE
CARPET II**
216-531-9105

MON-TUE 10-6
WED 10-5
THU 10-7
FRI 10-4
SAT 10-3



854 EAST 185TH STREET • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44119

CARPET SPECIALS

2 ROOM \$599 (UP TO 333 SQ.FT.)
1 ROOM \$299 (UP TO 180 SQ.FT.)
INCLUDES INSTALLATION
W/ PREMIUM PAD

IN STORE PAYMENT PLAN
(NO CREDIT NEEDED)
SEE STORE FOR DETAILS

**BRING THIS AD AND
RECEIVE A DISCOUNT!**
DISCOUNT NOT VALID ON SPECIALS!

WWW.SHORECARPET2.COM

Get a **FREE Chance to Win** in the
2012 Great Cleveland Heights **Mega Raffle!**



all proceeds go to the
OFFICER JASON D. WEST
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Find us on facebook

1. Like the **Officer Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship** Facebook page.
2. Post **"We will never forget"** on the wall of our page, and get entered into the Mega Raffle drawing.
3. Join us **Dec. 2nd at Bodega** for the party and Raffle drawings.

Find out where to purchase more raffle tickets, and learn about the great raffle prizes you can win on our Facebook page!



Discover the Beaumont Experience!

Academic excellence is the essence of a Beaumont education. Beaumont is a Catholic college-preparatory high school where girls grow to be accomplished young women, and confident, compassionate leaders for the 21st century.

Open House

November 7 - Wednesday, 5:30 to 7pm
Tours and Shadow Days available.

A Catholic school in the Ursuline tradition educating women for life, leadership and service.



3301 North Park Blvd.
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
216.325.1661 • beaumontschool.org

Project Build at Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park cleanup

Joy Henderson

More than 60 students from Cleveland Heights High School's Project Build helped at the Oct. 6 Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park Cleanup Day. They repaired swings, climbing structures and benches, removed graffiti, painted play structures, weeded and mulched flower beds and trimmed bushes.

"They were enthusiastic and hard working, and they had a great time doing it," said Erik Kaufman, president of Coventry P.E.A.C.E.

The group was started by several students last year and their motto is: Build. Have Fun. Do Good.

Grace Goodluck, Project Build's vice president, was happy with the turnout and the amount of work that was accomplished.

"We had a diverse group from the community—students from Heights and other schools, middle school students, and adults," said Goodluck. "Everyone came ready to work, and we had a really great time and accomplished so much!"

While they focus on the physical work of building, the Project Build members also want to build community between and among groups.

"We want to create positive and fun volunteer opportunities that involve both students and teachers," explained Goodluck.

Chris Sutton, the Project Build advisor, said, "I am so proud of their hard work and dedication to improving the Heights community. The Coventry



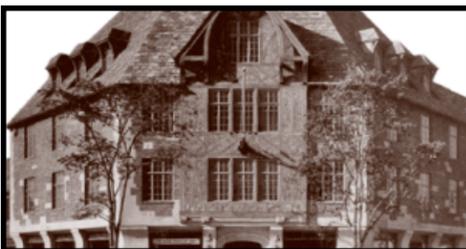
Members of Project Build celebrate after the cleanup of Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park.



cleanup was the first of many important projects for Project Build."

Read more about Project Build on its Facebook page.

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



HEIGHTS ROCKEFELLER BUILDING

Come and see the many merchants of this historic Cleveland Heights Landmark this holiday season!

Services and products promoting a full and healthy relationship between people and their pets.

Customized Pet Care • Grooming
Tellington Touch® • Natural foods • Treats
Supplements • Household Supplies

Hours:
Mon: 2-7; Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9-5; Sat: 9-1
Or by appointment.
3103 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Hts., OH
216.402.6513 • www.animalzen.net

Homemade Soups Artisan Sandwiches
Gourmet Salads Fresh Baked Goods

216.371.3050
2483 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH
Monday - Wednesday: 11 am - 6 pm
Thursday - Saturday: 11 am - 8:30 pm
www.barlesoupandsandwich.com

kellenational

For All Your Business and Personal Insurance Needs



- Specializing In:**
- Auto & Home
 - Life & Health
 - Business
 - Contractors
 - Auto Repair Garages
 - Non-Profits

Call us for a no-obligation review!

Rockefeller Center, Suite 203 | 3109 Mayfield Road
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118
216.965.0646 | www.KellerNational.com

LOGOS

On LEE

screen printing
embroidery

216.862.5226
3105 Mayfield Rd, Cleveland Hts
Heights Rockefeller Bldg

rockefellers

restaurant + lounge
216.321.0477
3099 mayfield road | cleveland hts., oh
tuesday to saturday 4 pm - 1 am
www.rockefellers-restaurant.com

TO SPORTS

CLEVELAND'S PREMIER HOCKEY & LACROSSE STORE

- BAUER
- CCM
- EASTON
- REEBOK
- WARRIOR
- & MORE

HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 7PM SATURDAY 10AM - 4PM
216.371.5734
3101 MAYFIELD ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH

Heights Emergency Food Center hosts benefit

Robyn McGinty

Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC) is hosting a benefit to support its mission of providing food to people in emergency situations.

The benefit, sponsored by The Equal Food Fund, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the B Side Lounge, 2785 Euclid Heights Blvd.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance at <http://befcbenefit.eventbrite.com/> or at the door the night of the event. Tickets include food, beer and wine. There will be a basket raffle and 50/50 raffle.

If you cannot attend the event, a donation can be made at the above website. All of the money raised will go to HEFC to purchase food to help hungry families in this community.

"We have had a great response from community businesses such as City Buddha, Tommy's, the Inn on Coventry, Heinen's, Alesci's and Crate & Barrel," said Bob Vitolan, president of HEFC.

The center opened in October 1981 with help from the Heights Interfaith Council. It served nine families that month. More than 1,000 individuals are now provided with a three-day supply of food once a month.

HEFC serves individuals from the Cleveland Heights, University Heights, South Euclid and Lyndhurst neighborhoods.

People seek help from HEFC due to a recent illness, loss of a job, change in family status resulting in loss of income, unemployment, disability, fixed income or other situations that have left them without the means to secure adequate



Bob Vitolan, president of Heights Emergency Food Center, stocking shelves.

food for themselves and their families.

The board of trustees and volunteers run the food center. There's always a need for volunteers to pick up donations, restock the pantry and sort food. Support comes from churches, service and social organizations, public, parochial and private schools, federal grants and individuals.

For more information visit www.befc.webs.com.

Robyn McGinty, a volunteer for the Equal Food Fund of Cleveland Heights, works closely with Bob Vitolan and Michael Froelich of the Heights Emergency Food Center.



Berkeley Neighbors showed neighborhood pride at National Night Out.

Berkeley Neighbors builds community

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Berkeley Road resident Yolanda Stone and her neighbors love their street, love the Heights, and hope their enthusiasm spreads.

Stone helped organize the Berkeley Neighbors in 2006, to host a number of events throughout the year to, as she said, "come together as a community and develop relationships."

"We have a core group of about 10 [neighbors] who meet regularly to plan events," said Stone. "We usually have about 75 people who come to the block party, and we're trying to have something for everyone." Stone attended the neighborhood leadership training that FutureHeights hosted last April, along with several of her neighbors. "Our association covers Berkeley from the west side of Taylor Road," she said.

Berkeley Neighbors hosts a block party every other year in late summer, and a garage sale in alternate years. On Oct. 20, the group hosted a neighborhood plant exchange. "We asked Berkeley neighbors to put plants from their gardens that they wanted to divide into plastic containers and put them on the tree lawn by 9 a.m." said Stone. "It was a fun way for us to share with neighbors and an inexpensive way to add to our own gardens."

For the past two years, Berkeley Neighbors has participated in Na-

tional Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime (NNO), a national event sponsored by National Association of Town Watch. The 29th annual NNO was held on Tuesday, Aug. 7. More than 30 Berkeley Road residents joined more than 37 million people in 15,000 communities nationwide in turning on porch lights and walking together along their street to show solidarity and take a stand against crime.

"We carried flashlights and lanterns as we greeted and talked with one another," said Stone. "Several generations were represented, from a two-year-old in a wagon to a senior citizen using a cane. We asked residents along the route to turn on their front lights, lock their doors, and join us."

Stone said the group was a little larger this year than last and that she hopes to spread the word to surrounding neighborhood groups. "I'd like to see even more people on our block, and in other Heights neighborhoods, participate next year," she said. "It's held on the first Tuesday in August every year."

Berkeley residents are not planning to stay indoors this winter. The group is organizing a holiday caroling event for December. To learn more, contact Yolanda Stone at ystone0410@yahoo.com.

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



Coit's Growing
in your neighborhood

Open Saturdays Year Round – 8:00AM to 1:00PM
Wednesdays April thru November
10:00AM to 1:00PM

Healthy Produce. Healthy People. Healthy Connections.

Call 216-249-5455 or go to www.coitmarket.org
15000 Woodworth Rd near East 152nd and Noble
Learn what's available. Join our e-mail list by e-mailing
coitmarket-subscribe@yahoo.com or join "The Coit Road Farmers Market" on Facebook.



woodtraderframing.com



WOOD
TRADER

13429 Cedar Road
Cleveland Heights
216-397-7671

Mon-Fri 10-6 Sat 10-5

CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES

Truly unique gifts.

For a gift that will never be forgotten:
Choose from our selection of fine art and prints,
Or frame a favorite memory for year-round enjoyment



YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR HOME ALL YEAR. WE'RE LOOKING OUT FOR YOU.

















An efficient home is a great place to live year-round, and a Home Energy Assessment from Dominion East Ohio is a smart approach to saving money and increasing the comfort of your home.

For only \$50, our Energy Advisors will perform a comprehensive analysis of your home to help you find ways to save money and be more comfortable.

Visit www.deoenergysavers.com or call 1.877.287.3416 today!

ATTENTION
FUTUREHEIGHTS
SUPPORTERS!



FutureHeights

For every member and supporter that completes a Home Energy Assessment by Dec. 31, \$25 will be given to support FutureHeights' community building activities!

Enroll today using Offer Code: FUTUREHEIGHTS

* Program participants must be a qualified residential Dominion East Ohio customer and complete an in-home energy assessment by 12/31/12. Other restrictions may apply. For complete program details, call 1.877.287.3416 or visit www.deoenergysavers.com.

BEST OF THE HEIGHTS continued from page 1

cited." A resident for most of his life, Logan believes Cleveland Heights is a great place to raise a family, and said his three grown children love returning to the Heights.

Chris Armington, owner of the Tavern Company, was very excited about winning the award for Best Cleveland Heights Business for the second consecutive year. "The food quality [at the Tavern Company] is fresh and unique, and many of our customers are so loyal," said Armington. He has been the owner of the Tavern Company since 2009, and had worked at Brennan's Colony for 12 years prior to that.

View video of the awards ceremony at <https://vimeo.com/52019525>.

The Best of the Heights are:

Best New Business

Winner: Sweetie Fry

Finalists:

The Wine Spot
The BottleHouse

Best Pizza

Winner: Dewey's Pizza

Finalists:

Marotta's
Geraci's Restaurant

Best Curb Appeal

Winner: Anatolia Café

Finalists:

The Tavern Company
Luna Bakery Café

Best Ethnic Eats

Winner: Anatolia Café

Finalists:

Café Tandoor
Aladdin's Eatery

Best Coffee

Winner: Phoenix Coffee

Finalists:

Starbucks
The Stone Oven

Best Place for a Sandwich

Winner: The Stone Oven

Finalists:

Tommy's Restaurant
The Tavern Company
Melt Bar and Grilled

Best Contractor

Winner: Skettle Electric

Finalists:

The Beard Group
Monroe Constructs
Reilly Painting & Contracting

Best Place to Study

Winner: Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library

Finalists:

Phoenix Coffee
Starbucks
Lee Road Library

Best Place for an Oil Change

Winner: Washington & Lee Service

Finalists:

Alternative Solution Car Care
Lusty Wrench
Simon's Auto Service
Tommy Fello, owner of Tommy's Restaurant

Best Place for Music

Winner: The Grog Shop

Finalists:

Cain Park
Nighttown

Best Bar, Pub or Tavern

Winner: Brennan's Colony

Finalists:

The Tavern Company
The BottleHouse

Best Place to Take your Kids

Winner: Sweetie Fry

Finalists:

Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library

Best Place to Express your Spirituality

Winner: Atma Center

Finalists:

Communion of Saints Parish
Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland
Fairmount Presbyterian Church

Best Place to Take a Date

Winner: Cedar Lee Theatre

Finalists:

Nighttown
Taste

Best Place to Get in Shape

Winner: Cleveland Heights Community Center

Finalists:

Jazzercise
Atma Center

Best Place for Fashion

Winner: Revive Fair Trade

Finalists:

Blush Boutique
American Apparel

Best Barber Shop

Winner: Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa

Finalists:

Crazy Mullets
Adam's Barber Shop

Best Salon or Spa

Winner: Shawn Paul Salon

Finalists:

Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa
Crazy Mullets

Best Heights Spirit

Winner: Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District

Finalists:

Steve Pressor, owner of Big Fun Toy Store

Best University Heights Business

Winner: Bialy's Bagels

Finalists:

Whole Foods Market
Geraci's Restaurant

Best Cleveland Heights Business

Winner: The Tavern Company

Finalists:

Tommy's Restaurant
Ten Thousand Villages
Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa

Board Choice Award

Academy Music

CH City Council selects city manager search firm; interim city manager to seek position

Kim Sergio Inglis

At the Oct. 3 Cleveland Heights City Council meeting, council members voted to authorize an agreement with the Novak Consulting Group of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the purpose of assisting with the search for a new city manager.

Mayor Kelley said, "We fully expect the Novak Group to work with us and get this done somewhere between three to five months [from now]. The reason I say three to five months, as opposed to three months, is the fact that we're going to be running into a lot of holidays. We'd love to get this done before the end of the year but my guess is . . . it will probably be done sometime early next year."

Kelley noted, "Our interim city manager, Susanna Niermann O'Neil, will be seeking this position. I want it to be known that [she] did not participate in any part of the process of hiring this group. She doesn't know who the Novak group is, didn't see the proposals, has had no conversations with anyone associated with Novak. This has been a clear, open process."

CH City Council appointed O'Neil acting city manager in April, when Bob Downey resigned as city manager after learning his contract would not be renewed. At the time of her appointment, Mayor Kelley stated that a national search would be conducted for a per-

manent city manager.

The resolution passed by council authorized an agreement with the Novak Consulting Group for executive search services, for the purpose of assisting city council with the search for a new city manager. The resolution states that services shall include, but not be limited to:

- developing a recruitment plan,
- preparing a position profile for the position,
- development of organizational goals for choosing a successful candidate,
- conducting a national search,
- supporting city council in negotiating and choosing a candidate,
- preparing an employment agreement and monitoring the process of the sum of the \$16,900 plus reimbursement for the expenses not to exceed the sum of \$1,500 without written permission from the city.

"We look forward to moving through this process and sometime early next year having a full-time appointed city manager on our staff," Kelley said. "We look forward to the process. It will be interesting, it will be time-consuming. But we will get the best person to move this city forward."

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

Coventry Village SID postpones street festival meeting

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Steve Presser, marketing director for the Coventry Village Special Improvement District (CVSID), cancelled a public meeting scheduled for Oct. 16. Presser said that it would be rescheduled at a later date. The CVSID had planned to discuss ideas for a Coventry street fair in 2013 at the meeting.

"As we were planning for the meeting, I had gotten input from a lot of people, and the city, and it became clear that we were not going to be able to close the street as we've done in the past," said Presser. "We'll have to keep Coventry Road open. I am working to get more clarity on the parameters for what we will be able to do."

"I don't want to hold a meeting prematurely. Whatever we end up doing in 2013, our goal is to have it be fun, safe and family-oriented," Presser added.

For more information, contact

Steve Presser at 216-496-4104 or steve@bigfunbigfun.com.

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

It's true.
Good food
tastes better!

THE STONE OVEN
BAKERY • CAFE

2267 Lee Rd. 216.932.3003

www.stone-oven.com

All Are Welcome!

As beloved children of God,
we welcome all persons
to join our family of faith
as full participants,
regardless of age, race or ethnicity,
national origin, gender,
marital status, sexual orientation,
mental or physical ability,
economic status,
differences of thought
and expression, or any other
human condition. We celebrate
and find strength in our diversity.

Fairmount Presbyterian Church
2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleve Hts.
fairmountchurch.org | 216.321.5800

ATMA CENTER
Yoga for Every Body

*Celebrating
15 years
in the
Heights!*

2319 Lee Rd.
(216) 371-9760
atmacenter.com

Experience classical Yoga
for complete health & well-being

Cleveland Heights City Council

Meeting highlights

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

All council members were present.

Coventry Village improvements

Council approved a resolution that would allow business owners in the Coventry Village Special Improvement District (SID) to continue to invest in the public areas of the vibrant Coventry district, the second oldest SID in Ohio (after Playhouse Square). This will cover administration, professional services, marketing, streetscape, security, maintenance, and beautification of public areas.

City Hall parking lot improvements

Council approved an agreement with Behnke Associates Inc. for conceptual design services for city hall parking lot improvements (similar to those creating a green lot at Cumberland Pool) for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$4,850 plus expenses.

Gas Aggregation Program

Council approved an agreement with Integrys Energy Services - Natural Gas LLC for the continued provision of natural gas to Cleveland Heights residents and businesses under the Gas Aggregation Program for an additional two years commencing Nov. 1. This program, which began in 2002, provides annual, quarterly variable, and monthly variable rates, with no additional charges for new residents, persons who move to a new residence, or those who change from fixed- to variable-rate programs. The rate will be fixed at the last possible moment and will be announced in a few weeks.

Cedar-Fairmount improvements

Council authorized an application, in conjunction with the Cedar Fairmount SID, to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

(NOACA) for federal funding for streetscape improvements. The city or the SID will provide 20 percent matching funding for the NOACA grant.

Free parking

The city plans to extend the popular free parking program in city lots during the last weekend of each month through December.

3417 DeSota Ave.

Council declared the property at 3417 DeSota Ave., owned by Christine L. Niemeier, to be a nuisance and authorized abatement.

Emergency management

Council passed a resolution designating the Office of Emergency Management, Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, as the emergency management agency for the City of Cleveland Heights. It is neither cost effective nor efficient for the city to establish its own service, and the county service comes at no cost.

MYXX

Mayor Edward Kelley thanked Common Pleas Court Judge Gaul for his help resolving a solution at MYXX nightclub and stated that all should be quiet at that location by Oct. 1.

LWV observer: Blanche Valancy.

OCTOBER 3, 2012

All council members were present.

New council member seated

Council approved the seating of Janine Boyd as a member of council, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Phyllis Evans, who was present and whom both Mayor Ed Kelley and Council Member Dennis Wilcox recognized for her

years of service to the city. Boyd's mother, former Cleveland Heights council member and current State Representative Barbara Boyd (D-Cleveland), administered the oath of office, and Evans held the family bible. Boyd then took her seat with the other members of council. She thanked her supporters, especially her parents, and promised to do her best as council member. Council members followed their committee reports with brief words of welcome and encouragement for Boyd.

Sanitary sewer overflow

Council authorized an agreement with Mackay Engineering & Surveying Company for preliminary engineering services related to investigating remedies to eliminate the Fairmount Boulevard/Shelburne Road sanitary sewer overflow issue. The total cost is not to exceed \$25,000.

3273 East Overlook Road

Council authorized the sale of city-owned property at 3273 East Overlook Road, which has been rehabilitated with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds. This is the twelfth and final home the city has rehabilitated with these federal funds. The purchase price will be \$64,000 with an NSP-required award of \$5,000 in down payment assistance for the purchaser.

City manager search

Council hired the Novak Consulting Group for executive search services for recruiting and hiring a new city manager. The cost will be \$16,900 plus expenses not to exceed \$1,500. The city may also choose to have Novak conduct a one-day team-building workshop (\$4,500) and a performance assessment of the city manager's first year of service (\$3,750). The timeframe envisioned is three to five months. Acting City Manager Susanna Niermann O'Neil, who will be a candidate for



the position, did not participate in the selection process for a search firm.

Real estate conference

Council Member Mary Dunbar attended the second annual real estate conference at Cleveland State University, where the focus was on the sustainability of Cleveland's residential and commercial revitalization. She noted that the affordability of single-family homes is the highest it has been since tracking that statistic began 50 years ago.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

[The observer was unable to attend the meeting, but observed the video made available on the city's website. The meeting lasted about 51 minutes.]

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

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

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

Support local independent merchants.

HARVEY PEKAR continued from page 1

comic book panel rendered in bronze, with Pekar (approximately two-feet high) stepping out of the panel onto the desk.

Waldman's presentation focused on the professional and personal relationship he had with Pekar, which grew while they worked together on the book. Waldman, who completed the book on his own after Pekar's death, found the event deeply moving, and a little bittersweet. "When Harvey died I was isolated," said Waldman, who lives in Philadelphia. "But being here today with all these people who knew him and cared for him and shared the same grief I had felt—it was very comforting. It gave me closure."

During the program, local musician Marissa DeSantis performed an original song, "American Splendor," that she wrote as a tribute to Pekar and his celebration of everyday life and ordinary people.

The large crowd responded enthusiastically to each presenter, with lots of

applause, laughter, and even a few tears. With daughter Danielle by her side, Brabner spoke movingly of Pekar's attachment to the library, concluding that theirs was a family "that always believed a library card was more important than a charge card."

Shaker Heights resident Samantha Baskind, a professor of art history at Cleveland State University and editor of the anthology *The Jewish Graphic Novel: Critical Approaches*, had been looking forward to the event for some time. "I got a babysitter so I could be here today," she said, smiling broadly.

Nancy Levin, director of Heights Libraries, summed up the program this way: "We all miss Harvey. But with this tribute and the statue, it's like he's back with us."

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

Brennan's Colony

2299 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights

Halibut Burger

Jambalaya

Voted Best of the Heights.

brennanscolony.com

216.371.1010

**SKIP THE TUX,
STAY AT
HOME!**

8TH ANNUAL
FUTURE HEIGHTS
ONLINE AUCTION

**October 13th
to
November 18th
at**

www.biddingforgood.com/futureheights

FutureHeights
IS A COMMUNITY-BASED
NONPROFIT WORKING TO PRESERVE
& STRENGTHEN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
& UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

CLICK • BID • BUY LOCAL!

University Heights City Council

Meeting highlights

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Council Member Phillip Ertel was excused.

Commercial property rates

Commercial property rates seem to be holding steady in University Heights, showing a rise of 1.4 percent.

South Euclid-Lyndhurst recreation move

South Euclid-Lyndhurst recreation programming has been transferred to the Hillcrest YMCA.

JCU Murphy Hall renovation

Council approved the preliminary development plan submitted by John Carroll University (JCU) for the renovation of Murphy Hall, a student

residence. This will make Murphy Hall ADA-compliant for 90 percent of the rooms and the chapel. Elevators, ramps and six "special needs" spaces will be added. To maintain the Gothic appearance of the front, the elevators will be built into the interior of the building. Two projections on the back of the building will extend out 18 feet. JCU plans to replace the roofs, tuckpoint, add sprinklers, and put in new windows keeping the divided panes. JCU will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for energy sustainability.

Police department honored

Police Chief Steven Hammett announced that the University Heights Police Department is one of a handful of departments to be honored by the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Emergency repair

Jeffrey Pokorney, service director, announced that another emergency repair had been made to the storm sewer on Eaton Road. This repair nearly depletes the funds allotted for emergency repairs for 2012 and additional funding might be needed. Also, they have begun grinding out and removing the 50 tree stumps left behind from tree removal.

Gas line

Joe Ciuni, city engineer, announced that Dominion East Ohio will be running a new main gas line by Cedar and Warrensville roads, to provide gas service to the new Walmart. Some minor traffic and sidewalk blockage will occur for a short period. Business owners will be notified before the work begins.

LWV observer: Wendy Deuring.



Unfortunately the Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Cuyahoga Area is only able to cover one meeting per month of the University Heights City Council due to a shortage of volunteers. We will continue to cover at least one meeting per month and seek more volunteers with the hope of returning to full coverage. If you appreciate and enjoy reading our reports perhaps you would like to help us continue this service to the community by joining the League and our Observer Corps. To learn more please contact Maryann Barnes by e-mail (mbarnes9515@gmail.com) or by phone (216-321-7525).

Look for earlier and often expanded postings of meeting summaries online at www.heightsobserver.org. See disclaimer on page 8.

LAY FINANCE continued from page 1

Oct. 2 meeting, the BOE charged the LFC with recommending a plan that is educationally sound, fiscally responsible and enjoys broad community support.

To bring new committee members up to speed, Mullen asked the subcommittee chairs of the first citizens facilities committee—Dave Tabor, Dallas Schubert, Jim Posch and Eric Silverman, all of whom are also serving on the current LFC—to review the committee's findings.

Among the findings were:

- There is a backlog of \$40 million in needed capital repairs in the district's 10 buildings.
- The district has excess building capacity because its student population has declined, and it doesn't use existing space as efficiently as it could.
- There are several aspects of the current buildings that the community should consider assets worth preserving, such as the high school auditorium.
- Methods of instruction have changed over the last several years, and the current facilities often fall short of providing the kinds of spaces that educators want today.
- It is feasible to finance a comprehensive school facilities project, and there are several potential sources of funding, the largest of which is a bond issue voted on by the public.
- The Options Subcommittee did not have enough information or the necessary expertise to recommend specific facilities options for the BOE to consider as they were initially charged to do. Instead, the subcommittee asked for greater input from the community and the BOE.

Jeffery Talbert, assistant superintendent of the CH-UH district, presented on the topic of grade configuration—one of the areas LFC members wanted to revisit in regard to Plan C.

"Transitions were a major focus," said Talbert, who explained the district's initial preference for K-8 buildings. "Research shows that transitions between buildings are hard for many students," he said. "For some students, it takes more than a year for them to adjust to a new building."

Talbert added, "Research shows that K-8 buildings have been working well for urban districts like ours. It gives time for strong relationships to develop among parents, teachers and students."

Talbert then explained how the district arrived at Plan C. "We saw that our community valued neighborhood schools so we looked at PK-3 and 4-8 buildings," he said. "Our curriculum shifts in fourth grade, away from learning-to-read to

reading-to-learn, so it makes sense to make the transition there."

LFC member Krissy Dietrich-Gallagher said she had reviewed much of the research on grade configuration. "I found no consensus," she said. She wondered if having two buildings on one campus—one K-3 and one 4-8, similar to what currently exists at Roxboro—would make the transition easier.

LFC members Nancy Levin and Eric Silverman briefly shared a chart that compared the grade configurations in other districts.

Regarding community engagement, Mark Chupp, assistant professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University and a member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors, proposed a three-step process: taking stock, which would include reviewing the need for upgraded facilities and determining values and principles that should guide decisions; envisioning the future, which would examine opportunities to leverage facilities changes to strengthen public education and attract families to the Heights; and moving forward, a process for objectively examining the pros and cons of potential plans.

"You've got to go slow to go fast," he said. "We need to work on the values and principles that guide decision-making."

Several committee members agreed with the need to hold meetings at each of the schools and at other sites where community stakeholders were already gathered, such as religious congregations. They disagreed, however, on the effectiveness of online conversations and expressed concerns over the cost and time required to conduct a thorough community engagement process.

A community member said that it was important for the LFC to establish trust and be open about any decisions that have already been made.

Jim Cull, a new LFC member, said that he was working hard to understand the complexity of the issues. "It would seem logical to break it down into parts that we can deal with," he said. "The high school is the building that everyone looks at. Elementary school students are happy if they have a desk and a teacher they like."

While several issues were discussed, few conclusions were made. The LFC did agree to establish three subcommittees. "There was agreement that the issues we face fall into one of three buckets," said Mullen, "buildings (where, how many, what is in them, sustainability), money (project price tag, how it is paid for),

and community (partnerships, process for re-using closed buildings and sites)."

Mullen instructed each subcommittee to meet prior to the next LFC meeting, which will be held on Nov. 14 at Noble Elementary School, 1293 Ardoon Street. The Noble PTA is holding a meeting and potluck dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The LFC meeting will start at 7:15 p.m., and Mullen assured the committee's hosts at Noble that committee members would contribute to the potluck.

For more information about the LFC and to listen to recordings of its meetings, visit www.chubfacilities.org. To participate in a subcommittee, contact one of the leaders via e-mail.

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

Lay Facilities Committee Chair:

Patrick Mullen,
patrick@reachingheights.org

Buildings Subcommittee Leaders:

Deanna Bremer Fisher,
dbfisher@futureheights.org

Alvin Saafir,
asaafir@aol.com

Eric Silverman,
eric@heightsalumni.org

Jodi Sourini,
jsourini@ra.rockwell.com

Community Subcommittee Leaders:

Krissy Gallagher,
kcdietri11@msn.com

Cheryl Oates,
cyoates@aol.com

Money Subcommittee Leaders:

Donna Guilmette,
djgrsv@roadrunner.com

Dave Tabor,
dave.tabor@dom.com

Why does autumn go so fast.
And, why do the best of times
seem to never last.

Lopez remains – resolved to endure.
And, perform.

Lopez wants your loyalty.
We are committed to be
a regular and frequent moment
of pleasure and pride...

...for you, and for us !!

Every day with passion –
craig.

lopez southwest kitchen – tequila saloon
2196 lee road
beautiful downtown cleveland heights
216.932.9000
www.lopezonlee.com

Local veterans give voice to America's past and present warriors

FRIEDBERG continued from page 1

Walter Nicholes

Members of Chapter 39, Veterans For Peace (VFP), will again commemorate Veterans Day with readings of battlefield letters and statements by United States service personnel, fighting America's wars from 1776 to the present.

"The experience of war, expressed by persons actually involved, and shared with persons dear or dearest to him or her, often reveals war's essence more realistically, certainly more personally, than TV or other media usually convey," said Mary Reynolds Powell, Chapter 39 spokesperson and longtime Heights resident (along with her husband, retired physician Douglas Powell).

Powell served as an army nurse in Vietnam, and was president of Chapter 39 when the commemorative readings program was first performed outdoors

in 2006, at Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park.

"By giving voice to these veterans, some of whom were killed in combat, we reintroduce them to contemporary Americans, both to honor and to learn from them," said Powell.

Veterans For Peace will host the sixth annual readings at two Cleveland sites: Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Ave., Lakewood) on Saturday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m.; and Shaker Heights Library (16500 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights) on Sunday, Nov. 11, 3 p.m.

VFP's mission is, in part, to increase public awareness of the true costs of war, and to abolish war as an instrument of public policy. The performance program cites the 1953 statement of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former commander of the Allied armies during World War II, and later president of the United States: "Every gun that is made, every warship

launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

Veterans For Peace is a national non-profit 501(c)3 educational organization consisting of men and women veterans of the U.S. military from all service organizations. Non-veterans who support the work of VFP may become associate members. Visit www.veteransforpeace.org for more information.

Walt Nicholes is a World War II veteran and VFP member, and a longtime Heights (Cleveland and Shaker) resident.

The annual concerts have become a tradition the Cleveland Heights High School Instrumental Music Department has offered the community for the past 70 years

In addition to the thrilling band and orchestral arrangements, there will be several chamber ensembles in concert from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Heights High Social Room. Much of the music of ensemble groups entails special arrangements that enhance the unique combination of instruments.

The highlight of the evening will be the senior solo. Each year, the selected seniors are exceptionally gifted young men and women who, over the course of their high school careers, have worked hard to earn a much coveted spot. During the 2012-13 concert season, the instrumental music department will host five senior soloists. Sara Friedberg is the featured soloist at the Nov. 16 concert. She will perform the first movement of J.C. Bach's "Viola Concerto in C Minor."

At the age of four, Friedberg began playing violin in the Suzuki program at the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM). By age eight, she was participating in the CIM's beginning and preparatory orchestras. When Friedberg turned 14, she began to study the viola. She is presently studying at the Music Settlement with Lembi Veskimets, a member of the Cleveland Orchestra.

Friedberg is a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Cleveland Heights High School Symphony, and is a flutist in the Heights High Marching Band. She is also a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society. Prior to this year, she was a member of the Contemporary Youth Orchestra for two years.

Last summer Friedberg attended the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival in Burlington, Vt. She loved this camp because, in addition to making great friends, she was able to devote all of her energy to creating beautiful music. The experience opened her eyes to the world of music by primarily focusing on chamber music via many extraordinary and inspiring recitals. She plans to study music in college, along with health science, specializing in nutrition and dietetics.

The students, parents and directors of the high school's instrumental music department appreciate the community's support, as well as the administration's help in ensuring a continued tradition of excellence in music education.

Tickets are available at the door for the Nov. 16 concert. They are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

Hope Wright is the co-president of BOPO, Band and Orchestra Parents Organization.

Women homeowners benefit from gender-specific repair course

Rebecca Stager

Dellwood Road homeowner Linda Lopez was excited when Home Repair Resource Center (HRRRC) expanded eligibility for its women's repair course. When she learned that any woman homeowner could participate in the Home How-To program, she decided to sign up. "I liked the idea of a women's group," she explained. "We don't have to feel intimidated by people who are more knowledgeable or want to go at a faster pace."

The course consists of four modules—Home Maintenance 101, Carpentry, Electrical and Plumbing—each made up of eight two-hour classes. Although the modules do not need to be taken in sequence, Lopez started with the first and second modules and will soon complete her third. She plans to enroll in the fourth module, which begins on Nov. 7. According to Lopez, "The training is excellent, well-paced, clear, and a lot of fun. And, we have a great group of women who are always ready to help one another." Most participants are residents of Cleveland Heights and nearby suburbs, but some come from more distant communities.

As a result of the course, Lopez said she feels more confident talking to contractors and service providers, and has a better understanding of what she wants them to do. Learning how



Cleveland Heights homeowner Linda Lopez works to construct a toolbox with other participants in HRRRC's Home How-To course.

to make repairs around her house was one of the reasons she took the course, and Lopez reports that she has tackled some things herself—projects that previously were out of her comfort zone.

For more information about HRRRC's Home How-To program, visit www.hrrc-ch.org, or call Becky Stager, program coordinator, at 216-381-6100, ext. 16.

Becky Stager has been an HRRRC Home Repair Education Coordinator since 1989.

'Stay Married for Life' workshop at Church of the Saviour

Loretta Dahlstrom

With so many challenges facing married couples, it is important to find time to nurture and renew relationships.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Doug Swink of Winning at Home, a Christian marriage and family support organization, will lead a workshop, "Stay Married for Life," at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights.

Swink, a nationally known speaker, will share insights for developing genuine friendship, emotional closeness, and cherishing each other—all done with a sense of humor. This will be a day apart to renew the joy and harmony in your marriage.

The cost is \$25 per couple, and includes lunch as well as morning bagels and coffee. Call 216-321-8880 to register, or register in the church office. Child care will be provided by reservation.

Church of the Saviour is located at 2537 Lee Road. The church is handicapped-accessible and has free parking.

Loretta Dahlstrom is the administrative assistant at Church of the Saviour.

Advent Festival Saturday, December 1 9 am - 1 pm

- ☆ Free admission - Food - Live music - Silent auction - Activities for children - Bring mittens and scarves to decorate the mitten tree - All proceeds benefit local & global missions.
- ☆ Holiday shopping featuring 10,000 Villages and other fair-trade vendors

Church of the Saviour
2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights
(216) 321-8880, www.chsaviour.org



Buy local.
Your merchants are your neighbors too.

Cleveland Heights installs new bike racks on parking meters around town

Deanna Bremer Fisher

The City of Cleveland Heights has added more parking in several city business districts, but don't go looking for expensive new parking lots or garages. You won't find them. Instead, the city has enhanced parking for bicycles in the form of small attachments to parking meters, called meter rings.

Richard Wong, planning director for the City of Cleveland Heights, purchased 25 meter rings—at a total cost of \$1,938—and has had them installed on meters in several business districts. “A planning colleague in Indianapolis had installed them and vouched for the product,” said Wong. “I like them because meters are right in front so that a bicyclist can see her or his bike. The ring's height and shape make it easy to lock the back wheel and frame using a U-shaped lock. Many racks don't have these attributes.”

Wong said he plans to purchase at least 10 more meter rings and will purchase more if public response is positive.

“I just tried one for the first time the other day—the one in front of Phoenix on Lee,” said Mary Dunbar, Cleveland Heights City Council member and president of the Heights Bicycle Coalition (HBC). “It worked great. Being right in front of the shop, I could keep an eye on my bike, not that I worry about anyone taking it—it's an old warhorse.” Dunbar said her only concern was that some people might think that they have to feed the meter when parking their bicycles. “As a member of city council, I can assure everyone that that is not the case,” she said.

Wong said that Mayor Ed Kelley had asked him to initiate a program to enhance bicycle parking in the city this year. “Council Member Mary Dunbar got the city involved in the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community designation, and it specifically calls for ‘readily available bike parking,’” said Wong. “Mary and HBC member Ian Hoffman met with me and offered assistance.”

“The bottom line,” said Dunbar, “is that these devices can be easily placed in convenient locations, are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, and provide good security, especially because they allow cyclists to put their bikes where the bikes can be seen by the bicyclist or others.”

Wong said he is also investigating places for conventional bicycle racks on public property. Requests for racks at private businesses are forwarded to those businesses, he said. “The zoning code was amended this year to encourage what is known as ‘active transportation,’ which would be bicycling and walking.”

Wong has also purchased eight U-shaped racks from Metro Metalworks that will be placed in city business districts at a cost of \$140 each, installed. “Not all locations have been chosen yet,” he said. “Locations at Cedar Lee,



Meter rings, such as this one on Coventry Road, provide secure, convenient parking for bicyclists.

Cedar Fairmount, Cedar Taylor and Noble Nela are planned so far.”

Wong said that the city is working with University Circle on two planning studies to increase the number of people walking, taking public transit or bicycling between Cleveland Heights and University Circle. “Bicyclists hopefully will appreciate the new parking facilities and be encouraged to frequent the districts on bike,” he said.

“The city has completed Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative studies in the Cedar Fairmount and Cedar Lee business districts,” said Wong. “As a result of the studies, the city has requested streetscape funding from NOACA that will include bike racks, and various striping and paving measures to make bicycling easier.”

In June, HBC posted a survey on its website asking for input on bike racks in Cleveland Heights and University Heights. HBC, the Sustainable Heights Network, the *Heights Observer* and *Cleveland Heights Patch* promoted the survey, and 30 people responded.

“Getting more bike racks around town is a top goal of HBC's engineering committee,” said Dunbar. “We are delighted with the progress Cleveland Heights is making. Having bike racks where bicyclists want to go is an important piece of the infrastructure our city needs to become more bicycle friendly and to encourage people to use their bicycles to get around town.”

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

EVERY PRODUCT IS A MIRACLE

A wish for protection, a hope for strength. A blessing to wear and cherish always. Crafted with care in shining sterling silver.



Luis Quispe helps young artisans improve their lives through craft.

Hand of Fatima Pendant, \$89
HANDCRAFTED
IN PERU



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES®

GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE®

Fair Trade Retailer Since 1946

12425 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106

Mon–Sat 10–7, Sun 12–5

216-575-1058

www.tenthousandvillages.com

Bring in this ad to receive
25% OFF one item.

Offer valid at participating stores until 11/30/12.
Not valid with other discounts, purchase of gift cards, Oriental rugs or Traveler's Finds.



1000237

St. Paul's is on the map for sustainability



COURTESY ST. PAUL'S

Members of St. Paul's tend church grounds.

Jim Ptacek and Kirsten Radivoyevitch

FutureHeights and the Sustainable Heights network began green mapping the sustainability assets and resources of Cleveland Heights and University Heights in 2010. Very few religious institutions are on the map, but St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been featured since the very beginning.

The current map can be viewed at www.opengreenmap.org/greenmap/sustainable-heights-green-map. Icons identify the areas of support for community sustainability. Anyone can help build the map by submitting sites, as well as comments, pictures and video.

When St. Paul's sustainability group, called the Green Team, joined the mapping project, it could already list several icons for St. Paul's. These icons indicate such features as an enclosed community playground, a resale shop, a paper recycling station, and a public art gallery. That was two years ago and, while those icons are still relevant, more has happened to confirm the church's commitment to

sustainability.

The church grounds boast a lawn free of pesticides and a couple of active composting bins. Members of the Geauga Family Farms CSA (community supported agriculture) pick up locally grown produce in the church parking lot every week. Herbs, vegetables and flowers grown on church property are featured in an annual fall harvest sale. Volunteers also grow hops on the grounds, used for small-batch beer brewing, with names such as "Episco-pale Ale" and "Forty Days."

Inside the building, savvy visitors will notice additional efforts to support sustainability. Recycling bins and FCL and LED lighting are seen throughout the building. A commitment to lessening the carbon footprint of St. Paul's led to upgrades in insulation, more efficient appliances, and improved air sealing as part of a larger project to restore a fellowship hall for parish and community use.

Even with all these features, the Green Team at St. Paul's knows that it has much work to do. The group's participation in E4S (Entrepreneurs for Sustainability) has led to a desire to create a regional buying program for the bulk purchasing of green supplies by various parishes in the Heights.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, at the northwest corner of Fairmount Boulevard and Coventry Road. For more information about the church's green mission, call the church office at 216-932-5815.

Jim Ptacek is a LEED-accredited design professional and chairs St. Paul's Episcopal Church Green Team. Kirsten Radivoyevitch is a founding member of the Green Team and member of the St. Paul's Vestry.

Historic Cedar Fairmount walking tour to be held Nov. 3

Heights Observer Contributor

FutureHeights hosts its final 2012 neighborhood tour on Saturday, Nov. 3 in historic Cedar Fairmount.

The tour is the last of four mobile phone app-enhanced tours created by FutureHeights, with help from the Cleveland Heights Historical Society, the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, and the Center for Public History and Digital Humanities at Cleveland State University (CSU).

On Nov. 3, Deanna Bremer Fisher and Hugh Fisher, authors of *Euclid Golf Neighborhood*, an Arcadia Images of America-series book, and of the National Register application for the neighborhood, will lead the tour which includes landmarks such as Nighttown and the Alcazar. The free tour will take place rain or shine, and will start at 10 a.m. at the Barton Deming House, 2485 Fairmount Blvd., at the corner of Fairmount Boulevard and Cedar Road.

"Cedar Fairmount has long served as a gateway to Cleveland Heights," said J. Mark Souther, associate professor of history at CSU, member of the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, and one of the project leaders. "This village center developed in response to the meteoric rise in population as thousands of Clevelanders followed the lead of wealthy families who left Millionaires' Row mansions for the crisp, clear air on the Heights."

To help bring history to life, the



COURTESY OF DEANNA BREMER FISHER

The Barton R. Deming House, 2485 Fairmount Boulevard, under construction in 1914.

Fishers will use the Cleveland Historical mobile phone app. Participants can download the free app prior to the tour at www.clevelandhistorical.org. The app enables users to view historic photos and hear audio clips of people telling the history of the neighborhood during the tour.

"Euclid Golf was named after the upper nine holes of the Euclid Club's golf course that was on the property from 1901 to 1912, when the club disbanded. John D. Rockefeller owned the land and sold it to Barton R. Deming to develop top-quality housing," said Hugh Fisher.

The tour project is generously funded by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, and with support from Coventry Village Special Improvement District, Cleveland Heights Mayor Ed Kelley, the City of Cleveland Heights, the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District, Nighttown Restaurant, Council Member Dennis Wilcox, Cleveland Heights Historical Society and others. For more information, visit www.clevelandhistorical.org or call FutureHeights at 216-320-1423.

2012 WINNER
"Best Contractor in the Heights"

LIGHT COMFORT SAFETY EFFICIENCY

Ohio Licences 12820 & 30281

Many thanks to our customers, community, FutureHeights, and those who voted.

Electrical Contractors ♦ Since 1985 ♦ www.skettleelectric.com

216.932.2598

Neubert PAINTING
Quality Painting. That's All We Do!

Cleveland Heights' housepainter for over 35 Years!

Interior • Exterior

216-529-0360
www.neubertpainting.com
 12108 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107

RIPLEY ENTERPRISES TREE SERVICE

Careful, reliable and respectful of your yard
 Call for a free quote
 Mention this ad for 20% off

440-463-7379
www.ripleytreeservice.com
www.facebook.com/ripleyenterprises

LET ME PUT THIS IN YOUR YARD

Howard Hanna
 Real Estate Mortgage Title Insurance

Eileen McKeon
TheMcKeonGroup.com

SOLD
216-233-6726

- Top 3% Best Agents, All Company since 2006
- Quality Service Award Winners since 2004
- Relocation & Staging Specialists
- Heights Preferred Agents since 2004

The McKeon group
 Email: eileenmckeon@howardhanna.com

Beth El hosts scholar-in-residence weekend on the environment

Nina Sobel

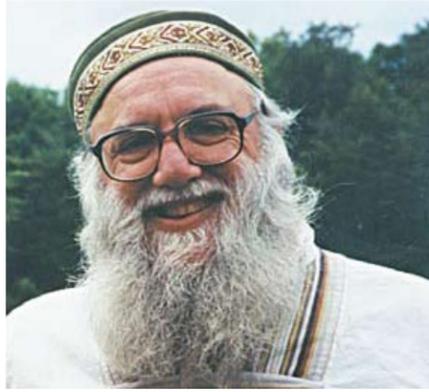
Tikkun Olam is a Hebrew phrase meaning "repair the world." In Jewish tradition, it is often cited to inspire active participation in working to improve life for all people, or in one's own community. For rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman, it is their life's work.

Waskow, a prolific writer and environmental activist as well as a rabbi, is the founder and director of The Shalom Center in Philadelphia, an interfaith organization that seeks to bring together Jewish practice with social and political activism. Prominent among its other goals is to repair the world by drawing attention to current environmental concerns.

Berman, who is married to Waskow, founded a school that teaches ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for adult immigrants in New York. Waskow and Berman will be in Cleveland Heights later this month as the featured speakers for the Scholar-in-Residence weekend at Beth El-The Heights Synagogue (BE-THS).

Beth El, a Jewish congregation in the Heights, will be the main location for the program, which begins on Friday, Nov. 30. Linda Tobin and other Beth El members networked with several area organizations, including GreenCityBlueLake; the Mandel Jewish Community Center (JCC); and HaMakom, a local Jewish organization, to coordinate the three-day event, which is being called Three Days of Peace and Learning.

Rabbis Waskow and Berman will give six presentations throughout the weekend, starting with an interfaith panel discussion titled Environmental Ethics of Climate Change, Friday at noon at the Cleveland Museum of Natu-



Rabbi Arthur Waskow

ral History.

A Havdalah concert, marking the end of Shabbat, is planned for Saturday evening along with an event called Storytelling as a Path for Social Change at a venue to be announced. The concluding program on Sunday is a book event and community lecture at the Mandel JCC honoring the release of the new edition of *Seasons of Our Joy: A Modern Guide to the Jewish Holidays* by Rabbi Waskow.

Waskow's commitment to ecological activism is deeply rooted in his religious vision and his political activism. Among his other books is *Torah of the Earth*, which he edited. It is a collection of essays by both Judaic scholars and environmental science writers connecting ecology with Jewish thought.

BE-THS's Scholar-in-Residence program is open to all Heights residents. Prepaid registration is required for the programs that include meals; other programs are free. For more information and a complete schedule of events, go to www.bethelheights.org/scholar-in-residence, or call Judie at 440-449-5855.

Nina Sobel lives in Cleveland Heights and is a member of Beth El Synagogue's adult education committee.

Advent Festival features gifts; benefits charities

Arleen Twist

The Church of the Saviour's annual Advent Festival is sure to solve many holiday shopping dilemmas. The festival will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and all proceeds will benefit local and global mission projects.

Among the festival's vendors are Ten Thousand Villages and Esperanza Threads. Ten Thousand Villages offers handmade crafts, with all proceeds going back to the Third-World artisans who make the bowls, jewelry, bags, rugs and other items. Esperanza Threads offers organic cotton apparel and goods.

The festival will also feature a book sale, handmade crafts, African jewelry, fair trade items and much more.

Shoppers can begin the day with a hot breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The Great Hall will open for shopping at 9 a.m. Don't miss the fresh hot donuts, fair trade coffee, and homemade Christmas

cookies that will be available.

There is a free holiday-craft workshop for kids. Live music will include brass and string ensembles, carolers and other performers. All are encouraged to bring new children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves or socks for the Mitten Tree. All items will be donated to a local charity that helps children and families.

Returning this year will be the Silent Auction, with bids accepted between 9 and 11 a.m. Proceeds from the auction go directly to local missions. Bid on theme baskets, prayer shawls, art work, food items and more.

Church of the Saviour is at 2537 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights, one block north of Fairmount Boulevard. Plenty of free parking is available. For information, call 216-321-8880.

Arleen Twist, a member of Church of the Saviour, worked in the church office for 29 years before retiring in 2006. She and her husband, John, are longtime residents of Cleveland Heights.

SPA & BARBERSHOP GIFT CERTIFICATES

SHOP ONLINE, DROP BY, OR TELEPHONE!
<https://dream.boomtime.com/igift>

2200 South Taylor Rd * Cleveland Hts, OH 44118 * 216.321.7889 * www.QBDS.net

20% OFF
ONE WEEKEND ONLY...

Wed Nov 28th 8:00am - 8:00pm
Thurs Nov 29th 8:00am - 8:00pm
Fri Nov 30th 8:00am - 6:00pm
Sat Dec 1st 8:00am - 4:00pm
Mon Dec 3rd 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Give the gift of relaxation this season!



YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS TREE FUND RAISER
3630 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. * SHAKER HTS., OH 44118 (PARKING LOT)
216-932-7480 OR VISIT US AT WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTCLEVELAND.ORG

FRESH FRASER FIR CHRISTMAS TREES FROM THE BLUE MOUNTAINS OF BOONE, NC
2012 FIRST PLACE WINNER IN THE UNITED STATES

PREMIUM FRASER FIRS HEAVY DENSITY 7FT-9FT \$55.00

(FOUR FACES WITHOUT DEFECTS)

ECONOMY FRASER FIRS—5FT-8FT \$20, \$30, \$40

(CONSISTENT CONICAL SHAPE, LIGHT DENSITY)

WREATHS (FRASER FIR) 28IN OUTSIDE DIAMETER \$15

OPEN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

SUNDAY 1PM—7PM, MONDAY 1PM—7PM, TUESDAY CLOSED, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 1PM—9PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10AM—9PM



DELIVERY FEE \$10 FOR SHAKER * CLEVE HTS. * UNIV HTS. * SOUTH EUCLID: \$15 ALL OTHER AREAS

Simeri named interim principal of Mosaic

Angee Shaker

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District announced Oct. 2 that Jane Simeri will serve as interim principal for the Mosaic School of Fine and Performing Arts at Heights High beginning in December. She will replace Joseph Nohra.

Mosaic supports students interested in fine and performing arts and creative technologies. Under Nohra's leadership, Mosaic added computer gaming, technical theater, theatre studies, and advanced audio and video engineering to its course offerings.

"Ms. Simeri has spent nearly 20 years as a teacher at our high school and two years coordinating our gifted program for students interested in the arts," Superintendent

Doug Heuer said. "Her decades of experience in the classroom as a teacher and her passion for education and the arts will serve our students well."

Simeri began work with the CH-UH district in 1991, teaching Advanced Placement classes, business, English, and government. She is a licensed administrative principal for grades 7-12.

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



Jane Simeri

Heights students attend achievement conference



Heights High students who attended the MSAN Conference are (L-R) Armani Robinson-Burris, Zoe Cook, Camerin Cross, Russia Edwards, De'Mone Frisco and Cleveland Williams Jr.

Joy Henderson

Six Cleveland Heights High School students attended the Minority Student Achievement Network (MSAN) conference, "The Grand Challenge: Discover your Voice. Embrace the Journey." The conference took place in Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 3-6.

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District is a member of MSAN, a national coalition of 25 multiracial, suburban-urban districts that works to eliminate achievement gaps. MSAN's mission is to understand and change school practices and structures that perpetuate racial achievement gaps.

Students at the conference listened to speakers and discussed the barriers faced by students of color.

"I enjoyed meeting students from all over the United States who had different ideas," said Russia Edwards, a senior. "The speakers had an impact on me that will last a lifetime."

A core activity for the students was to create an action plan to implement in their schools. The purpose of the plan is to eliminate barriers to student success and motivate students to succeed.

The Heights students crafted a plan

that includes continuing the freshman tutoring lab, starting a mentoring program with middle school students, initiating a campaign to promote honors and Advanced Placement enrollment, and sponsoring inspirational and informative speakers who will address the academic and social issues of Heights students.

"After the conference, I'm motivated to start our action plan as soon as possible," said De'Mone Frisco, another Heights senior.

MSAN advisors Shawn Washington and David Peake accompanied the students, as did REAL principal Marc Aden.

Washington, an MSAN advisor for three years, said, "While we still have much work to do to reach more students, at this conference I could really see that our district is a leader in this area. We have programs like AVID and the Summer Bridge that are making a difference in the achievement gap."

"The students worked so hard on the action plans," she added. "I know they will make a difference in a peer-to-peer way that is so valuable."

Joy Henderson is the parent/community liaison at Heights High. Zoe Cook, senior MSAN member, contributed to this article.



ATTENTION NEIGHBORS!

Heating Tune-Up/Safety Inspection Special

only \$104

Mention this discount when scheduling. Tune-up allows for 45 minutes of labor per system, parts additional. Discount valid during normal workday hours only (M-F; 8-3:30). Payment must be given to technician at time of service or discount pricing is forfeited. Must be scheduled prior to 12/15/12.

Owned and operated by 4th generation Hann brothers.

VERNE & ELLSWORTH HANN INC.

Hannheatingcooling.com
216-932-9755

Bonded • Insured OH LIC #24462





44118



The BottleHouse Brewery
2050 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights

Craft Beer	Wine	Hard Ciders
		Live Music
Whiskey		Pinball
Pub Fare	Tastings	Patio
Mead	Stage	Signature Cocktails
Board Games		

In the tradition of the Irish public house, The BottleHouse Brewery acts as a community gathering place. The space is open for patrons to use for parties and events of all kinds. There is never a fee to host a party at The BottleHouse. Bring your own food or order some of ours. This holiday season make The BottleHouse Brewery your home.


www.TheBottleHouseBrewingCompany.com



Honesty. Respect. Professionalism. Courtesy.

Betsy Warner, Agent
2491 Lee Blvd
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
Bus: 216-932-6900
www.betsywarnerinsurance.com

It's how I treat all my customers. And you can be sure I'll always do my best to meet your needs.
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®
CALL ME TODAY.



1101016.1 State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL

Preliminary state report card for CH-UH schools

Susie Kaeser

The Ohio Department of Education released the preliminary district and building report cards in October, which showed Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District earned a Continuous Improvement rating again for the 2011-12 school year. Scores remain largely consistent with previous years.

The report card is based on student performance on Ohio's Achievement tests given to students in grades 3-8 last April, and the Ohio Graduation Test given to high school students last March. Attendance and graduation rates for the 2011-12 school year are also included.

There were notable improvements at Canterbury Elementary School, and Monticello and Roxboro Middle schools. Canterbury moved up three designations from Academic Watch to Excellent. The school met four of eight indicators, Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), and had above expected Value Added. Monticello advanced two categories from Academic Watch to Effective, and Value Added performance was in the above category. Roxboro, which met four of eight indicators and met Value Added, moved up one category to earn an Effective rating.

Roxboro Elementary School, which received an Excellent rating, also had an all-time high Performance Index score of 99.1, met seven of eight state indicators, and also met AYP and Value Added standards.

Boulevard, Fairfax and Gearity Elementary schools maintained their Continuous Improvement ratings.

Two elementary schools dropped one level. Noble moved to Continuous Improvement and Oxford to Academic Emergency.

Both Heights High and Wiley Middle School earned Continuous Improvement designations, compared to Effective ratings last year.

Ohio's accountability system establishes passage rates for students by grade level in reading, math and science. This year, CH-UH students in grades 4, 10 and 11 met the state reading indicators. There were improvements in scores in grades 4, 5, 7 and 10. Students in grades 10 and 11 met the state math indicators with improvements in grades 6, 7, 8 and 10. Science scores improved for students in grades 5 and 10.

"These results reinforce our belief that we need to align our process and practice to ensure consistency from level to level, building to building and classroom to classroom," said Jeff Talbert, assistant superintendent. "Achieving and sustaining district-wide success is priority number one."

Data for each school and school district can be found on the Accountability section of the Ohio Department of Education website (www.education.ohio.gov). The Auditor of State is currently investigating suspected irregularities in the way some districts reported data. The department will not publish final reports until the investigation is concluded.

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

Ohio's accountability system: understanding state report cards

Susie Kaeser

Each year the Ohio Department of Education ranks Ohio school districts and individual buildings on a continuum that comprises six different levels of success at meeting state expectations for student achievement and progress.

The six designations are:

- Excellent with Distinction
- Excellent
- Effective
- Continuous Improvement
- Academic Watch
- Academic Emergency

Schools and districts earn points based on four different performance measurements. The report cards reflect each performance measurement and the overall designation, which is based on a combination of the four measurements below.

State indicators: The state sets a standard that defines test passage, attendance and graduation rates. If students in a building or district meet or exceed these rates, the indicator has been achieved. Reports show the number of indicators met.

Performance Index; This number gives credit for the actual perfor-

mance of each child. Test scores are grouped into five performance levels, and each category is assigned a weight between 0 and 1.2. More credit is given for scores at the higher levels. The performance index of 0 to 120 shows the cumulative value of individual scores. The performance index number is reported.

Value Added: This calculation gives credit when children make progress from the previous year, even if they don't earn a test score that shows they pass. If, as a group, students make more than one year's progress, they receive a plus designation. If progress is less than a year, it earns a negative designation, while a year for a year is a check.

Annual Yearly Progress (AYP): This federal measurement sets a standard for the percentage of children in any building who should pass the test each year if all children are to pass by 2014. Data must be disaggregated by race, poverty and disability. For a school or district to meet AYP, all groups within the population must meet the AYP goal. This complex calculation is reported as either met or not met.

Keep our community unique; support local independent merchants

Revive
Sustainable Global Style

Revive on Lee
2248 Lee Rd.
Cleveland Hts 44118
216-371-2778

Revive at Legacy
24355 Cedar Rd.
Lyndhurst 44124
216-382-4836

www.ReviveStore.com

NEOhio's 1st Fair Trade Eco-Boutique
Independent & Local
Exclusive **Revive Brand** Collections
Handcrafted, Organic, Sustainable

Featured in
2012 BEST OF THE HEIGHTS
WINNER
Thank you for voting us:
"Best Place for Fashion"!

\$5 OFF! REVIVE SAVINGS
Any purchase of \$25 or more.
One coupon per person. Expires 11/30/12

Happy Hour!
Mon thru Sat/4 p.m. to close
\$5 Appetizers \$2.50 Domestic Beers
\$5 Wines \$3.50 Imports
\$5 Cocktails

Buy 1 entree or appetizer, get 1 free with this ad.
Good at Cedar-Fairmount and Beachwood Place food court.
Expires Nov. 30, 2012. Not valid with other offers/discounts. 1 per table.

Now hiring servers.
Send resume to management@madgreekcleveland.com

the mad GREEK

At Cedar & Fairmount in Cleve. Hts. 216-421-3333
www.madgreekcleveland.com

A TALE IN TWO CITIES

NOV 2-DEC 15

Cleveland Institute of Art

Does geography influence creativity?
Find out as the Cleveland Institute of Art explores the diversity of urban-based art colonies in Brooklyn, New York and Cleveland, Ohio with *A Tale in Two Cities* exhibition at CIA's Reinberger Galleries.

View new artwork from **18 CIA alumni** who live and create in these cultural hubs.

cia.edu

BakerHostetler

This exhibition is generously supported by BakerHostetler and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

CH-UH Board of Education Meeting highlights

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
All board members were present.

Legacy School

Crystal Macklin, principal of Legacy School, explained that the New Tech space within Heights High has been redesigned for flexible use and to help students develop professionalism and collaborative skills. The state-of-the-art labs are similar to those at Harvard and MIT. Teams of students and teachers work together, and subjects such as English and biology can be taught together through projects. Patrick Fisher, a teacher at Legacy, described his combined science and world history class, The Age of Enlightenment, in which students use the scientific method to investigate controversial issues from the 16th and 17th centuries. All students have a district laptop, and can view their class agendas and even do assignments online. Parents and community members will be able to tour New Tech in the late fall by calling the Legacy office.

State and federal laws

Tom Britton, a NEOLA attorney who provides legal counsel on government policy to school districts to help them create up-to-date policies that align with changing federal policies and regulation, explained some of the recent changes that boards of education need to address in the coming months. By Sept. 30, 2012, the district needs to have a policy on the

Third Grade Guarantee and a plan to annually assess the reading skills of every student through third grade. Senate Bill 116 has changed the time by which a district must notify a teacher of nonrenewal for the next school year from April 30 to June 3. By July 1, 2013, the district must create and approve a standards-based teacher evaluation policy to comply with Race to the Top requirements. The State Board of Education has issued a model policy that can serve as a guide, and Joseph Micheller, director of special programs and compliance, reported that a committee of four teachers and four administrators has been working on this all year. The board will also need a new policy to align with a Senate action that allows children to enter kindergarten earlier. The bullying policy, which recently added a teacher-training requirement, must now also include bullying on a school bus and cyberbullying.

Some implementation processes can be handled through administrative guidelines whereas in other instances new policy must be set to comply with the law. The board should receive NEOLA documents with the latest changes in federal and state laws by next week. Three readings are required for adoption of new policy.

Facilities committee

Members of the newly formed Lay Facilities Committee will be introduced to the board at the Oct. 2 meeting, and the committee will hold its first meeting Oct. 3.

LWV observer: Nancy Dietrich.

OCTOBER 2, 2012
All board members were present.

Recognitions

Options Program graduate Fabien Paul-Blanc was recognized for landing a supporting role in the movie "Under Dog." Options is an alternative education program for students who struggle in the regular school setting.

- Natalie Wester, teacher at Gearity Professional Development School, was part of the NBC Education Nation program.
- Angela Bowman, a paraprofessional, received an award from the American Association of School Personnel Administrators to complete her work to become a teacher.

Facilities committee

Board President Karen Gorman Jones introduced the Lay Facilities Committee members. Fourteen of the 25 were present. They represent many community groups such as Reaching Heights, PTA, FutureHeights, and the city councils of Cleveland Heights, University Heights, and South Euclid. Board members Jones and Kal Zucker will attend the committee meetings. Other board members may also attend. At the first meeting on Oct. 3, the committee will choose a chairperson, set dates for meetings, and decide how to accomplish their tasks by mid-May 2013, the date by which the board would like the work completed. The board



feels that committee members will reach out to the community and assess the support for a bond issue. The committee will identify the values that community members hold most important.

Field trip

The board approved Roxboro Middle School's field trip to Washington D.C./Williamsburg scheduled for Nov. 7-9.

Resignation accepted

The board accepted the resignation of Joseph Nohra, principal of Mosaic Experience. He will be superintendent for the Struthers school district. No replacement was announced.

LWV Observer: Adele Cohn.

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

See disclaimer on page 8.

CH-UH schools participate in walk or bike to school day



The bike rack at Roxboro Elementary School was full on Oct. 3. Other district schools that participated in International walk to school day were Boulevard, Canterbury, Fairfax, Noble and Gearity elementary and Roxboro Intermediate schools.

Buy local.
Your merchants are your neighbors too.

10% Off For New Yoga Students!

Loving Hands
Yoga & Reiki

Small, Personalized Yoga Classes
Reiki for People and Pets
Workplace Wellness Programs

LovingHandsYoga.com

216.408.5578

Located in Coventry Village

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

FLOWERVILLE
(216) 932-7550



Custom floral design for over 60 years!

Looking for a well-established, dependable, creative florist? We have continuously served Cleveland and all of Cuyahoga County for over 60 years! Owner Michael Day asks you to consider Flowerville as your florist choice.



24 hr. secure online ordering
www.flowerville.net

Hours M-F 9am-5:30pm • SAT 9am-1pm
2268 Warrensville Center Road
(between Fairmount Blvd and Cedar Rd)

University Heights (216) 932-7550
e-mail: flowerville216@aol.com • www.flowerville.net

Holiday Preview November 10 & 11
Save Up to 75% OFF on Holiday Decorations!

BREMEC
on the Heights
Garden Center

Buy your Christmas Tree at Bremecs and

SAVE 30%
on all the trimmings

Firewood Available

www.bremec.com

13410 Cedar Road • Cleveland Heights • OH 44118 • 216.932.0039
Mon-Sun 10-5 • Closed Thanksgiving / After Thanksgiving Mon-Fri 10-7 • Sat 9-7 • Sun 10-5

Futons OVER 70 COMBINATIONS
Affordably priced from \$199

With our large selection, you are sure to find the perfect futon for any room in your home.



SLEEP SOURCE
We Sell a Good Night's Sleep.

CLEVELAND HTS
(216) 320-9761
1812 COVENTRY RD,
across from the parking garage
SleepSourceUSA.com

TEMPUR-PEDIC

Beautyrest

Distance learning links Roxboro Middle School with Heights High

Gia Parker

Six eighth grade students at Roxboro Middle School were able to take an Algebra 2 class at Cleveland Heights High School through a new Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District program—distance learning. Students at Roxboro are able to conference into the Algebra 2 class at Heights High, which is taught by Ryan McCartney.

“The equipment and setup is fantastic. I feel like I’ll always remember this class; you could see all the kids just watching in amazement. Both Roxboro and Heights High students were excited, enthusiastic and eager in class today,” said McCartney. “In the period after, I had students from that class trying to bring in kids from the hallway to show them. I am looking forward to what the future holds for this class,” McCartney added.

This distance learning class gives



Eighth grade students take an Algebra 2 class at Heights High from the library at Roxboro Middle School.

students the opportunity to interact with their academic counterparts at the high school. “As the gifted coordinator, I feel it is a wonderful opportunity to be able to meet students’ academic acceleration needs utilizing technology,” said Jane Simeri, district coordinator for the gifted program.

Stew Pharis, a parent whose son took the accelerated Algebra 2 course online last year, is wildly enthusiastic about the direction that the district has taken in offering this distance learning class. “There were some technology issues in the beginning, but now that those things have been fixed I’m excited. I’m excited about the teacher, the teacher is excited, and he’s doing a great job,” said Pharis.

Gia Parker provides operations support for the communications and community engagement department of the CH-UH City School District.

District acts to protect students from thieves by keeping iPads at school

Kim Sergio Inglis



Superintendent Doug Heuer briefs the media on district plans to keep iPads at school.

longer take the iPads off school property. The students will use them during the school day, and then secure them in assigned charging stations at the end of the day.”

The superintendent made the statement in an Oct. 19 media briefing held at the board of education office in University Heights, and via conference call to reporters who phoned in to hear the statement.

Heuer said, “We hope that by spreading the word [that] our students will no longer carry iPads, they will no longer be the targets of these thieves.”

“In the past two weeks,” said Heuer, “more than a dozen middle school students at Wiley, Monticello and Roxboro middle schools have had their iPads stolen while either walking to or from school. Thankfully, all of them cooperated when asked for their iPads.”

Parents were notified about the situation through an automated phone call on Oct. 19 and a letter sent home with students that day, as well as mailed to their homes.

Heuer said the school district began issuing technology aids to students in 2009, and expanded the program to all middle school students in 2010. The district started by issuing MacBooks, and Heuer noted there had been “no pattern of theft until we rolled out the Apple iPad this fall.”

According to Heuer, the district and police are using the Apple-provided tracking system for the iPads, but thieves know how to disable it. Heuer said that the district would continue to work with the police departments of Cleveland Heights, University Heights and South Euclid to find the thieves.

The students will continue to use the iPads at school, as part of the curriculum there. Heuer noted, “Many students have become more engaged

in and excited about learning because of this tool. Unfortunately, thieves have taken some of these tools out of our students’ hands.”

Heuer asks anyone with information about the thefts to come forward and contact police authorities and the district.

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

fabric sewing patterns ribbon and inspiration!

MURRAY HILL **BOLT & SPOOL**
The fabric and sewing boutique in Historic Little Italy, Cleveland

Open Wednesday - Friday 12-5 pm
Saturday 12-4 pm

2026 Murray Hill Road : Cleveland, Ohio
216.229.2220
boltandspool.com

SWEETIE FRY

HAND-CRAFTED ICE CREAM
IMPOSSIBLY GOOD FRIES

FACEBOOK/SWEETIEFRY
YELP/SWEETIEFRY

2307 LEE ROAD • CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
OHIO 44118 • 216-932-2300

McALLISTER
PAVING • SEALCOATING • DECKS

REASONABLE RATES!

ALL YOUR FALL CLEAN-UP NEEDS AND MORE

GUTTER CLEANING
LEAF CLEAN-UP
NEW GUTTERS / REPAIR
ROOFING • SIDING • AWNINGS
& ALL HANDYMAN REPAIRS:
Interior & Exterior Painting • Electrical
Plumbing / Heating • Plaster / Drywall Repairs
Wood Floor Refinishing • Carpentry
All Types of Flooring • Masonry Work

(216) 533-2936 or (216) 321-9087

Heights High musicians inducted into music honor society

Joan Drushel

On Oct. 10, twelve Cleveland Heights High School students were inducted into the Heights chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society, or Modern Music Masters.

Tri-M is an international association dedicated to the recognition of exceptional students in grades 6-12 who demonstrate excellence in music, scholarship, leadership and character. These students serve as role models to their peers, infuse their school music programs with quality, and are expected to find ways to provide service to both their music programs and communities. Tri-M is also an official organization of MENC, the National Association for Music Education, the largest arts education association worldwide. Daniel Heim, director of orchestras, is the advisor for the Heights chapter.

Tri-M encompasses students from the Instrumental Music Department (IMD) and Vocal Music Department (VMD). Candidates provided evidence of their qualifications in music achievement, scholarship, leadership, and character and community service. The members were then selected by the music faculty.

The Tri-M members will be planning community service events, such



Members of 2012-2013 Cleveland Heights High School Tri-M Music Honor Society.

as performing at a local children's hospital. Newly inducted members are Gretchen Drushel, Ilona Eke, Kyle Finnegan, Rebecca Friedberg, Sara

Friedberg, Gordon Gustafson, Lillian Hall, Joseph Nicoletti, Abigail Osgood, Benjamin Sperl, Janine Walker and Taylor Young.

Joan Drushel is a resident of Cleveland Heights with three daughters who are graduates of CHHS and a daughter who is a junior at Heights.



Simply Charming
Baubles, Bijoux & Bibelots

Treats & Treasures
Fabulous Fall Findings

Stop by

Tuesday 11 - 6
Wednesday 11 - 6
Thursday 11 - 6
Friday 11 - 7
Saturday 11 - 6

2254 Lee Road
Cleveland Hts
(216) 321-1296

SimplyCharmingTheBoutique.com

No problem! I will take care of it...



SCOTT HAIGH

www.ScottHaigh.com
Scott@ScottHaigh.com
Direct: 216-272-6889



1164 Plainfield, South Euclid
Heated Greenhouse Attached to Kitchen!






CH-UH festivities celebrate Homecoming



The Homecoming king and queen with the tiger mascot.

Angee Shaker

Heights High crowned seniors De'Mone Frisco and Alexandra Smith-Girunias Homecoming King and Queen as part of this year's Homecoming festivities.

The Homecoming Court included Amanda Murray and Orion Brock (freshmen), Tabitha Edmonds and Sean Ayers (sophomores), Victoria Lewis and

Raishawn Taylor (juniors).

Senior running back Braxton Gamble scored five touchdowns during the homecoming game, leading the Heights High Tigers to a 41-13 win over Lorain.

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

rockefellers

restaurant+lounge | 216.321.0477
3099 mayfield road | cleveland heights, ohio
rockefellers-restaurant.com
tuesday through saturday 4 pm-1 am





• WIPER BLADES
(standard sizes)

Buy one, get one FREE (save \$11)
With this ad and 3 cans of soup, stew, or pasta (for Our Lady of Peace Food Pantry)

Offer expires 11/30/12

**12916 Larchmere Blvd
Cleveland OH 44120**

216-229-7846

'Phantom of the Opera' in the Heights

Joy Henderson

More than 600 students in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools will participate in the Andrew Lloyd Weber musical "The Phantom of the Opera" at Heights High Nov. 1-3 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 4 at 4 p.m.

"I jumped at the opportunity to produce 'Phantom' because this year we have the voices to do it," said Craig McGaughey, producer and Heights High vocal music director. "Both our boys and girls bring amazing talent and skill to the roles."

The students will perform in two casts, and the production includes 600 elementary, middle and high school students participating on stage, in the pit orchestra, and in the stage crew.

"Phantom" is unusual in that it includes two styles of music, Broadway and opera, giving students experience in both. "The show also offers great comedic moments," said assistant producer Kari Sharpe. "The kids really enjoy that."

McGaughey can see the continued improvement of the Heights student vocalists and actors. "When we involve the elementary and middle school students, the older students mentor and coach the younger students," he said. "And the younger students are motivated to develop their skills so they can be involved when they get to the high school."

There are 17 lead roles. Heather Morrison and Midori March play Christine, and Marley Lieberman and Phoebe Lambert play Carlotta. Joey Nicoletti and Ian Teuissen play the Phantom, and Garth Bennett plays Raoul. "This show



Twenty-five Heights High students play lead roles in two casts in the Nov. 1-4 performances of "The Phantom of the Opera" at Heights High, including: (top row, L-R) Midori Marsh (Christine), Garth Bennett (Raoul), Amber Jackson (confidante), Vaughn Young (Monsieur Firmin); (bottom row, L-R) Janine Walker and Miranda Coble (Meg Giry), Meckaela Glenn (Madame Giry), Heather Morrison (Christine).

really tests my vocal range," said Vaughn Young (Monsieur Firmin). "It is such an emotional play and a great escape from our everyday lives," said Miranda Coble (Meg Giry).

Fifty instrumental music students play in two orchestra groups with 10 community musicians, including teachers Nicole Clouser and Ben Ammon. Daniel Heim, Heights Symphony director will lead the orchestras, with student concertmasters Thomas Pharis and Mason Spencer. The 30 stage crew members have been constructing the sets and finding props with the assistance of Lisa Kish,

former set designer for the Cleveland Opera. The sets include a boat that sails around the stage, an elephant, a haunted piano and a chandelier.

Organizing 600 students for four shows takes many adults—both staff and volunteers. McGaughey, lead producer, is assisted by Kari Sharpe and student teacher Alicia Salgado. Takisha Williamson is the choreographer and Carolyn Sloan Smith the vocal coach. Anne Wilson is the rehearsal pianist and opera coach, and Frank Bianchi is the theatrical vocal coach. English teacher Dave Jurns is the acting coach.

Seven CH-UH elementary school vocal music teachers and three middle school instructors taught the pieces to their students and traveled to the high school for rehearsals. A parent designed the program, and 35 parents and community volunteers contributed in many ways.

A preshow dinner is available for \$10 on Friday and Saturday nights, with show tickets. Call 216-320-3105 for information.

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



Advance Your Career:
Nurse Information Session
UA Lakewood
Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, 3:30 p.m.

Highlights of the UA Lakewood RN-BSN program:

- Completion of the bachelor's degree in one year
- Adult learner-focused, building on prior education and clinical experience
- An option to portfolio student experience in place of one clinical
- No challenge exams required

There will be advisers on hand to answer questions about the RN-BSN and MSN programs. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Nicole Lee at 216-221-1141 or UAL@uakron.edu to RSVP, or for questions.

lakewood.uakron.edu



Featured Speaker:
Janice G. Murphy,
RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE

Janice Murphy has been the president of Fairview Hospital since 2007. She has a diverse background in both clinical and administrative settings and a first hand understanding of patient, physician and employee needs.

In 2009, Murphy was named a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. In 2010, she was elected as a regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives for Ohio Northern.

Murphy earned a Master of Science in Nursing at The University of Akron.



The University of Akron
Lakewood

14725 Detroit Ave.
Lakewood, OH 44107

UA Lakewood is located on the first floor of the historic Bailey Building in the heart of downtown Lakewood.

Cleveland Heights resident co-authors book for West Side Market's 100th anniversary

Simone Quartell

This year, Cleveland's West Side Market celebrates its 100-year anniversary. To mark the occasion, Cleveland Heights resident Laura Taxel, along with Lakewood native and Vermilion resident Marilou Suszko, co-authored a book about the market's history.

The book, *Cleveland's West Side Market: 100 Years and Still Cooking*, published by University of Akron press, is available in local bookstores.

The book "really tells the history of this important local landmark," said Taxel, and "shows that the West Side Market is alive, busy and active today, not just a thing of past."

Taxel has been writing about food for more than 30 years. Her most well-known book, *Cleveland Ethnic Eats*, was first published in 1995 and has been updated several times, most recently in 2009.

She had never before written a book with Suszko, whom she met at conference for food professionals in Baltimore about ten years ago, but they have worked together on a magazine called *Feast*. Suszko, the author of *The Locavore's Kitchen: A Cook's Guide to Seasonal Eating and Preserving* and *Farm and Foods of Ohio: From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate*, approached Taxel in 2009 about the possibility of collaborating on a book about the West Side Market, to commemorate its 100th anniversary. Taxel, who has shopped at the market since 1971, knew right away that she



Cleveland Heights resident, Laura Taxel.

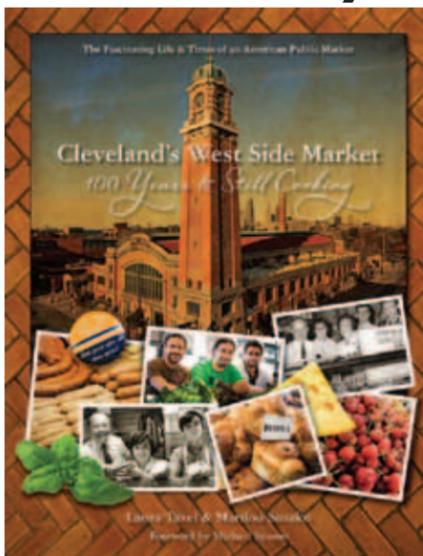
"I like the energy and interaction with people at the West Side Market, and the variety of foods and variety of people who sell it."

wanted to do it.

Taxel and Suszko interviewed more than 300 people, including vendors from past and present, employees and their families, shoppers, historians and politicians. They talked to market vendors and patrons at the market café, by phone, and in their homes.

When word of the project spread, people sent in their stories via letters and e-mails to Taxel and Suszko. Some who had moved away from the Cleveland area heard about the project from friends who still live here, and said that hearing about the book made them miss the market and want to go back, according to Taxel.

Taxel's husband, Barney, took photos for the book. Barney Taxel, a commercial photographer, specializes



in food, but also has experience with people, architecture and still life.

"I like the energy and interaction with people at the West Side Market, and the variety of foods and variety of people who sell it, and can share their knowledge and expertise," said Taxel. She learns something every time she goes to the Market and is now friends with many people she met there.

"The book has something for everyone—it has all the historical facts, including many that people wouldn't know, and is full of wonderful, heartwarming personal stories from people who have worked there or shopped there," said Taxel.

Simone Quartell, a Heights High graduate, is a student at Cleveland State University and a Heights Observer intern.

Holiday boutique at Judson Park in Cleveland Heights

Rob Lucarelli

Judson Foundation will host a holiday boutique on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Judson Park, 1801 Chestnut Hills Drive, Cleveland Heights. Proceeds will support Judson's 2012 Annual Fund and Creative Arts Fund.

The Judson Holiday Boutique will feature vendors selling purses, accessories, books, pottery and hand-knit items.

Peterson Nut Co. and Malley's Chocolates products will be available at the boutique, and Colonial Coin and Jewelry will be on site, buying back gold, silver, diamonds and coins, and selling jewelry.

For more information, call 216-791-2961 or visit www.judsonsmartliving.org.

The 2012 Judson Annual Fund ensures that all Judson residents have the opportunity to participate in enriching programs, regardless of their need for financial assistance.

Proceeds also support the Judson Creative Arts Fund, which provides residents and their families with unique opportunities to express themselves through the visual arts.

Rob Lucarelli is director of communications for Judson Services, Inc.

Observer advertising is good for your business and good for your community.

GREATER CLEVELAND COMMUNITY SHARES

Workplace giving to support systemic solutions.

Welcome FutureHeights as one of our 45 members!

Would you like a campaign at your workplace?

Contact cynthia@communityshares.org

Your Gift. Your Choice.

communityshares.org

(216) 361-9920

St. Alban-Agape

An Episcopal & Campus Community

Worship

Wednesday Monastics

7am - Morning Chant with Eucharist

6pm - Agape Community Meal (students welcome!)

7pm - Neo Monastic Evening Prayer

Sunday Gatherings

8am - Morning Taize Prayer

9am - Conversations on Faith

10am - Community Eucharist

Sunday Evening Compline & Evensong

An ancient time of reflective prayer at day's end

- Oct. 14, 21, 28: Sunday Compline @ St Alban's Agape Campus, 2555 Euclid Hts. Blvd., Cleve Hts.

Celebrating 120 years of serving God in community - 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18. All welcome

The Compline rite is over 1,000 years old. It is a reflective, contemplative and simple offering of chant, hymn, prayer, candlelight and art. Someone once called it "A nightcap for the soul." All are welcome, be ye student, staff, community or stranger.

2555 Euclid Hts. Boulevard, Cleveland Heights (at the corner of Edgehill)

www.saintalbanchurch.org

DISCOVERY STARTS HERE

Cleveland Museum of NATURAL HISTORY

Now on exhibit

WHALES | TOHORĀ

Through January 27, 2013

50 GREATEST PHOTOGRAPHS OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Through January 13, 2013

1 WADE OVAL DRIVE, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106 • 216.231.4600 • CMNH.ORG

Promotional sponsors: *Cleveland Magazine, The Plain Dealer, WKSU, WVIZ/WCPN ideastream*

Whales | Tohorā is developed by The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Oldboy: What's old is new, folk music repackaged

Elisabeth Farrer

"What's old is new," is a phrase that is easily applied to the local group of musicians known as Oldboy. The band is gearing up to release its first album, "Covered in Sound," on Nov. 3. Members of the roots-rock group have been playing together for the past three years, culminating in their first full-length album, recorded at Whiteout Audio in Cleveland. The album consists of 12 lyric-driven and meticulously crafted songs.

Oldboy will perform a record release concert with Family of the Year from Los Angeles. The local Cleveland band Dan Miraldi & the Albino Winos will also perform. The concert will be an all-ages show on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Beachland Tavern in North Collinwood. Doors open at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$10.

The current lineup for Oldboy is Shawn Brewster (songwriter, guitar, and vocals), Mike Kinsella (bass, backing vocals), Greg Hyland (drums), Pete Simon (guitar), Chris Volpe (banjo), and David Jenkins (percussion). While the band regularly rotates its lineup for different types of events, the release concert will feature six members who were involved in the recording.

As a band, the group's sound is always changing, yet consistently driven by Brewster's vision. He and Kinsella paired three years ago to begin making music. As Brewster recalled, "It was love at first harmony." With influences such as R.E.M., Sonic Youth, and Tori Amos, Brewster said he tries to avoid being too "derivative of other bands" but prefers to "try to structure songs as strongly as the bands I listen to." Such



Oldboy Members Mike Kinsella (left) and Shawn Brewster (right).

familiar influences make "Covered in Sound" music that quickly resonates. Conversational lyrics lend an element of truth to the work, something Brewster

describes as important to him. "Structure and honesty, two rules, make sure it's an honest song," he said.

While band members are busy as

musicians, they are also involved in philanthropic endeavors throughout Greater Cleveland. Upcoming events include fundraisers for the Free Clinic, the Hunger Network, and Greater Cleveland Community Shares. Mike Kinsella, a resident of Cleveland Heights and FutureHeights board member, feels that giving back to his community is not only beneficial for the band as it "gets us in front of different audiences" but is also "a way I can give back. If we can help organizations raise money in that way, that's what we do."

Oldboy has been the house band for the Best of the Heights Awards, and the featured band for other community events. Oldboy performed at Coventry P. E.A.C.E. Park's Music and Movies Under the Stars events, at the Cedar Fairmount Festival, and at the Wine Spot. Other venues at which the band has performed include the Tavern Company, the Grog Shop, B-Side Liquor Lounge, and Parnell's Pub.

Oldboy's work for the community reflects the work band members have done for themselves. The band is self-represented, is not on a label, designs its own posters, and books its own shows. Taking the grassroots approach to their music is reflected in the honest sound that the group produces. What's old is certainly new in this "folk music repackaged" group.

Elisabeth Farrer is a recent graduate of Case Western Reserve University where she received a Bachelor's of Arts in English. She is interested in writing about Cleveland and the surrounding area so everyone will come to love this city as much as she does.

COURTESY OLDBOY



THE MUSIC SETTLEMENT
UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

2012 // 2013 CLASSES & PROGRAMS

REGISTER TODAY!



FOR LEARNING



FOR LIVING



FOR LIFE

EARLY CHILDHOOD - MUSIC THERAPY - MUSIC INSTRUCTION

Register online at TheMusicSettlement.org
Click on the Course Info Tab to get started!

1912-2012 // Celebrating 100 years of quality music education

Programs are generously funded by:



Close Encounters music series

Peggy Spaeth

In 2000, the City of Cleveland Heights held neighborhood-visioning meetings to create a citizen-driven future. At one of those meetings, resident Tom Gibson stood up and suggested gateway signs that would read "Music City" because of the many talented musicians living here. Today the city claims a broader title, "Home to the Arts," and the nonprofit Heights Arts is a major presenter of local arts and culture.

One of the most popular Heights Arts programs is the chamber music series, newly named Close Encounters. This series, now in its seventh year, presents intimate performances by world-class musicians who live in Northeast Ohio. Isabel Trautwein, Cleveland Orchestra violinist and Close Encounters artistic director, collaborates with her colleagues and other professional musicians to present programs of their choice in unique venues.

This season's concerts take place in homes on Eaton Road in Shaker Heights and Herrick Mews in Cleveland Heights, at the grand Crystal Room in the newly restored Tudor Arms—now the DoubleTree Hotel in University Circle—and at the home of violinist Alicia Koelz in Cleveland Heights.

The first concert, Trout Playing in America, on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m., is a unique combination of art songs and chamber music masterpieces by composers, Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann, performed by Cleveland Orchestra string players, pianist Christina Dahl and soprano Jung Oh.

Bach to Piccolo, on Sunday, Jan. 13,



Members of the Omni Quartet are (left to right): Jung-Min Amy Lee, Joanna Patterson (front); Alicia Koelz and Tanya Ell (back).

at 3 p.m., is a chance to hear Cleveland Orchestra principal piccoloist Mary Kay Fink perform a rare solo piece and a Spanish duo with cellist Tanya Ell. Also performing are the two youngest members of the orchestra's first violin section, Ying Fu and Katherine Bormann; and Isabel Trautwein presenting an epic Bach solo sonata.

Salute to the Original Cleveland Quartet, on Sunday, Mar. 24, at 3 p.m., is a rare concert bringing together Donald Weilerstein and Peter Salaff of the origi-

nal Cleveland Quartet playing Bartok duets. The concert is rounded out with the Cavani Quartet, with pianist Vivian Weilerstein and Cleveland Orchestra members Tanya Ell on cello, and Isabel Trautwein on violin. The Weilersteins, former Heights residents, are traveling from Boston to perform.

The final concert of the season, Schubertiade, on Saturday, May 11, at 8 p.m., features the Omni Quartet, joined by soprano Jung Oh, violinist Isabel Trautwein, clarinetist Robert Woolfrey and pianist Rafael Skorka. Violinist Alicia Koelz hosts this all-Schubert program, including the heart-wrenching G-major string quartet, the last one he wrote before dying so very young.

Close Encounters offers a rare opportunity to experience chamber music where it's meant to be heard: in intimate venues. Reservations are absolutely necessary because seating is limited. Call 216-371-3457 or visit www.heightsarts.org/music.

Peggy Spaeth, executive director of Heights Arts has been transformed by experiencing classical music up close.

City Ballet of Cleveland to hold annual holiday performances

Heights Observer Contributor

The City Ballet of Cleveland (formerly Cleveland City Dance Company), a nonprofit dance company based in a studio at Shaker Square, has announced its annual "Winter Wonderland and The Nutcracker (Act II)" performance.

An original production of the traditional holiday ballet will include performances by guest artists Mark Otloski, formerly of Cleveland San Jose

Ballet; Gary Lenington, currently with GroundWorks Dance Theater; and Theresa Bonvissuto.

Performances are Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at Tri-C's Eastern Campus. Advance reserve tickets sold at the studio, at 13108 Shaker Square, are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets purchased at the theater the day of the shows are all \$20. For information, call 216-295-2222.

kellenational

AUTO
HOME
LIFE
COMMERCIAL
INSURANCE

For All Your Business and Personal Insurance Needs

Specializing In:

- Contractors
- Auto Repair Garages
- Non-Profits
- Day Cares
- Personal Insurance
- And Much more

Call us for a no-obligation review

Rockefeller Center, Suite 203 ■ 3109 Mayfield Road ■ Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

216-965-0646 www.KellerNational.com

PC Handyman
Cleveland

We are very excited about the ability to offer a way to back up all of your important music, pictures, and documents onto systems that are safe from hackers & damage. Ask about our cloud storage package.

FREE

CLOUD STORAGE

Get 2 years of cloud storage for the price of 1 year

We are a full service repair company specializing in repairs & maintenance of Macs and PCs. We offer reliable and prompt service, at reasonable prices.

Need help with virus removal? We can help you in our office, in your home, or remotely if you have a working internet connection.

MENTION THIS AD AND GET \$10 OFF YOUR NEXT REPAIR

12429 Cedar Road STE 25 Cleveland Heights Ohio 44106
Cedar/Fairmount Business District
216-721-3455

Ruffing Montessori School

Engage. Emerge. Learn for life.

For more information or to schedule a tour and classroom observation, please contact our Admissions Office at 216-321-7571.

3380 Fairmount Boulevard : Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
ruffingmontessori.net

Open Houses:
 Sunday, November 4, 2012, 2-4 pm
 Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 5:30-7:30 pm

Librarians are Matchmakers

Anna Register

If you've found that the books, movies, or music that you've picked out at the library just isn't quite what you were hoping for, then the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Matchmakers can help.

Matchmakers is a group of librarians specially trained to help customers find materials that they would probably love but just can't seem to locate on their own.

Similar to other matching services, such as eHarmony and Pandora, Heights Libraries' Matchmakers can build a list of recommendations based on a patron's likes, dislikes and interests.

"The program actually started 15 years ago," said Becky Katzenmeyer, adult services librarian, "We try to help people find things they would like to read, listen to or watch when they don't know what to go to next."

Formerly known as R.A.T.S. (Readers Advisory Team Services), the original program was a means to connect patrons with only books. Library staff recently decided to expand their advisory services to include movies, books on tape and CD, and music. Customers can visit in person, call, or e-mail the Matchmakers with requests for recommendations at any time.

The Matchmakers team consists of about 10 core members, but all Heights librarians are tapped for suggestions. "Some librarians have genres that they are better versed in than others, so we consult with one another. Our youth services department provides a matchmaker service that specializes in child and teen literature, for instance. It's been a long time since I was a teenager, so I like to ask our teen librarians about that collection," said Katzenmeyer, laughing.

Matchmakers also provide recommendations though their blogs, which can be found at www.heightslibraries.org/page/blogs. These blogs are geared toward each writer's areas of expertise. The Matchmakers team has future plans to expand through online resources, such as Facebook and discussion boards.

If you can't figure out what your next good read is going to be, want to catch up on the latest music trends, or watch some new and exciting films, contact the Matchmakers team by e-mailing matchmakers@heightslibrary.org to receive your personalized list of suggestions.

For additional information on this program and others offered by Heights Libraries, visit www.heightslibrary.org or call 216-932-3600.

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

When you advertise in the Observer, your money stays in the community.



What's going on at your library?

Come in out of the cold and attend a free program at any branch of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library. See a sampling of programs below. Find more at www.heightslibrary.org.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Cedar-Coventry Author Series. Join Debra and Seth Chwast for a reading and signing of their book, *An Unexpected Life*. Diagnosed with severe autism as a toddler, Seth Chwast seemed trapped in his own insular universe. His family endured anguish, sought countless therapies, and almost gave up hope. Then at age 20, he took a painting class, and everything changed. Registration required at www.heightslibrary.org.

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

Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 5 & 6, 6 p.m.;
Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 7 & 8, 1 p.m.

National Day of Listening. Celebrate the people close to you by recording interviews with them to preserve their special stories and wisdom. The library presents this program in conjunction with the StoryCorps National Day of Listening. Registration required at www.heightslibrary.org; indicate preferred date and time when you register.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Magic Tree House Party. Gather under our tree in this evening of games, crafts and fun in celebration of the beloved Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne. School-age children who love Jack and Annie will enjoy reliving the books through the library's scavenger hunt.

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

Monday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Games Unplugged. Kids in grades K-5, learn and play a variety of games. You might use pen and paper, a ball, or just you and friends. Registration required at www.heightslibrary.org.

Sunny Pizza
Thin crispy 9" pizza made with fresh vegetables & grilled chicken, or vegetarian

Liquid Planet
A BETTER WAY TO EAT!
12413 Cedar Rd.
Cleveland Hts, OH 44106
216-791-3700 liquid-planet.com

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Board Meeting highlights

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
All board members were present.



New policy for use of quiet study rooms

For the first time, these rooms are to be reserved. If there are no reservations, walk-ins will be accommodated. In addition, the period of use of the rooms will be limited to two hours unless there are no reservations.

Nancy Zelman appointed an adult services librarian

Nancy Zelman came to the library in 1993 as a part-time circulation assistant and later was able to use the library's tuition reimbursement program to obtain her master's degree in library and information science in 2008.

Review of Materials Evaluation and Selection Policy

This major document of board policy is accessible on the library's website under Board and Policies. Director Nancy Levin pointed out the reconsideration form attached to the policy. This form is used if a patron questions the inclusion or exclusion of specific material. Those forms go directly to Levin, who confers with the board about them.

Public Services Report highlights for August

- There will be a partnership with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights elementary schools to provide monthly story time during the after-care program.
- At the Lee Road Library, the Dream Big Summer Reading Program registered 581 participants, and 130 parents and children attended the final party. Kids could add drawings of their

- dreams to the eight-foot-long Dream Cloud created by Shannon Horrocks and Henry Drak.
- The Own the Night summer reading program at Lee Road Library had 63 participants.
- The Lee Road Library adult summer reading program had 361 total submissions—a record high. Ten weekly prizes were awarded through random drawing, with the grand prize of a \$300 gift card to Appletree Books.
- Coventry Village Library's summer reading programs included 52 children, 5 teens and 57 adults.
- Noble Neighborhood Library's summer reading programs included 240 children, 14 teens and 92 adults.
- The University Heights Library's summer reading programs included 160 children, 28 teens and 235 adults.
- The first Little Free Library was installed on the lawn of Anne Butera, former children's librarian. Ice cream from Sweetie Fry was served to Noble neighborhood residents at the celebration while they donated and borrowed books.
- The University Heights Library held a Summer Olympics for school-aged children, and 34 participants earned unique UH gold medals.

LWV observer: Anne S. McFarland.

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

See disclaimer on page 8.

UPWARD SPORTS BASKETBALL
UPWARD.ORG

Open to boys and girls (K-sixth grade) - No experience needed - One hour practice and one hour game weekly - Games January-March - Evaluations start December 3 Register now through December 13 online at www.chsaviour.org or call (216) 321-8880, Ext. 257 to request an application packet

All practices and games played at **Church of the Saviour**
2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights
(one block north of Fairmount)



Registration \$80 per child.
Save \$15 per child if you register before November 29.

Staging the garden in the classroom at Gearity

Krista Hawthorne

Learning is both fun and multidimensional for the fourth graders in Joe Mendes's class at Gearity Professional Development School. They recently read *Seedfolks*, by Paul Fleischman, a story set in Cleveland about a small urban community that turns a vacant lot into a garden and reaps more than just vegetables.

After reading the book, the class watched an interview with Fleischman. Mendes then asked his students to write short plays about people and gardening. He chose two of the plays for students to perform: "The Garden," by Grace Mangano, and "The Mystery Mole," by Mackenzie Hollis.

As they prepared for the first play, several students made signs for the characters—King Bean, Queen Carrot, Pea and Old Man. Others gathered colored paper for carrot and pea costumes, and one student made deer antlers out of rulers and wire.

When the costumes were ready, Mendes spent a few minutes helping students visualize the performance space, imagine an audience's reactions, and consider their own feelings about performing in front of an audience. "It can be kind of scary," he said, "and you may feel nervous, but if you say your lines with your full effort, everyone will love it."

When asked how she felt about this project, Grace replied, "I always wanted to do a school play. Sometimes I can be shy, but it will be fun. One of my favorite things to do is act."

After a quick demonstration of using a hand-held microphone, each student tried it once. They practiced a curtain call following the instructions: "Head back, take a breath, lean forward together and count 1, 2, 3, then stand back up. If they keep clapping, do it again!"

Then it was show time! The play tells the story of an old man who brings a neglected garden back to life. He loves



Pictured are (left to right) Benjamin Goldman, Niroshin Weerakkody, Grace Mangano, Darianna Chacon-Ramirez, Jayla Lewis, Hannah Colquitt, Mackenzie Hollis and Kylin Gaiter. Photo at right shows the Gearity Learning Garden in winter.

his plants, but they don't love each other. The performance was brief, but well received by the audience comprising mostly first graders and their lunch aides.

Gearity has a large learning garden and the theme of *Seedfolks* resonated with everyone. Students said that they had helped build the nature trail; that the vegetables they grow are offered to students during lunch; and that in science class, they are learning to grow radishes with a battery.

"The learning garden is an integral part of the school's curriculum, from preschool through fifth grade," explained Michele Evans, principal of Gearity. "It's a wonderful tool that fits into our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) pathway."

Krista Hawthorne is the assistant director of Reaching Heights.



KRISTA HAWTHORNE

CLASSIFIED ADS

PC EXPERT
Computer Sales & Repair
Virus Removal • Data Recovery
System Restore • More

(440) 209-1104
Ravshalum@gmail.com
5545 Wilson Mills Road #104 Highland Heights, OH 44143

AA TRAVELERS AIRPORT TRANSPORT

*We Take You Here,
We Take You There,
On Time Every Time.*

GENE WHITE
216.357.9758

Luxury Service
Your Personal Chauffeur
Airport, Bus or Train Station
Below Taxi Cab Prices
Hopkins \$45; Akron/Canton \$70

RIPLEY ENTERPRISES TREE SERVICE

COMPREHENSIVE TREE MANAGEMENT

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

Certified Arborist Fully insured

Always Buying Paying Cash

MICHAEL'S ANTIQUES

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

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

Don't throw it away! Fix it! Fit it!

Mending!!! Alterations!!!
Bridal and custom consultations

Amy R. Roth & Co.
Seamstress*Tailor*Designer

216-904-1786

2260 Warrensville Ctr. Rd. #218
(above Geraci's, Children's Optical and Heights Frame & Art)
springthedragon1@gmail.com

jazzercise

Morning and Evening Classes
Open House
Every M/T through Dec.

Try a **FREE** class and get special registration pricing. (First time customers)

Call **(440) 542-0246**

MAC'S BACKSLIP

*****BOOKS ON COVENTRY*****

1820 Coventry Rd. 216-321-2665
Open 24 hours at www.macsbacks.com

Three Floors of
New & Used Books & Magazines

Used Book Exchange
Bring us your used books!

Buy Local First!

Grafixer

Home About Us Galleries Events Options Others

★ Children
★ Seniors
★ Family
★ Portraits
★ Weddings

Studio: 216.321-4321
photo@grafixer.biz

www.grafixer.biz

www.heightsobserver.org Call 216-320-1423 to find out how you can advertise your business for \$25/month

**INSTANT QUOTE
IMMEDIATE COVERAGE**

AUTO /SR22/CAR/MOTORCYCLE
BOAT/HOMEOWNERS/RENTERS
BUSINESS OWNERS/COMMERCIAL
LIFE/HEALTH/DENTAL

\$35/mo LIABILITY
\$70/mo FULL COVERAGE

www.ohioinsurancequote.net

Washington & Co Insurance Agency Inc.
2565 Noble Road
(216) 691-9227

TOP-SELLING HEIGHTS REALTORS
MIKE & EILEEN
McKEON



216/233-6726

eileenmckeon@howardhanna.com
TheMcKeonGroup.com
SHOP LOCAL—HIRE A HEIGHTS AGENT

Buyers Sellers Investors

AMISH CREWS FOR LESS

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

ALL CITY VIOLATIONS
New GARAGE from - \$9850
216 -323- 4483

**CEDAR CENTER
HARDWARE**

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
1970 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD
216-291-1111



MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
SATURDAY
9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
SUNDAY
10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Good Neighbor, Good Advice



RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTING SPECIALISTS
LIGHT. SAFETY. COMFORT. EFFICIENCY
FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1985

(216) 932-2598

OHIO LICENSE #'s 12820 & 30281

shopH/BA.org
Pro Member

www.skettleelectric.com



**Unity Center of the Heights
Bookstore**

2653 S. Taylor Rd. (off Fairmount)
www.unitycenteronline.org/
216-321-7566

Sat-Sun 10-2 & Tues Thurs 4-7
Spiritual & Metaphysical books,
audio CDs, DVDs, music CDs,
cards, art, jewelry, & more
Large Inventory! Low Prices!

**John R. O'Connor, LISW
Clinical Social Worker**

D. L. Dunkle & Associates

Individual, Couple
and Group
Psychotherapy

(216) 229-2100 #4
12417 Cedar Road, Suites 21-24
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106
(Above Starbucks)



Leisure Travel • Corporate
Groups • Honeymoons
Limo Service

Fun & Friendly to Work With
14077 Cedar Road
(next to Burger King)
216.321.1400
info@heretoservetravel.com

"An agency driven by customer satisfaction"

**AFFORDABLE
MAINTENANCE**

Call now for our
GUTTER SPECIAL
Gutter cleaning and repair

Heights Based

"You name it, we can do it."

Call John at **(216) 299-0000**

MayCourt Apartments
"Classic 1920's Feel"

Large 1+2 Bedroom Apts.
Heat, Water, Kitchen Appls.,
Balcony, and Parking Included
Central Laundry Room
Good Credit—Good Terms

\$550 - \$700

Contact On-Site Bldg. Manager
Neil Tierney **(216) 258-5906**
2872-2878 Mayfield Road #30

Tim Weeks
OF
WEEKS AUTOMOTIVE
1503 Warrensville Center Road

(216) 691-3950

OIL, LUBE &
FILTER SPECIAL
only \$25.95

- Up to 5 qts. oil • Oil Filter
- Top off fluids • Chassis Lube
- FREE 12 pt. Safety Inspection

Excludes hybrid cars. With coupon. Exp. 12/31/12



**EDWARDS PAINTING
& HOME SERVICES**

Interior/Exterior
Power washing
& restoration
Housing violations

216.780.2455
roberte1964@att.net

Quality Workmanship, Reliable Service

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

Complete Auto Repair
& Maintenance
Import & Domestic
In Business Since 1972

www.simonsautoservice.com
SIMON DAHER, Manager



Specializing in Volkswagen, BMW,
Toyota, Mercedes, Porsche, Audi,
General Motors and Honda

(216) 371-2354 1830 Lee Road, CH

**FAIRMOUNT
SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

EDUCATING THE HEIGHTS SINCE 1988

3473 Fairmount Blvd.
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
216.321.5868
fairmountmusicschool@gmail.com
www.fairmountmusic.com

**Emerald Ash Borer
is Here!**

Save your trees
by treating them early

Call for pricing/info

ALEX'S TREE SERVICE
Certified Arborist

(216)-932-3244
E-mail: alstrees@roadrunner.com

**SIMPLE SOLUTIONS
HOME REPAIR**

Renovations • Remodeling
Room Additions • Attics • Kitchens
Bathrooms • Basements
Older Home Specialist

An Experienced Home Renovation Company
Licensed, Bonded & Insured
FREE ESTIMATES

www.simplesolutionshr.com
216-280-3765

AMISHBEST CONSTRUCTION

1. GARAGE Fr \$9895	4. RM ADDITION ▪ BR -FR- BATH ▪ Add BR-BATH in Basement -Attic
2. KITCHEN-BATH Renovation fr \$3575	5. Complete REHAB OF FORECLOSED HOMES
3. WATER PROOFING	

ALL CITY VIOLATIONS
216-323-0916



Green Tara
YOGA & HEALING ARTS

Iyengar Yoga
Stability ♦ Vitality ♦ Clarity

2450 Fairmount, Cleveland Heights
(216) 382-0592 www.greentarayoga.com

**Heights Hardware
SINCE 1911**




Monday-Saturday 9-6 - Sunday 11-4
1792 Coventry Road
216-321-4701
www.heightshardware.com

SEW WHAT?
Children's Sewing Classes Age
9 and Up

Small groups
Individual attention
On-going summer classes
Pattern reading, basic machine skills,
clothing construction, and more...

Barbara Seidel
216.371.3333
baseidel@gmail.com

PROMARK

ASPHALT PAVING &
SEAL COATING
216-249-4507

FREE ESTIMATES!
SEE US ON ANGIES LIST:
WWW.PROMARKPAVING.NET

Ardmore Tree Service
Complete Tree Service
Year-round

We Sell and Plant
Trees & Shrubs

(216) 486-5551

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

Member National Arborist Association
Free Estimates Fully Insured

**HEIGHTS HOME
REPAIR & REMODELING**

KITCHENS * BATHROOMS
DECKS * HANDYMAN
HOME VIOLATIONS
WINDOW REPAIR AND
REPLACEMENT
PAINTING * DRYWALL

(216) 773-4096

**OFFICE SPACE
AVAILABLE**

*The Waterstone
Professional Building*
14077 Cedar Road, South Euclid

Professional & Medical
Incubator Space with Fax/Wi-Fi
Security

Call 216-381-6570
www.waterstonecompany.com

Staying safe at home: tips to reduce the risk of falls



SENIOR SCENE

Judith Eugene

According to the AARP, around 71 percent of people over the age of 45 prefer to stay in their homes as they age rather than moving to long-term care. As we age, however, it is common to experience declines in our physical abilities. This can result in falls and possibly severe or fatal injuries. Taking precautions to reduce the risk of falls will increase one's ability to remain at home.

In general, move furniture to create clear walking paths; remove clutter from stairs and landings; repair broken,

uneven steps, and loose handrails; keep exterior stairs and walkways clear; keep rock salt by each door to remove winter ice; install a shelf and hooks inside the door for keys, coats, handbags, and other items.

In the living room, make sure you can get into and out of your lounge chair with ease, and replace glass table tops with wood so they are easier to see and less fragile.

Move the kitchen items you use most often to lower shelves in the cabinets to reduce the need for a stool; replace heavy dishes and pots with lighter ones; use a stool with a high, sturdy handrail (never step on a chair or cupboard shelf); create a sitting area for food preparation.

Place nonslip mats or self-sticking strips in the tub or shower floor; keep soap, shampoo and towel in easy

reach from the tub or shower stall; install sturdy grab bars (never use towel racks for support; and remove bath rugs.

In the bedroom, keep your cane or walker next to the bed at night, with flat slip-on shoes (avoid slippers); keep a telephone, lamp, flashlight and eyeglasses within easy reach of the bed; make sure that the bed is a comfortable height for getting in and out; keep a portable toilet or urinal near the bed if you have difficulty getting to the bathroom; and sit down when dressing.

Tape down all electrical cords; apply nonslip mats or double-stick tape to backs of throw rugs; repair carpet and flooring that is loose, torn or curling at the edges; clean spills and drips immediately; and put nightlights in the bedroom, hallway and bathroom (also stairs and kitchen, if needed).

A few last words for safe and healthy living: wear flat, sturdy, nonslip shoes both indoors and outdoors; exercise regularly to improve strength, balance and coordination; ask your doctor for alternatives to medications that cause dizziness, drowsiness, or other unpleasant side-effects; have regular eye exams; keep emergency numbers in large print near each phone; get a medical alert device; and, if you live alone, have someone check on you daily.

Judith Eugene is a native of Cleveland Heights who provides life-enrichment classes and activities for senior adults and those with physical and mental challenges through www.LovingHandsGroup.com. She can be reached at 216-408-5578 or Judith@LovingHandsGroup.com.

Nov. 26 Restaurant Tour and shopping event benefit FutureHeights

Kendra Dean

On Nov. 26, join FutureHeights for dinner and shopping. Two events in the Cedar Fairmount neighborhood of Cleveland Heights will support FutureHeights as well as two participating Heights businesses.

FutureHeights will host its monthly restaurant tour at The Mad Greek, 2466 Fairmount Blvd., from 5 p.m. on, in



conjunction with—and proximity to—a holiday shopping event at Ten Thousand Villages, 12425 Cedar Road, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Diners who present the flyer on this page to their server at The Mad Greek, anytime after 5 p.m., will direct 15 percent of their food tab to benefit FutureHeights.

Before or after dinner, they can head across the street to Ten Thousand Villages to shop for unique holiday gifts—or perhaps find something for themselves. Fifteen percent of all purchases made in the store that evening will be donated to FutureHeights.

FutureHeights is a Heights-based nonprofit that seeks to build a vibrant and sustainable future for Cleveland Heights and University Heights through civic engagement. Its programs include community forums, neighborhood tours, workshops, and publishing the *Heights Observer* community news.

The Mad Greek serves both Greek and Indian cuisines. Its 4 p.m. happy hour offers an extensive list of cocktails. Popular appetizers include the loaded Greek fries and Bombay wings, and entrées feature fisherman's stew and a variety of curry dishes. Tiramisu and baklava ice cream are among the Mad Greek's unique dessert options.

Ten Thousand Villages is an independent, nonprofit, charitable organization committed to creating opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn a fair income and work in safe conditions. The organization has long-term fair-trade relationships with artisans in more than 30 countries.

Kendra Dean is a graduate student at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences and is currently an intern at FutureHeights.

November Senior Citizen Happenings

Senior Citizen Happenings are sponsored by the City of University Heights. Events take place on Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the University Heights Library.

Nov. 1: University Heights Mayor Susan Infeld will present a retrospective on the unique issues, accomplishments, and challenges for the city during 2012, and take a look into the future.

Nov. 8: Bill Rudman, known as Mr. Musical, has charmed radio audiences for 30 years as writer, producer and voice of "Footlight Parade." He will "grab his coat and get his hat" to celebrate the tunes of Hollywood and Broadway.

Nov. 15: Gregory Bonanno, program coordinator for the Arts and Medicine Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, will give a presentation about the role of music, sculpture and painting in the healing mission of the hospital.

Nov. 22: No meeting on Thanksgiving Day, but much to be grateful for.

Nov. 29: Yvonne Greenhouse, regional development manager for the National Wildlife Federation (headquartered in Reston, Va.), will describe the federation's local and global projects to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for the future.



FutureHeights



RESTAURANT TOUR

Support
FutureHeights
as you enjoy an evening
of food and drinks at



the
mad
GREEK

The Mad Greek
2466 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights

**Monday, November 26th
starting at 5:00 pm.**

* Present this Flyer to your Bartender or Server and a 15% portion of food proceeds benefits FutureHeights *

Observer advertising is good for your business and good for your community

**New postal regulations got you down?
Let us mail it for you!**

J.A.C. Business Communications, Inc.

Mail Service • Database Management • Office Administration

Our responsive customer service and competitive pricing will keep you on time and on budget.

Contact Anne at 216-861-5588 Fax: 216-861-0505

www.jacbusiness.com



2012 Holiday Gift Guide

Find something for everyone on your list at the many independent merchants in the Heights. Most will gift wrap or ship your items, too. Here are some of our favorites (see more online at www.heightsobserver.org):

STOCKING STUFFERS (\$10 OR LESS)

Bugle Bead Bracelets, 12 colors available. (\$3.65, Simply Charming)

Sticky Notes by Anne Taintor, available in a variety of designs. (\$4.00, Simply Charming)

Blue Cottage Cards, handmade festive holiday greeting cards from area artist Delyte Delong. (\$4.50, Mac's Backs)

Change Purse, available in a variety of designs. (\$4.50, Simply Charming)

Candy Cane Soap, peppermint-scented soap from India. (\$4.50, Ten Thousand Villages)

Humorous Cocktail Napkins. (\$5.50, Jubilee Gifts in the Heights)

Temporary Finger Puppet Tattoos. Monster, Safari, Farm and Fairy Tale themes available. (\$5.50 for a pack of 20, Sunbeam-A Shop for Children) **2**

Ghiradelli Peppermint Bark in milk or dark chocolate. (\$5.65, Simply Charming)

Bling Pen, available in a variety of colors. (\$5.65, Simply Charming)

Journal, available in a variety of designs. (\$7.00, Simply Charming)

Machine-washable Crochet Veggie Rattles from Bangladesh. (\$8.00, Revive Fair Trade) **1**

Outrageous Hippopotamus, carved dark Kisii stone from Kenya. (\$8.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Parisian Puppy Note Pad Set, available in two designs. (\$8.75, Simply Charming)

Ice Screams Ice Tray. Dishwasher-safe silicone tray includes 12 expressionistic renderings of Edvard Munch's 'The Scream.' (\$9.00, Big Fun)

Faux leather adjustable rings. (\$9.00, Blush Boutique)

Pickled Winestopper. In a pickle about how to preserve your pinot? Well, get this gherkin workin' and your problems are solved! (\$9.50, Big Fun)

Flower Resin Post Earrings, five colors available. (\$9.50, Simply Charming)

Pick Your Nose Party Cups. When you tip your head to take a drink, you get an instant nose job, and a guffaw from the crowd. (\$9.50, Big Fun) **3**

Revive Inspiration Bracelet, assorted. Reads "Be the change you wish to see in the world" or "Revive your Style, Revive your Soul." (\$9.90, Revive Fair Trade)

The Larry 8 LED Pocket Work Light has a rotating magnetic clip for hands-free use. (\$9.99, Heights Hardware) **5**

Galimoto, handmade vehicles made by children in Africa. (\$10.00, Ten Thousand Villages) **4**



Paisley Block Print Journal from India. (\$10.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Hero Decks Playing Cards, Photo Pens, Photo Key Chains. (Under \$10.00, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

Cleveland Holiday Towel. (\$10, Jubilee Gifts in the Heights)

GIFTS UNDER \$50

Lake Erie Review edited by Rob Jackson, et al. A new quarterly literary journal focusing on the Great Lakes region. (\$13.95, Mac's Backs)

Cotton and Felt Flowers Zippered Pouch. (\$14.00, Simply Charming)

Hip Flask with Martini Cocktail Napkins and two Silver Martini Glasses. (\$14.50, \$5.00 and \$12.00, Simply Charming)

Teen 50 Book Jewelry: Think Big Book, Petite Bird Post Earrings and Feather Necklace. (\$14.95, \$11.50 and \$13.00, Simply Charming)

Sweetie Fry Gift Cards. Each card comes with free mini greeting card and envelope for a personalized note. (\$15.00 and up, Sweetie Fry) **8**

Scent of Christmas Decorative Fragrance. (\$15.00, Simply Charming)

Imagination Books, reusable coloring books with laminated pages designed to spark a child's imagination. (Books \$16.50, set of 8 Doodle Sticks \$8.50, Sunbeam- A Shop for Children)

Sweet Memories: Interactive Conversation Cards from Neil Slobin. Conversation prompts to get your elders talking about their personal history. (\$17.95, Mac's Backs)

My Friend Dahmer by Derf. Okay, not the usual kind of gift book, but essential on the graphic novel bookcase. (\$17.95, Mac's Backs)

San Antonio Artisanal Mug. Hand-sculpted and painted by artists on the shores of Lake Atitlan in Guatemala. (\$18, Revive Fair Trade)

Photo Books. (Starting at \$19.00, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

Eeboo World Map, 100 illustrations including the Eight Wonders of the World, the Solar System, Cloud Formations and Varieties of Terrains. (\$19.50, Sunbeam- A Shop for Children)

Rust Belt Chic edited by Richey Piiparinen and Anne Trubek. Essays about what it means to be a Clevelander. (\$19.95, Mac's Backs)



12th Annual Cleveland Heights High School Alumni Foundation Cocktail Party

Thursday, November 8 - 7 to 10 p.m.

Rockefeller's at The Heights Rockefeller Building | Mayfield & Lee
\$15 in advance ~ \$25 at the door | Cash Bar

Join alumni, friends and partygoers over awesome appetizers and decadent desserts, while bidding on silent auction items.

Try your luck with raffle tickets to win an Apple iPad or 40" TV!

For tickets or more information call 216-397-3871 or visit www.heightsalumni.org



Proud to be supported by:
HEIGHTS OBSERVER
A PROGRAM OF FUTUREHEIGHTS

Heights Libraries
THE MENDES FAMILY

HEIGHTS
Offset Printing
rockerfellers

ACE
Business Solutions

studioTECHNE architects

SQUIRE SANDERS

STIFEL NICOLAUS

rachelwixey & associates
THE STONE OVEN
BAKERY • CAFE

REGENCY
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

GIFTS UNDER \$50 (CONTINUED)

The Auto Emissions Bible by Sam Bell, owner of the Lusty Wrench, and Ralph Birnbaum, who combined have more than 80 years of auto repair experience. (\$21.95, online and at local bookstores)

Cordy Roy Plush Pig with a Porcelain Cup and Saucer Gift-boxed Set with the letter "P" and "Pig." Both available in a variety of styles. (\$22.50 and \$28.50, Simply Charming)

Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me by Harvey Pekar and JT Waldman and *Harvey Pekar's Cleveland* by Harvey Pekar and Joseph Remnant. The last two books Pekar completed before he died; illustrated by terrific young artists. (\$24.99 and \$21.99, Mac's Backs)

Holiday Cookie Gift Box. Assortment of cookies, including rugelach, brownies, nut bars, biscotti, macarons. (\$24 for 18 pcs.; \$46 for 36 pcs., Luna Bakery Café)

Cashmere Scarves. Great variety for both men and women. (\$25.00, Passport to Peru)

An Unexpected Life: A Mother and Son's Story of Love, Determination, Autism and Art by Debra Chwast. The story of Debra Chwast and her son Seth, accompanied by Seth's colorfully vivid paintings. (\$27.95, Mac's Backs)

Wedding Ring Box. This solid white oak box is the perfect way to present a ring or keep it safe while doing the dishes, working in the garden, or roughing up commoners for their pocket change. (\$28.00, www.etsy.com)

Burgundy Twist Basket. Handmade beauty from Ugandan traditional artisans. (\$29.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Cozy fleece-lined leggings. (\$30.00, Blush Boutique) **7**

Gemstone drop earrings. (\$30.00-\$45.00, Blush Boutique)

Metal Prints. (\$30.99, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

Photo Statuettes. (\$32.95-\$49.99, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

In the Kitchen With Cleveland's Favorite Chefs, edited by Maria Isabella, featuring recipes from nearly three dozen Cleveland area chefs for fabulous meals in an hour. (\$35.00, Mac's Backs)

Shellac/GelColor Manicure. (\$35.00, Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa)

Tagua Treasure Necklace, Turquoise. Rainforest Tagua Gems begin with a tagua nut, sculpted and dyed by hand by artisans in Colombia. (\$38.00, Revive Fair Trade) **6**

Leafy Embrace Fruit Bowl. Handcrafted by traditional brassworkers in Moradabad, India. (\$38.00, Ten Thousand Villages) **9**

Mercurial Allure Scarf. A scarf full of color that changes in the light. (\$39.00, Ten Thousand Villages) **10**

Cleveland's West Side Market: 100 Years and Still Cooking by Marilou Suszko and Laura Taxel. The new definitive history of the West Side Market. (\$39.95, Mac's Backs)

Salumi: The Italian Craft of Dry Curing by Michael Ruhlman and Brian Polcyn. Heights resident Michael Ruhlman's latest book for dedicated foodies. (\$39.95, Mac's Backs)

9



11



SE Redline High-Power LED Flashlight. As good as comparable \$100+ models used by law enforcement. (\$39.99, Heights Hardware)

Silk Holiday Ties. (\$42, Jubilee Gifts in the Heights)

Kitras Art Glass: Trees of Enchantment, Witch Balls or Fairy Balls. (Under \$50.00, Passport to Peru) **11**

Photo frames in many styles—rustic woods, leather, acrylic, gold or silver leaf—something for every décor and taste. (Under \$50.00, Wood Trader)

Photo-enhanced T-shirts, mugs and calendars. (Under \$50.00, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

GIFTS \$50-\$150

Four Yoga classes to get healthy and centered. (\$54.00, www.lovinghandsyoga.com)

Paisley Cotton Robe from India. (\$58.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Reiki Treatment to reduce stress and promote healing. (\$60.00, www.lovinghandsyoga.com)

One hour of life-enrichment activities for senior adults. (\$60.00 in Heights-area, www.lovinghands-group.com)

Pomegranate Men's Ring Box, turned, carved, distressed, stained, milk painted, shellacked and beeswaxed white oak. (\$65.00, www.etsy.com)

Canvas Gallery Wraps. (\$65.00, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

Phoenician Coast Vase from Hebron. (\$68.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Eco-friendly, water-resistant market backpack. (\$70.00, Blush Boutique) **14**

Sterling Necklace with Amazonite beads and matching earrings. (\$71.50 and \$66.00, Simply Charming)

10



Minnetonka Shearling Slippers for mom, dad or the kids. (\$70.00-80.00, Passport to Peru) **12**

One-Hour Home Makeover with an interior decorator. (\$75.00, www.juditheugenedesigns.com)

Hand-painted Trays, heat and water resistant, 15" x 15." (\$75.00, Jubilee Gifts in the Heights) **13**

Tree of Life Serving Platter from Hebron. (\$78.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Magnetic Magformers, strong magnets safely embedded in each plastic piece so you can create hundreds of three-dimensional designs. (\$84.00, Sunbeam-A Shop for Children)

Tree of Dreams Wall Hanging from India. (\$84.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Decorated Ceramic Cheese Plate with Four Cheese Knives and a Covered Ceramic Cheese Plate. (\$86.00 and \$48.00, Simply Charming)

Fanfare Reverse-Painted Tray, a painting technique from the Middle Ages. (\$99.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

QBDS Men's Signature Package. 50-minute Swedish Relaxation Massage, our Signature Men's Haircut and Barber Shave. (\$125.00, Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa)

Box Top Sweater from Peru, available in five colors. (\$126.00, Revive Fair Trade)

14k Gold-Over-Brass Necklace with a variety of semiprecious stones and a fleur de lis charm. (\$130.00, Simply Charming)

Onyx Chess Set from Pakistan. (\$145.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Photo Digital Frame. (\$149.00, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

12



13



14



too many

 of these?
 Homeopathy can help.
HEIGHTS
 Family Health
 heightsfamilyhealth.com
 free consult 216.370.3605

WASHINGTON & LEE SERVICE

 ESTABLISHED 1934
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
Washington & Lee Service, Inc
 2080 Lee Road,
 Cleveland Hts., OH 44118
(216) 371-2850
 Chip Ramsey Owner
 

Reilly Painting & Contracting
THE HOME MECHANICS
 What's "Driving You Crazy" About Your Home?
 - That broken door knob, clogged drain, or loose stair rail?
 - Outdated, ugly kitchen, bath, or family room?
 - We can help you sell, market or rent your home.
 - Need help with your iPhone, Laptop, Netflix or Skype?
FREE CONSULTATION | 216-371-8160 | rpc@reillypainting.com

GIFTS MORE THAN \$150

Mariposa Cheese Board. (\$154, Jubilee Gifts in the Heights) **17**

12 Yoga Classes to help with those New Year's resolutions. (\$162, www.lovinghandsyoga.com)

Cameras. (\$189.00 and up, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

15" Digital Photo Frame. (\$199.00, Cedar Center MotoPhoto)

Djembe Drum from Burkina Faso. (\$295.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Noah's Ark, one-of-a-kind pieces from Cameroon, West Africa. (\$235.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Dragon Gong, hand-pounded and etched with dragons. (\$225.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Golden Horizons Alpaca Throw from Peru and Bolivia. (\$195.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Eco-Leather Sleek Purse, handcrafted in India. (\$175.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Tree of Hope Wall Hanging from Haiti. (\$185, Ten Thousand Villages)

Velvet Jacket with Floral Appliqués. (More than \$150.00, Blush Boutique) **15**

Dream Day of Beauty Spa Package, European Four-Layer Facial, Dream Pedicure, Swedish Relaxation Massage and a Dream Spa Manicure. (\$249.00, Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa)

Old Gringo Cowboy Boots, each style is unique and handcrafted. (\$460.00-\$520.00, Passport to Peru) **18**



FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING

A basket of gift cards from several of our wonderful Heights restaurants. Everyone enjoys a night out to dinner. (Various Heights restaurants)

A gift certificate from the Lusty Wrench, eco-conscious car repair. Issued in any desired denomination. (Lusty Wrench)

Peace Dove, handmade in Haiti. (\$34.00, Ten Thousand Villages)

Salt Crystal Lamp from Pakistan's Punjab province, releases negative ions to help reduce indoor air pollutants. (\$44.00, Ten Thousand Villages) **19**



Square Platter with interchangeable charms for every occasion and holiday. (Platter and one charm \$54; additional charms \$12 each, Jubilee Gifts in the Heights)

80-Minute Swedish Relaxation Massage. For the person who has everything but just needs a little me time. (\$100, Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa)

Ashtamangal Singing Bowl, magical humming sound from a singing bowl touches deep and comforts. (\$110, Ten Thousand Villages)

Gjaltema Sterling Silver and Abalone Shell Necklace. (\$600.00, Blush Boutique) **16**



RAINFOREST CAR WASH



Monthly Unlimited Ultimate Wash Pass - \$30

Enjoy the convenience of a monthly membership with our Ultimate Unlimited Package. Just drive up and we'll scan your vehicles barcode. No need to hassle with paying for each wash. Includes a free Motorcars Extra Value Book, a \$25 value.

Pre-paid Ultimate Wash Book - \$40

You can receive the same savings of a monthly plan without the commitment. Each of the **5 car wash vouchers** can be used independently. Treat someone in your life to a great gift, or simply wash your other vehicle as well.

Motorcars Extra Value Book - \$25

- \$200 off Resistal Treatment
- \$40 in points for Vehicle Comparison
- Buy 3 Tires, Get 1 Free
- \$20 Oil Change & Tire Rotation
- Free Alignment Inspection
- Buy One, Get One Wiper Blades
- Save \$500 on service contract
- 25% OFF any detail package
- \$250 OFF any 2012 Vehicle Purchase

Our express wash is a great low cost alternative to just get your car cleaned up and back on the road. Featuring de-ionized water and a spot free rinse. Plus a special hand applied bug cleaner.

Express Wash - \$9

The Ultimate Wash is just that. Including several upgrades over the Express Wash including the pressure washing prep station, triple foam polish, wheel & tire scrubbing and a RainX treatment.

Ultimate Wash - \$15

Career insurance man thrives in the Heights

Richard Stewart

One could say that the Heights area has been good to Stan Harris. With his laser-sharp focus on helping people manage the risks of everyday life, Harris has been helping clients since 1988.

"I help people manage the unexpected and plan for their dreams," said Harris, who on this day sits comfortably in his office above Starbucks on Cedar Road, which he's occupied for more than 21 years.

"We have over 100 products that we can offer our clients and we like to build relationships," he said.

In fact, Heights residents make up 80 percent of Harris's business.

"State Farm has the best combination of price, product and service in the industry. Our financial strength and name recognition help me and it's worked well in this community," he said.

His serve-local strategy has been a successful formula for longevity in a business that has seen substantial changes over the past few decades. Harris's wife, Laura, handles the life insurance portion of the business.

"We do a survey every two years to get a response from clients about how they feel about us," said Laura Harris. "We're accessible, reliable, dependable, knowledgeable and available 24/7."

A strong bond between Stan and Laura enabled them to successfully balance the pressures of mixing matrimony and business.

"It was challenging at first. We had



Stan Harris in his Heights Center Building office in the Cedar Fairmount business district.

to learn how to work together and I had to understand how he runs the business," said Laura. "I bring fresh eyes to the business and it's worked well."

Looking ahead to the future, Stan Harris sees even more opportunity to

capitalize on the community that has been responsible for so much of his success.

"We look for growth. We don't put a percentage on how much. The more people I can help educate, the more I

want to do that," he said. "A lot of people in Cleveland Heights recognize who the Stan Harris Insurance Agency is."

Richard Stewart is a FutureHeights board member and the owner of Digizoom Media.

Stock up on flu season immune system boosters

Patti Carlyle

The leaves have fallen. The kids are sneezing. Flu season is just around the corner. A few minutes of pantry, fridge and medicine cabinet preparation and you'll have nothing to fear.

Try kale. It is high in fiber, vitamin A and calcium. Braise it in some broth or white wine, add it to a smoothie, or make some kale chips. Not a fan? Try Brussels sprouts, which are rich in protein and vitamin C. Check the Internet for some fantastic Thanksgiving recipes.

Garlic is an antiviral immune powerhouse. Garlic tablets and gencaps demand breath mints, but without the taste worthiness of a delicious meal.

Raid your Garlic Fest stockpile or head out to your favorite Italian restaurant.

The lycopene and vitamin C in pink grapefruit boost immunity. Grapefruit also keeps skin looking smooth and vital while we sit in dry, overheated rooms.

Oh, how we miss that sun. Once winter hits Cleveland, vitamin D hits the road. Fortified milk won't cut it, folks. Dr. Michael Roizen, of the Cleveland Clinic, recommends vitamin D as part of flu prevention. An adult maintenance dose is at least 2,000 IU daily, 1,000 IU for kids.

Overall health starts with our gut, where up to 80 percent of our immune system lives and works . . . or doesn't. Lactobacillus and Saccharomyces bou-



Patti Carlyle

lardii are the most effective for intestinal upsets. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for recommendations.

You're feeling feverish and achy. You

are officially getting the flu. Quick, try some Oscilloccinum, a homeopathic alternative medicine. It is most effective when symptoms, such as headache, chills and fatigue, begin. Oscillo is available at Whole Foods.

A few last words: Avoid sugar, stress and antibacterial soap. Sugar and stress, sure, but why the germ-killing soap? Check out the complete article at www.heightsfamilyhealth.com, along with more suggestions for relieving coughs, colds and other winter illnesses.

Patti Carlyle, a homeopathic practitioner, offers treatment and classes at Heights Family Health in Cleveland Heights. She and her family live in University Heights.

GERACI'S RESTAURANT

2266 Warrensville Center Road
University Heights, Ohio 44118
216 371-5643
216 382-5333
www.geracisrestaurant.net

As seen on
Diners,
Drive-ins
and Dives

HEIGHTS FRAME & ART

Custom Picture Framing

2252 Warrensville Center Road
University Heights, Ohio 44118
216-371-3711

heightsframe@sbcglobal.net

PACIFIC East

Japanese and Malaysian Restaurant

1763 Coventry Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
www.pacificeastcoventry.com

Mon. - Thurs. : 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri.: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Sat.: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Sun.: 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Tel: 216-320-2302 Fax: 216-320-2306

class1pavers@sbcglobal.net

Call for Fall specials . . .

Class 1 Pavers & Remodelers

Ask for Gary or Mike
(216) 392-1335

Specializing in:

- Residential Driveways
- Asphalt & Concrete
- Masonry
- Roofing
- Sealcoating
- Siding
- Windows

1481 Warrensville Ctr. Rd.
www.class1pavers.com

Financing Available

Simon's Auto Service to expand

Frank Tescone

Simon's Auto Services, a fixture at Lee Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard for 40 years, is embarking on a major renovation that will replace the current three-bay shop with a six-bay facility. The expansion will have space for 18 cars to be stored overnight and will include a waiting room.

The shop, which faces Lee Road, will remain open during construction. The new building will be north and west of the shop, facing Euclid Heights Boulevard. When it is complete, the old shop will be cleared for parking. The entire space will be landscaped. Owner Simon Daher says construction is likely to begin sometime next year.

Daher, who runs the shop along with his brother, Steve, cites increased business and the need to store new equipment as the reasons for expansion.

Daher's father Aref, and a partner, opened the shop in 1972 as A&M Auto Repair. He learned his trade repairing Pepsi-Cola trucks in his home country of Lebanon. A&M Auto Repair functioned as a full-service station until the early 1990's.

Simon Daher grew up on Hampshire Road in Coventry Village. He started working at the shop when he was 13. He likes Cleveland Heights because "you enjoy working for people that you know." He also appreciates its diversity, reflected in the variety of cars he works on. "We'll work on a Mercedes and then a Chevy Chevette from the 70s. We'll work on a \$90,000 vehicle and then a



Simon Daher and his brother, Steve, run the auto service shop founded in 1972 by their father.

\$1,500 vehicle."

Daher attributes the success of Simon's to repeat business, word of mouth, and Google reviews. "Two to three people a week come in based on these reviews," he said.

Daher says he can compete with dealers because they charge a lot for packaged services that your car might not need. Any service done at Simon's is reported on Car Fax. He explains that the Magnuson-Moss Act of 1975 forces

dealers to honor warranties even if required services are completed outside the dealership.

Daher says the biggest change in car repair since he started is that it is now difficult for people to repair their own cars. Today, a scanning tool is used to diagnose problems. It costs \$4,000 plus \$1,000 a year to update the software. Simon and his brother go to school once or twice a month to keep up with new technology. "It's challenging and it's

different every day," he said.

As for the future, Daher says cars will be driving themselves. The Google car "is computer controlled and that's where it's all going." He says Ford is working on a car that will bring you back into your own lane if you fall asleep. Acura has a car that will slam on the brakes if you are coming up too fast on an object and will pull the seatbelt to wake you up if you fall asleep. These features are limited to expensive cars, but eventually will be standard.

Daher says car mechanics will be needed, but they will have to go to school and purchase and program equipment for these new features. Daher is no Luddite when it comes to high tech car repair.

Frank Tescone teaches writing and literature at the University of Mount Union and lives in Cleveland Heights.

IMD Cleveland Heights High School
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Proudly presents its
FALL CONCERT

At the CHHS Dina Rees Auditorium
Friday, November 16th
7:30 p.m.

Featuring the
Heights High Symphony
Senior Soloist, Sara Friedberg, Viola
Symphonic Winds,
Concert Orchestra
& the CHHS Jazz Ensemble

Chamber ensembles play for enjoyment
6:30 p.m. in the Social Room

Visit us at www.heightsimd.org

KEEPING THE HEIGHTS
HIGH
{ON CAFFEINE}
FOR OVER 20 YEARS

2287 LEE ROAD + 1854 COVENTRY ROAD

WWW.PHOENIXCOFFEE.COM

The right start lasts a lifetime

Hanna Perkins School

PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN • TODDLER PROGRAMS

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2013

A FOCUS ON:

- Lifelong academic learning
- Building relationships
- Curiosity and creativity
- Mastery of feelings/self-control
- Problem solving
- Self advocacy

FEATURING:

- Daily fresh, local, natural lunch
- Outdoor playgrounds • Indoor gym
- Community garden
- Bright, spacious classrooms
- Convenient location
- Abundant parking

WHERE EXTRAORDINARY FRESH & LOCAL CULINARY CREATIONS MEET CASUAL COMFORT

THANK YOU FOR VOTING THE TAVERN COMPANY AS YOUR FAVORITE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS BUSINESS 2 YEARS IN A ROW!!

BAR HOURS:
MON-SAT 5P-2A
SUN 10:30A-2A
KITCHEN HOURS:
MON, WED & THURS 5P-10P
TUES 5P-10:30P (TRIVIA AT 10P!)
FRI -SAT 5P-11P
SUN 10:30A-9P

The Tavern Company
2260 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
216-321-6001

TavernCompany.com

Schedule a visit to learn about our individualized curriculum and unique team approach. Call Educational Director Barbara Streeter at (216) 929-0194.

19910 Malvern Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122
(216) 991-4472 • www.hannaperkins.org

Community engagement is the ethos of Dewey's Pizza

Richard Stewart

What began in 1998 as a single pizza store in the Oakley Square neighborhood of Cincinnati has blossomed into 16 stores spanning two states. Dewey's Pizza in the Heights opened on Lee Road in 2005, joining the growing number of restaurants on the street.

Known for its youthful feel, family-friendly atmosphere and quality pizza, the restaurant took over the location formerly inhabited by Chuck's Diner.

Dave Igel, managing partner of the pizza chain, said that local ties factored into the decision to open on Lee.

"Our owner, Andrew Dewitt, had some friends up here. He was familiar with Northern Ohio, and it's an area we wanted to be in, so we decided to move to Cleveland Heights," said Igel.

Readers of the *Heights Observer* recently voted Dewey's as Best Pizza in the Heights, an honor Igel relishes.

"It's a nice pat on the back for the staff that everything we do, and everything we strive to do well, is greatly appreciated by the people who have a chance to enjoy it. It's a great honor," said Igel.

"One of the best things that I take from [the award] is that it's voted on just by the people of the community that we operate in," he said.

Though Dewey's has been around for just seven years, it feels like a quintessential Cleveland Heights gathering place and is crowded most nights of the week. It has become popular with young families, and it's easy to run into

a familiar face there. Igel says that is no accident.

"One of our strong points is the fact that we're involved in multiple communities through our restaurants. One of our missions is always to be part of the community that we're in and to integrate ourselves, because that's the very basis of what we do as a community restaurant," said Igel. "One of our strongest forms of local advertising is our involvement with charities and business organizations. It's something that we take great pride in and something that's a definite focus of what we do."

In fact, Igel credits the community engagement ethos of Dewey's Pizza, in large part, to the overall success of the company.

"Part of the success is knowing that this is the kind of atmosphere that we want to create; this is the way we want to do business," said Igel. "I'm sure we would probably make more money if we opened in the middle of Beachwood Mall, but you gotta make your money in a way you're happy with."

Igel credits Dewey's employees with much of the restaurant's success.

"The most important people are those who make the food and wait on the tables. They represent our company and our culture to everyone who has a chance to come in and try us," said Igel.

Igel's mantra is that Dewey's is more than a pizzeria. It is a responsible corporate citizen that cares deeply about the communities in which it operates.

"Just recently we gave the store a little facelift—new awnings, signage



Dewey's Pizza attracts a crowd any night of the week.

and planters. For us it's a good thing to make our restaurant look great, but it also contributes to the overall look and aesthetic of the community. We hope to continue to work within the community to not only build our business, but also to build our relationships and be here for as long as we possibly can," said Igel.

Dewey's goal is simple: keep serving great food.

"In seven years I've watched kids

grow up here in front of my eyes," said Igel, "and I always say I look forward to when the kid I saw come in when he was three-years-old comes in with his own three-year-old. That's our goal in the long term—continued success, growth and expansion, especially in the Cleveland area."

Richard Stewart is the owner of Digizoom Media and a FutureHeights board member.



CONGRATULATIONS 2012 Award Winners, Finalists and Nominees!

Best New Business

Sweetie Fry*
The Wine Spot
The BottleHouse Brewery

Best Pizza

Dewey's Pizza*
Marotta's
Geraci's

Best Curb Appeal

Anatolia Café*
The Tavern Company
Luna Bakery & Café

Best Ethnic Eats

Anatolia Café*
Café Tandor
Aladdin's

Best Coffee

Phoenix Coffee*
Starbucks
Stone Oven

Best Place for Fashion

Revive Fair Trade*
Blush Boutique
American Apparel

Best Place to Express Your Spirituality

Atma Center*
Communion of Saints Parish
Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland
Fairmount Presbyterian Church

Best Place to Get in Shape

CH Community Center*
Jazzercise
Atma Center

Best Barber Shop

Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa*
Crazy Mullets
Adam's Barbershop

Best Salon or Spa

Shawn Paul Salon*
Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa
Crazy Mullets

Best Place for an Oil Change

Washington & Lee Service*
Alternative Solutions
The Lusty Wrench
Simon's Auto

Best Place to Take a Date

Cedar Lee Theatre*
Nighttown
Taste

Best Place for a Sandwich

Stone Oven*
Melt Bar & Grilled
The Tavern Company
Tommy's

Best Contractor

Skettle Electric*
The Beard Group
Monroe Constructs
Reilly Painting & Contracting

Best Place to Study

Heights Libraries*
Lee Road Library
Phoenix Coffee
Starbucks

Best Heights Spirit

CH-UH Schools*
Big Fun, Steve Presser
Tommy's, Tom Fello

Best Place for Music

The Grog Shop*
Nighttown
Cain Park

Best Bar, Pub or Tavern

Brennan's Colony*
The Tavern Company
The BottleHouse Brewery

Best Place to Take Your Kids

Sweetie Fry*
Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park
Heights Libraries

Best UH Business

Bialy's Bagels*
Whole Foods Market
Geraci's

Best CH Business

The Tavern Company*
Tommy's
Quintana's Barber & Dream Spa
Ten Thousand Villages

Board Choice Award

Academy Music*

* Winner of the category