Cleveland Heights residents flock to chickens

Doug Katz opens new diner on Lee Road

Jim Henke

Doug Katz, the chef who owns fire food & drink on Shaker Square and Provenance at the Cleveland Museum of Art, has opened a new restaurant in Cleveland Heights. Called The Katz Club Diner, the restaurant is located in the twin diner cars at 1975 Lee Road, across the street from Zagara’s Marketplace.

Several other chefs attempted to run restaurants in the historic building modeled after railroad dining cars, but ultimately all failed. Katz, who lives on East Overlook, the street adjacent to the restaurant, believes he can succeed. “I live nearby,” he said, “and I watched all of the incarnations. I watched it, and I watched it, and I watched it fail.” When he found out the building was available, he worked out a deal.

The Katz Club Diner serves breakfast all day. It also features classic diner food, including club sandwiches, soups and salads, as well as entreé specials, such as turkey with stuffing and meat loaf. Katz is also offering vegetarian items and Jewish foods, such as matzoh ball soup and brisket.

Since 2002, five restaurants have been in this location: Dottie’s Diner, Chris & Jimmy’s Diner, Gali Gali, Clyde’s Bistro and Favor Bistro. Katz believes the past failures occurred for various reasons. “Initially, there was so much expense involved in creating this building that it was hard to make ends meet,” he said. And then I think there were various operational issues after that.”

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CH-UH considers placing school facilities bond issue on November ballot

Deanna Bremer Fisher

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education (BOE) will allow additional time at its June 4 meeting to hear public comments and questions about the school facilities plan and the need to place a bond issue on the November ballot.

Ron Register, school board president, said, “People will still have a five-minute limit, but more individuals will have an opportunity to talk.”

Register said that the BOE would likely use its June 8 meeting to examine concerns and any unanswered questions posed at the June 4 meeting. “The board would likely vote on July 2 for

Heights Arts’ Peggy Spaul wins a 2013 Cleveland Arts Prize

Simone Quartell

The Cleveland Arts Prize has announced that Peggy Spaul, executive director of Heights Arts, is a 2013 winner of the Martha Joseph Prize for Distinguished Service to the Arts.

Spaul, who plans to retire her position as Heights Arts director in July, is one of three winners this year’s Martha Joseph Prize. The other winners are Jill Snyder, executive director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland; and Fred and Laura Bidwell, art collectors and philanthropists, who opened the Transformer Station, a new exhibition space for contemporary art, in Ohio City in January.

The Cleveland Arts Prize website describes the Martha Joseph Prize as one that “is awarded annually to an individual or an organization that because of exceptional commitment, vision, leadership or philanthropy has made a significant contribution to the vitality and stature of the arts in Northeast Ohio.”

The Heights Arts Board of Directors nominated Spaul for the Martha Joseph Prize. Five letters of recommendation were required, and nominations were due in February. Spaul said she found out that she had won during the last week of April. “I am thrilled and honored to have won this,” said Spaul, who said that she has been involved with the arts most of her life. She pointed out that multiple past winners of the Cleveland Arts Prize have come from Cleveland Heights.

While growing up in Shaker Heights, Spaul took multiple school field trips to visit the Cleveland Museum of Art and to see the Cleveland Orchestra

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Photos: Jeff Dahlem

The Katz Club Diner held its grand opening May 28.

Doug Trottter

Spicy, an 8-month-old Golden Buff chicken, raids up on backyard chicken raising. Her owner, Heights resident Doug Trottter, wrote the chicken article for Edible Cleveland that Spicy is reading.
The Heights Observer, one of several independent civic-journalism projects in Northeast Ohio

Deanna Bremer Fisher

Recently, someone brought me a copy of the Healthy & Humane Observer and asked, “When did you start publishing this?” The fact is, FutureHeights is not publishing any other newspapers. Healthy & Humane is one of several geographically-based or theme-based publications started by the Observer Group, but each one of us is independently owned and operated. I sat down with Jim O’Bryan, publisher of the Lakewood Observer and founder of the Observer Group, to find out more about our sister publications.

“The Observer creates a downtown town square. In its essence, it says the town bares, particularly when it comes to public-funded projects,” said O’Bryan.

“Think about everything that is going on in a community,” he said. “A community needs to be comfortable in its own skin. The paper has to be as inexact as a conference table where everyone has a seat. The table has to be so inviting that everyone feels comfortable coming to the table. They have to know that they will not be ridiculed or embarrassed for the questions they ask or the answers they provide.”

There are eight other geographic communities in Northeast Ohio that have Observer papers and there are two theme-based ones. The Lakewood Observer is the oldest. It was founded in 2004 by a group of high school buddies who wanted a new way to get more information out to their community.

The Heights Observer followed in 2008. We were the first community group to approach the Lakewood folks and ask to license the proprietary software they developed, the Ninth Estate. We secured the Observer name and followed—from more or less—Lakewoods philosophy of community news reporting.

Then came the Westlake/Bay Village Observer, the Collinwood Observer and the Parma Observer in 2009, followed by the Euclid Observer in 2010, the Garfield District Observer in 2011 and the Rockport Observer (Rocky River and Fairview) in 2012.

In 2012, the Observer Group helped establish the Great Lakes Courier, a nationwide publication written by bicyclists for the bicycle community. The Healthy & Humane Observer followed in 2013. It’s a publication that is written and maintained by health and environmental experts, I also learned that others have the false impression that not only are there no negatives to artificial turf, but that there are good alternatives. I wondered to myself, how did this happen? I have some ideas.

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Highlights from Observer blogs

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Wanted: New playing fields that are good for our community’s fiscal and physical health

As I learned about organic turf care, I accidentally learned more about artificial (synthetic) turf and its sudden ubiquity. While I learned about the exorbitant cost of artificial turf and its many negative health and environmental implications from numerous public health and environmental experts, I also learned that others have the false impression that not only are there no negatives to artificial turf, but that there are good alternatives. I wondered to myself, how did this happen? I have some ideas.

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Support local independent merchants.
A park at Meadowbrook and Lee?

To the Editor:

One year, at a local holiday pottery sale, I bought my younger daughter a decorative plate; it is all black except for one corner where there is a rising yellow moon. Underneath the moon are the words, “The barn burned down, now I can see the moon.” I couldn’t be that sanguine, but I am a firm believer that change creates opportunity. My point? The Orleán Company’s plan to build apartments and retail on the city-owned property at Meadowbrook and Lee fell through. I don’t know why.

We all want a vibrant local economy; we just have different ideas about how to make this happen. Many of us think that a smart, sophisticated urban greenspace at Meadowbrook and Lee is what will put feet on the street and make the Lee Road neighborhood even more appealing. If you are one of those people, we hope you will bring all your ideas and join a community conversation on Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the Lee Road Library.

A few preliminary ideas are: grass sculptures; a sculpture park (maybe we can borrow some art from the Sculpture Center); spots for food carts or food trucks; a Dugway display (Dugway Brook is culverted near this site); an amphitheater; a dog park for two hours in the morning; a skateboard park certain hours of the week; murals on a wall that separates the upper and lower sections; water sculptures that operate from stormwater runoff. Any and all ideas are wanted. Even if we can’t use them all at this site, they may inspire other projects elsewhere in the city.

If you can’t attend the forum on June 10, please send your ideas and images to Alice Jeresko, director of the Dug Way Greenspace Advocates, at ajeresko@icloud.com.

Fran Mentrech
Cleveland Heights

Brick streets are one of the city’s many assets

To the Editor:

I am worried about one of the opinions expressed by Mary Dunbar in her article “Cleveland Heights road repairs” [Heights Observer, April 1]. Ms. Dunbar wrote, “Though charming, Cleveland Heights’s few remaining brick roads can be cost prohibitive to maintain. Covering them with asphalt improves driving safety and makes repairs affordable.”

This seems to me to be a curious statement from a member of Cleveland Heights City Council. Cleveland Heights is blessed with many charming homes, commercial buildings and parks. If we only consider cost, I guess it is true that all of our charming assets could be replaced with alternatives that would make them less “cost prohibitive to maintain,” but then Cleveland Heights would be just another suburban clone community.

I live in a house that is almost one hundred years old on one of our “few remaining brick roads.” I have no intention of modernizing my charming leaded glass windows or replacing my wood siding with aluminum. I am more than willing to pay a bit more to live in an old house that is not completely cost effective. It would be a loss to our city if Exeter Road—or any of our other beautiful, historic brick streets—became one more road covered with asphalt.

Larry Anderson
Exeter Road, Cleveland Heights

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Spaeth became the founding director of Heights Arts in 2000. Cleveland Heights-University Heights public schools when her children attended them. Spaeth became the founding director of Heights Arts in 2000. The Cleveland Arts Prize also, “from time to time,” awards the Robert Bergman Prize to one “whose life and activities communicate the joys, excitement and deep human relevance of the arts to broad segments of the Northeast Ohio community.” This year, Milton and Tamar Maltz were recognized with the Bergman Prize.

The Joseph and Bergman prizes are recognition-only awards. The Cleveland Arts Prize also awards $10,000 prizes in the disciplines of literature, visual arts, music and dance, and design. Those prizes are awarded in three categories: Emerging Artist (two prizes awarded), Mid-Career Artist (two prizes awarded) and Lifetime Achievement (one winner). All of this year’s Cleveland Arts Prize winners will be honored at a ceremony on Thursday, June 27, at the Cleveland Museum of Art. For more information, visit www.clevelandartsprize.org.

Simone Quarrell, a Heights High graduate, is a student at Cleveland State University and a Heights Observer intern.
To the Editor:

A common pleas judge has rejected an attempt by the City of Cleveland Heights to block a public records case from going to trial.

Cleveland Heights residents Douglas Whipple and Susan Tuck-Whipple, had submitted two public records requests to the city in 2011—before the project began. The residents sought records relating to the conduct of city council and the administration leading up to the rehabilitation of Taylor Road. The project narrowed South Taylor Road and allocated all of the resulting green space to the commercial east side of the street and none to the residential west side.

The residents had complained that the city authorized the construction project without proper notice to the public; and that the city and ODOT failed to conduct an environmental impact hearing. They had requested records to substantiate these claims.

The city argued in its motion that the residents were entitled to a trial because the requested records were either eventually delivered or did not exist. The residents responded that the city never delivered some existing materials, and failed to deliver others until after months of improper delay—and then only after the lawsuit had been filed.

The judge ruled that the residents are entitled to a trial to determine whether the city violated the Ohio Public Records Act. The judge also gave the residents permission to question Robert Downey, former city manager, under oath about the failure to conduct the environmental impact hearing. The full opinion of the judge may be found at www.whipple-law.com. Trial is scheduled to take place the week of Aug. 12.

Both sides are discussing the possibility of an out-of-court settlement. As part of these discussions, the residents are asking the city to agree to improve the content of its written public records policy and to ensure that the proper city officials and employees have obtained adequate training in responding to public records requests.

The State of Ohio and other cities have excellent public records policies available for the city to use as models. The adoption of an improved and accessible public records policy would benefit the city and its citizens, as well. It would represent a win-win outcome to the Taylor Road lawsuit.

Douglas Whipple
Cleveland Heights

[Editor’s note: The letter above was submitted by Cleveland Heights residents Douglas Whipple and Susan Tuck-Whipple, who have an ongoing complaint against the City of Cleveland Heights over its conduct in planning the repaving of S. Taylor Road near Severance Center. While the Whipples’ complaint began during the planning stages, the project was completed last year. We contacted the city to ask for the its response, and the city has no response out of respect to the judicial process.]
University Heights 2013 Memorial Day Parade

The City of University Heights held its 47th annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27 to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. Several Heights community groups, schools, local businesses and elected officials participated in the parade, which traveled east on Silsby Road to Belvoir Boulevard and ended at John Carroll University (JCU). Following the parade, a memorial program was held on the steps of the JCU Natatorium. See more photos online at www.heightsobserver.org.

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The 18-month-old daughter is particularly interested in the environment, and built Wilson’s family has always been interested in the environment, and built a vegetable garden shortly after moving into their house. “The chickens are a great source of entertainment,” Wilson said. “Now that the weather’s nice, sometimes we go in the backyard and watch them.” His 8-month-old daughter is particularly fascinated by the chickens. “Sometimes that the conditional use “requires the applicant ensure the health and well-being of the chicken so that it is not endangered.”

City code allows a maximum of four hens for a residential property to be owned by each family. In addition to the 18 households that currently own chicken coops, six additional families have applied, and they will be on the planning commission’s June agenda.

Knittel says that she has discussed the project with many people, and in outside of Cleveland Heights, who are “excited and interested in keeping hens for the purpose of fresh eggs.”

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University Heights City Council
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Street resurfacing
Council authorized an agreement with Karvo Paving Company for the 2013 street resurfacing at a cost not to exceed $334,140.37. Paving will include portions of Lake Shore Drive, Washington Boulevard, East Carroll Boulevard, Mill Road and perhaps Shilby Road. An application has been submitted for Cuyahoga County Development Block Grant funding for the paving work on Lansdale Road. If that grant is not received, Lansdale Road will be repaved using city funds and Shilby Road will be removed from the list for this year. This paving contract was negotiated in partnership with University Heights.

Former Fuchs Mizrachi School
Council approved a motion, resolution and ordinance to deal with razings the city-owned property at 2301 Fenwick Road, formerly Fuchs Mizrachi School. The motion declared it be a nuisance property, which is necessary before the city can order demolition. Both David Menn, building commissioner, and Joe Cursi, engineer, had walked through the building and confirmed its poor condition. The approved ordinance authorized the demolition.

The resolution awarded the demolition contract to The Lower Cork Company. The service director will remove some of the cabinet before demolition. Councilman Frank Goldberg said there was interest in retrieving a quantity of bricks to sell to alumni as a fund-raiser. However, even with Cork Company “all of the materials and the company would have to agree to set aside a portion of the bricks.

Overnight parking
Council amended the ordinance prohibiting parking on the street between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. for more than 30 minutes by removing the 30-minute provision. Neighboring communities do not have this provision.

Electronic device use while driving
Council amended the ordinance prohibiting the use of electronic wireless communication devices for text-based communication while driving. Texting while driving, or using any electronic device while driving, will now be a primary offense, meaning that someone can be pulled over specifically for this offense. The fine for the first offense would be two points on one’s license plus $100, the second offense $250, and the third $500. There would be a 60-day warning period after the legislation is passed. Offenses are cumulative across Ohio, not only within University Heights. Councilwoman Susan Pardue clarified that the legislation also applies to the use of devices for looking up addresses or adjusting a GPS device, not only the use of cell phones for texting or talking.

Home exterior inspections
The city building department has begun conducting exterior home inspections.

Senior Citizen Happenings
Senior Citizen Happenings, sponsored by the City of University Heights, are open to all. Events take place on Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the University Heights Library. For information, and to suggest program topics, contact the UH Office for Senior Services at 216-397-0336.

June 6: Mandy Mehlenbach, community educator for the Housing Research Advocacy Center, will discuss the center’s dedicated efforts to create vibrant, diverse communities, as it celebrates its 30th anniversary.

School facilities plans
Councilman Phillip Etzler discussed the draft of the (facilities) plan for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, which will be presented to the board of education on May 7. The board does not have to abide by the recommendations. The draft currently states that Gear- city Elementary School remains functional, the board of education and district administration remains in place, and the Wiley Middle School building will be used as a school until renovations and a new school are complete. There will be a bond issue for $4.6 million on the November ballot, which would mean an increase of $198 per year on a $100,000 house. The bond issue needs to pass in order to be able to receive a grant from the state.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEWS
CH police join iWatch Northeast Ohio

Deanna Bremer Fisher

The Cleveland Heights Police Department has joined the iWatch Northeast Ohio mobile crime-watch program. The iWatch Northeast Ohio mobile app was launched by the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center on May 15 and is available for the Apple, Android and BlackBerry operating systems. Through the app, residents can report suspicious or criminal activity directly to police in real time using their mobile phones, tablets or computers. Residents can send text, photos and video. The tips are encoded so that they automatically and is available for the Apple, Android and BlackBerry operating systems.

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“iWATCH is another tool that helps bring the police and the residents we serve closer together in solving crimes and problems that are occurring in the city,” said Jeffery Robertson, Cleveland Heights police captain. “Coupled with our Meet Your Police program, Twitter and Facebook pages, and the Community “TIP” line, 216-291-2010, there are many new ways that residents can reach us.”

The program is not a replacement for calling 911 in an emergency, but it is meant to provide an additional way for residents to share information with police. Residents can also sign up to receive alerts about severe weather, school closings, power outages and crime.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center was created by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (and the U.S. Department of Justice to gather, receive and analyze crime data in Northeast Ohio.

“As the site continues to evolve, we will be able to send information directly to residents that have downloaded the application and chosen CHPD as their department,” said Robertson. “The key with these initiatives is community participation. The more residents are aware of these outlets and use them, the better the results will be. Communication between the police and the public is imperative for success.”

In an e-mail, Susan Infeld, mayor of University Heights, said that she had not been aware of the program. Calls to the University Heights Police Department were not returned as of press time.

For more information and to download the free app, visit www.iwatchneo-hio.com.

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

Cleveland Heights resident and Ashland University Faculty member Fabio Polanco is the recipient of the University’s 2013 Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award. The award, first presented in 1997, was endowed by the late Edward and Louaine Taylor to support high quality teaching at the university.

Polanco, assistant professor of the arts, joined the faculty in 2007. “Fabio Polanco is someone who is indicative of the high quality of the faculty at Ashland University,” said Frank Pettigrew, university provost. “He is unique in that he is acting in shows all across Ohio, which then he translates back to his students in a real-world approach that helps them become more successful in the industry.”

After receiving the award on April 21, Polanco addressed the convocation on the topic “The Courage to Search, Accept and Give.”

“Nothing you could fabricate is ever going to be as interesting or valuable as who you are at your core, and your job as an artist, and as a person, is to have the courage to seek, acknowledge, free, accept and give, without shame, of your personal thoughts, feelings and values to others,” he said.

“You have to. Aside from being healthy in the arts, and I argue about all fields, it’s a pragmatic necessity. It is what will separate you from someone who is technically masterful, but not truly present,” said Polanco, adding that it is scary to expose oneself in that way.

“It takes courage to search within yourself, accept what you find and give of it freely,” he said. “Luckily, most artists, as well as individuals in all disciplines and walks of life, have an innate desire to understand themselves and the world around them.”

For Polanco, September 11, 2001, was a turning point—a “stark reminder of the unpredictable and temporal reality of life.” He realized that, for his career, all he really wanted was to do quality work that he cared about with people he liked, and that he needed to be in New York to do that; he could do it in Cleveland. So, after seven years in New York, City, Polanco moved back to Northeast Ohio.

“Suddenly everything I was doing meant so much more, because I was not doing things to fulfill anyone else’s expectations, to fit some norm, but because I want to, because it mattered to me, because I had set myself on the path of searching myself, accepting myself and finally having the courage not to be ashamed of what was there and to give freely of what I found,” said Polanco.

The irony, he said, is that the minute he started on this new path, the quality of his work increased and his career prospered. “Suddenly I became a much stronger actor, I was having fun through my work and that joy was reflected in its quality, and incredibly, my phone would not stop ringing, even New York came searching for me all the way in Cleveland,” he said.

As a teacher, Polanco said he works hard to find strategies that will help each student reach his or her goals, explaining, “I try to meet my students wherever they are on their journey and help them progress along the path that they have set.”

The Taylor Teaching Award selection committee reviews submitted materials of faculty members who are nominated by students, faculty or department chairs. The committee, comprised of former Taylor Award winners, also observes classroom sessions of those nominated.

Steve Hannan is the director of public relations for Ashland University.
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Recycling brochure
Council authorized acceptance of a 2013 Community Recycling Awareness Grant for $2,985 from the Cuyahoga Solid Waste Man-
agement District. This will be used to produce a brochure promoting recycling, to be enclosed with water bills.

Sponsor signs at athletic events
Council heard a first reading of two ordinances that would authorize the planning commission to approve sponsor signs at athletic fields and events. The first ordinance would allow approval of a sponsor scoreboard sign accessory to an athletic field under specified conditions, including mount
ing and removal on the day of the event. The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on these ordinances and a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

Police vehicle purchases
Council approved purchases of police vehicles through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program, including:
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Savings on bond interest
Council approved the issuance and sale of bonds valued at about $1,625 million in order to refund at a lower interest cost the remainder owed on bonds issued in 2001. The city will save approximately $80,000 in interest.

Community Development Block Grants
Council reallocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by moving $4,000 from street resurfacing to parking lot resurfacing and by moving $15,000 from storefront loans to support consultants who will work on the storefront loan program.

Special Improvement Districts (SIDs)
Council approved legislation for the Cedar Fairmount, Cedar Lee, and Coventry Village SIDs. These include receipt and approval of five-year improvement plans for the Cedar Fairmount SID with an annual budget of $66,275, and the Cedar
Lee SID with an annual cost of $140,688. For the Coventry Village SID, council passed legislation that includes a special assessment on the commercial district to generate funds for implementing the Coventry Village SID plan for the next five years.

Bluestone Mayfield development
Council authorized an amendment to the devel
opment plan for the Bluestone development at 3505 Mayfield Road. The developer will build 11 three-story townhouses in place of two 22
unit loft buildings.

Tax abatements
Council extended the deadline for tax abate-
ments in the Severance Community Reinvest-
ment Area from July 2, 2013 to July 2, 2014. The deadline extension was needed due to delays in construction. The city offers tax abatements to support development in sections of the city des-
ignated as Community Reinvestment Areas.

Nighttown expansion
Council authorized the sale of 250 square feet of city-owned parking lot for $2,500 to Nighttown as part of the restaurant’s expan
sion plan.

Phoenix Coffee loan
Council authorized a $50,000 loan for five years from the city’s Commercial Revolving Loan Fund to Phoenix Coffee of Canton to renovate a new space at 1793 Coventry Road. The new space will cost less in rent and utilities.

Note: YouTube videos of Cleveland Heights City Council meetings may be accessed at www.youtube.com/clevelandheights.

Looking for earlier and often expanded postings of meeting summaries online at www.heightsobserver.org.
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Saturday, May 11, was a good day for community sharing and—dirt. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Montford Community Garden Association (MCGA) members, including Patrick Byrne, John Ludway, Laurel Freed-er, Diane Frederick, Curt and Suzie Coker, Michael Jones, Leslie Bates, and others assembled raised beds and filled them with soil in preparation for planting.

Several young people were on hand to help. Olivia Jones and her friend, Ashley Woldman, took a break from shoveling and raking to help Mayor Ed Kelley cut a ribbon, tied between two Fiskar's shovels, to dedicate the garden.

The garden, located at the corner of Montford and Windsor roads in Cleveland Heights, is the first community garden to be created on a vacant property resulting from a foreclosed and demolished home. MCGA has created 22 plots on the site. Community members who wish to work a plot pay a small fee and agree to participate in group work sessions to maintain the overall garden site. According to MCGA president, Patrick Byrne, all of the plots are contracted for, and at least two will be dedicated to food production for local food banks.

Susanna Niemann O'Neil, acting city manager, and Deanna Bremer Fish-er, executive director of FutureHeights, were also on hand to help dedicate the garden. The city purchased the lot from the Cuyahoga Land Bank and restored a water line to the property. FutureHeights is acting as fiscal agent for the project.

MCGA received a $3,500 grant and toolkit from Fiskars Brands Project Orange Thumb® and a $400 start-up grant from the OSU Extension Suburban Community Garden Program. The group hopes to raise additional funds to install a fence around the property.

For information, visit Montford Community Garden's Facebook page.

Mary Weems is a member of Montford Community Garden Association.

Mayor Ed Kelley helps cut the ribbon to dedicate the Montford Community garden.

Mayor Kelley helps dedicate garden

Heights Observer Editor

Free events abound in the Heights this summer. The City of Cleveland Heights is celebrating the 75th anniversary of Cain Park this year, and the park is hosting several free concerts.

On June 18 at 7 p.m., Cain Park will host the first concert in its free chamber music series, which is funded by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture; the Local 4 Music Fund, Leonard DeCosimo, president; and the Music Performance Trust Fund. The series begins with a performance of music from “Downtown Abbey” by the Amethyst String Quartet at the Alma Theater. The quartet is led by violinist Mary Beth Ions and features musicians from area professional orchestras.

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June 7 festival will promote awareness of refugees

Kayleen Herron

Us Together, an east-side refugee resettlement agency, will hold a festival offering entertainment, ethnic foods and a variety of booths from different nationalities.

This Community Refugee Festival will be held at John Carroll University’s Green Road Annex on June 7 from 6-9 p.m. Admission is $2 and open to the public.

“The festival will help us introduce our agency and refugees in our area to the community,” said Helen Tarkhanova, Us Together resettlement coordinator. “The organization is striving to improve awareness of refugees.”

The agency will share stories of refugees from other countries now living here. The majority are Bhutanese and Iraqi. All have fled danger or persecution.

The festival will offer buffet-style food from four ethnic restaurants: Restaurant Europa, Taza Lebanese Grill, Cafe Tandoor and Flavors of India. They represent cuisines of the dominant groups now being resettled.

A variety of booths and activities representing different cultures will be at the festival, as will a 50/50 raffle. Baskets of products from various stores will be auctioned. There will also be activities for children.

Roots of American Music will perform. Nadia Kasvin, Us Together director, will give a brief presentation and premiere a video about the agency, produced by Cold Robot Studios.

Us Together, which has been serving the East Side since 2008, coordinates and initiates services to immigrants and refugees. Last year the agency resettled 176 people, and it has resettled 92 so far this year.

Us Together is working with Council Member Jason Stein to make the City of Cleveland Heights an even more welcoming destination.

Artists, poets, craftsmen, farmers and others are encouraged to contact event coordinators to reserve a display table to showcase their items. All proceeds from the raffle and ticket sales will go to Us Together to serve refugees.

Tickets may be purchased either in advance or at the door. Call 216-456-9610, ext. 3, or e-mail Kayleen Herron at kherron@ustogether.us or Nicole Stacey at nicolestacey@live.com.

For more details on the event and the organization, visit www.ustogether.us.

Kayleen Herron is Us Together’s resettlement support and research specialist and volunteer coordinator.

Free Wheelin’ Wednesday bike rides

This summer, Heights Bicycle Coalition will again host Wednesday evening rides that showcase our community. These are social rides open to cyclists of all ages. The rides often conclude at a local restaurant or pub for refreshments.

Meet your neighbors and learn more about your community. With most destinations within a few miles via 25 mph tree-lined side streets, the Heights area is ideal for getting around by bike.

“Plus,” noted longtime cyclist Greg Donley, “you notice the little things, like the sounds of birds, the smell of freshly cut grass, and the strikingly varied textures of Heights area road surfaces.”

Join us for a fun ride! Free Wheelin’ Wednesday rides start from the Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park at 6:30 p.m.

June 12: Little Free Library—ride to University Circle for a potluck picnic and Wade Oval Wednesday concert, with music by Otis & The Shoreway Saints (Rock/Motown/Brith Mod), led by Lee Reis.


All rides are finished by dusk. Please wear a helmet.

Free Wheelin’ Wednesday bike rides

Jim Rokakis to speak at HRRC annual meeting

Kathryn Lad

The keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Home Repair Re-...
Bike Month 2013 in the Heights

May was Bike Month in the Heights, and community members celebrated with a month’s worth of bike-related events. On May 6, bicyclists rode together to Cleveland Heights’ City Hall, to thank the city for making the community more bicycle-friendly. CH-UH schools participated in National Bike or Walk to School Day on May 8, and held bike safety clinics. One school—Fairfax Elementary—held a Bike Rodeo. Bike to Work Day on May 17 got off to a sweet start at the intersection of Edgemont and Overlook roads, with free coffee and pastries, courtesy of Phoenix Coffee. An annual Ride of Silence, in honor of bicyclists who died in accidents on roadways, brought bicyclists together for a group ride from John Carroll University to University Circle. See more photos online at www.heightsobserver.org.

Watch for the Heights Libraries Book Bike this summer

Sheryl Banks

Heights Libraries has a fun new way to reach the community this summer. The Book Bike, a gift from the Friends of the Heights Libraries, will make appearances at festivals, parades and school events this summer and will be stocked with donated or canceled library books to give away. Volunteers from the Heights Bicycle Coalition will operate the bike, along with Heights Libraries staff members.

“It’s a great way to promote literacy in a very personal, targeted way,” said Sam Lapides, the library’s special projects coordinator. “We will tailor the books we bring and the outreach we do to our destination and audience, whether it be a school event, a visit to a senior center, or a concert at Cain Park.”

And because the Book Bike is people-powered, it promotes sustainability and literacy at the same time. “The Book Bike is just the latest way Heights Libraries is helping the environment,” said Nancy Levin, director. “The most basic library activities are, by definition, sustainable: we share books, DVDs, CDs, Playaways, magazines, puppets, games and computers, and we renovate our existing buildings instead of building new.”

Watch for the Book Bike this summer. If you are interested in arranging a visit from the Book Bike, contact Sam Lapides at 216-932-3600.

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

Grant Deming’s Forest Hill to hold district-wide open house, garage sale

Will DuGar

Residents of Grant Deming’s Forest Hill Historic District (GDFH) are planning two June events to promote their neighborhood. On Sunday, June 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., realtors representing 20 homes currently listed for sale will hold open houses.

On Saturday, June 22, the day before the open house, GDFH will host a community-wide garage sale. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In case of rain, the sale will be rescheduled for June 29.

GDFH, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2010, is bordered by Euclid Heights Boulevard, and Lee, Cedar and Coventry roads. The neighborhood features more than 750 historic homes, mostly built between 1910 and 1930, in a variety of architectural styles. The open house will provide a convenient way for prospective buyers to tour several homes, in a variety of sizes and prices, at one time.

Current residents will staff several Welcome Houses throughout the neighborhood to provide information, answer questions and discuss the benefits of living in the district.

At least 10 real estate companies plan to participate in the open house. Prospective homebuyers and those interested in learning about the neighborhood are welcome to tour with or without a realtor.

For more information, visit www.grantdemingneighborhood.org.

Will DuGar is a 38-year resident of Grant Deming’s Forest Hill Historic District.
Cleveland leadership program seeks 2013 applicants

Kendra Dean

In 2006, the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation established a leadership training and development program for engaged neighborhood leaders. The Neighborhood Leadership Development Program (NLDP) is a free, 10-week program that includes community engagement training sessions for residents of Cleveland and those who live in its inner-ring suburbs and work with Cleveland neighborhood groups.

NLDP seeks to create more vibrant Cleveland neighborhoods by using the intentional change model, which consists of five discoveries about oneself. Practitioners in the areas of nonprofit management, marketing, event development, fundraising and organizational leadership are NLDP presenters and facilitators. Every NLDP participant and graduate has ongoing access to the program coaches, who give advice and support. Each cohort consists of up to 20 individuals who are currently engaged neighborhood leaders in the city of Cleveland, narrowed down from 70-100 applicants.

The program began as a way to develop leadership in the City of Cleveland. “The belief was that a significant amount of social and economic issues affecting the county were centered in Cleveland,” Sandra Kluk, program administrator, explained. “Therefore, we decided to start there.”

Kluk, a 27-year Heights resident, realized last year that many people like her were working to revitalize Cleveland, live in the Heights or other inner-ring suburbs. She encouraged NLDP to open program participation to residents of inner-ring suburbs.

“NLDP graduates are very engaged in their communities,” said Kluk. “Their commitment is demonstrated through the volunteer work they do. They participate in their communities in very tangible ways.”

Jon Benedict, a 2009 NLDP graduate and Heights native, said that the program has helped shape his work. “It has given me more perspective on the diverse viewpoints that arise around a city, and it has given me a better sense of how to engage and work with the people who hold those differing views in an attempt to find commonality,” he said.

Benedict is vice president of R Strategy Group, a Cleveland-based company that provides strategic and communications counsel to clients with challenges and needs in the public sphere. One of his clients is the communications office of the CH-UH school district. He is also the co-founder and editor of Edible Cleveland, a quarterly magazine devoted to Northeast Ohio’s local food scene.

Benedict encourages people who are serious about community building to apply for the program. “It’s a substantial commitment of time, so it’s not something to take lightly or dabble in,” he said. “But for someone who wants to enhance their learning and leadership skills, meet exceptional people from all walks of life, and really learn about Cleveland and its neighborhoods, it’s a great opportunity.”

Recruitment for the NLDP Cohort VI program begins in June. Classes take place at Trinity Commons, 2250 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, on the third Saturday of the month, starting Sept. 7.

For more information and an application, visit www.NLDPleveland.com or call 216-796-6722.

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Alice Jeresko

Dug-9 Greenspace, a new organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing and expanding greenspace and green infrastructure in the Dugway Brook and Nine Mile Creek watersheds, held its first Arbor Day event on April 27 in Forest Hill Park.

The group held a tree-planting event with trees provided by Cuyahoga ReLEAF, a program administered by the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization. Twenty-three youth volunteers from the East Cleveland Police Athletic League (PAL) and area residents participated. Arborists from Forest City Tree Protection Co. provided pruning demonstrations.

Seven native-species trees were planted near the park’s lake and boathouse. Within a week of planting, one of the new pine trees became home to nesting robins, the dogwood flowered, nesting robins, the dogwood flowered, and leaves unfurled on the new tulip, and the new pine trees became home to the fresh produce. Volunteers included Dave Gressley, the division of wildlife at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources stocked the lake with trout on April 4.

Last year, East Cleveland Parks Association (ECPA) installed aerators and raised the lake level to improve water quality. Dug-9 hopes to plant native shrubs, grasses and flowering plants around the lake’s nearly 1,875-linear feet perimeter, and is seeking volunteers and plant donations.

A small grant from the Captain Planet Foundation was awarded in May to the East Cleveland PAL towards its goal of planting 200 linear feet of the lake edge by fall 2013.

The lake is located in the East Cleveland section of the park and dog walking is permitted there. Carl C., a regular park visitor, said that he believes the dog walkers make the park safer, cleaner and more sociable. “Vandals and litter don’t want to be observed,” he said. “The more people in the park, the more that kind of behavior is discouraged.”

Vicki Mentrek, landscape designer and manager of Grande’s Garden Center, said, “Throughout the park, you will find 360 degrees of beautiful.” Mentrek said her admiration for Dutch Harley, a longtime advocate for Forest Hill who died at age 98 in January, was what prompted her to donate 140 plants to the park last year. “His spirit surely lives on in Forest Hill Park,” she said.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Alice Jeresko at 216-377-9834 or dug9@icloud.com.

Alice Jeresko is a Dug-9 Greenspace advocate.

New farmers market at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Binnie Eiger

A farmers market featuring fresh local produce, organic products, plants, herbs, bakery items and craft artisans opened Friday, May 31, in the parking lot at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights. The market will continue every Friday through October, 2-7 p.m.

This is the first year for the market at the church site. “The fresh produce will be mostly Amish-grown, from Middlefield and Burton,” said Debra Kates, market manager. “The Amish do not use lots of pesticides.”

According to Kates, prices will be “very reasonable.” The market accepts EBT payments, WIC coupons, and participates in the Produce Perks program.

This farmers market is designated as the Cleveland Heights Community Farmers Market. Kates manages another market at the South Euclid Hillcrest Methodist Church on Green Road.

When Kates called Pastor Jessica Shields of Bethlehem Church to ask if the church would host the market, Shields was thrilled. “We are very excited about having the market in our parking lot,” said Shields. “It’s a great asset to share with the community.” Bethlehem’s Church Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

Kates points out that the new market site is in a great location. “It’s close to businesses and has good available parking,” she said, “including parking for the handicapped.”

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is located at 3740 Mayfield Road in Cleveland Heights at the corner of Mayfield and Crest roads, in the shadow of Severance Town Center.

For more information, call 216-382-4541.

Binnie Eiger is the office manager for Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
Taste of the Heights connects area restaurants, music, community

Kimberly Morgan

For the past three years, Heights Youth Club (HYC) has celebrated the vibrant Heights restaurant scene with its annual Taste of the Heights event. Guests sample food from local restaurants, sip a soft drink or glass of wine and enjoy local entertainment.

This year’s event will be held June 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at HYC’s facility, at 2065 Lee Road (near Heights High). Participating restaurants include perennial favorites such as the BottleHouse Brewery and the Tavern Company, as well as new such as the Mad Greek, Tommy’s, Pizzazz and the Rib Cage.

“This year we encourage people to view the event as a relaxing evening out with friends and neighbors,” said co-chair Angela Karges. “In the past, people tended to eat then run, missing out on enjoying the truly special space we have created.”

An added feature of this year’s event is a performance and salsa lesson by Latin Soul Ballroom.

Proceeds from the event support HYC’s mission of providing high-quality programming that enables Heights children to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring adults.

Tickets are available in advance for $50 at www.heightsyouthclub.org or $60 at the door. For more information, contact Kimberly Morgan at 216-237-1639.

Kimberly Morgan is the board administrator for the Heights Youth Club Board of Directors.

Strawberry fests and a rummage sale at two Heights presbyterian churches

Heights Observer Editor

On Sunday, June 2, Fairmount Presbyterian Church presents its 62nd annual Strawberry Festival on the church lawn at Fairmount Boulevard and Scarborough Road. This traditional spring community event features a variety of foods including ice cream and strawberries – rides in the Euclid Beach Rocket Car, a flower clown and magic show for kids, a bounce house, games, and live music by Oris and the Shoreway Saints.

The festival begins at 11:15 a.m., right after the 10 a.m. worship service, and continues for three hours. Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for children ages 5-17, and free for children 4 and under.

On Friday, June 7, from 6-8 p.m., Noble Road Presbyterian Church presents its annual strawberry festival at 2780 Noble Road. Organizers promise “fab” strawberries, shortcakes, pop, candy, music and fun. The event is free, and donations are welcome.

On June 29, plan a return visit to Noble Road. Organizers present the Rummage Fest. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., vendors will offer a variety of items, including clothes and plants. The event will also feature a bake sale, raffle, silent auction, music and snacks. Vendor tables are available for crafts, resale and specialty goods. To reserve one of the limited vendor spaces, call 216-382-0866.

Free Mobile Health Fair on June 22

Peg Weisbrod

A free Mobile Health Fair offering health screenings and education will be held Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, in Cleveland Heights.

Free screenings will include measurements of blood pressure; height, weight, and body mass index; vision, including glaucoma, random dot E, near visual and distance acuity; basic hearing; oral screenings for dental issues; and glucose testing.

After the screening, participants will meet with either a physician or registered nurse who will answer questions, interpret screening results, and make referrals if necessary. Although no diagnosis or treatment will be made, participants needing follow-up care will be matched with local agencies that can provide that care. Lists of free or low-cost clinics will be available, along with information on benefits for low-income children.

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association will follow up on any high glucose readings. A limited number of free glucose monitors and test strips will be available to known diabetics.

The vision screening will include forms for free eyewear and eye exams for those who qualify.

Free health and hygiene kits will be given out, and information will be available on dental care, nutrition and exercise, cancer, high blood pressure/ hypertensive and heart disease, family planning and sexually transmitted diseases, maternal and child health, mental health and family life issues, substance abuse, diabetes and asthma/COPD.

Forest Hill Church is located at 3031 Monticello Blvd. For more information call 216 321-3866.

Peg Weisbrod is a freelance writer and publicity coordinator/webmaster for Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, in Cleveland Heights.

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Bob Rosenbaum

Warren Grossman, a well-known author and speaker who lives in Shaker Heights, will present a talk titled “Healing is Natural” at the upcoming Heights Holistic Fair. The fair, the third in a series this year, will be held Oct. 12 and 13 at the Open Office Community Space, located in the former Coventry School building at 2849 Washington Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Grossman, author of To Be Healed by the Earth and Earth/Heart, will discuss tools found in nature for healthier, happier living. He will also lead an interactive workshop, “Strong, Pain-Free Feet,” sharing methods for relieving foot pain and building a strong foundation to support the body.

A gentle yoga class will follow the workshop, helping people at all levels of ability—including beginners—to achieve proper alignment in their poses. The two-day fair will feature other speakers, as well.

The holistic fair, co-organized by Cleveland Heights resident Judith Eugene and Pat Uhr of Lakewood, will offer products, services and information on healthy-living options for all ages. Vendors will have products for sale and will provide sample healing treatments. Psychic mediums will be on hand to give personal readings, for a small fee.

Musicians will perform, and children’s activities will include all-ages drum circles, child-oriented yoga classes, and a tambourine-making project. An all-ages play area will feature toys from Big Fun. Eugene said, “We want to reach out to the community to provide information on healthy living for all ages—kids, parents and grandparents—and have a lot of fun in the process.”

Tommy’s Restaurant will donate food for sale at the fair. Proceeds from food sales are donated to the Heights Libraries. The fair is sponsored by FutureHeights, the local nonprofit that publishes the Heights Observer, and promotes a vibrant and sustainable future for Cleveland Heights and University Heights.

Admission is $5 per day and includes all activities and speakers. Admission is free for children under 12.

The Heights Holistic Fair is presented jointly by Eugene’s Loving Hands Yoga and Reiki, and Uhr’s Harmonic Journeys. For a schedule of activities and speakers visit www.bolisticfaircleveland.com or call Judith Eugene at 216-408-5978.

Cleveland Heights resident Bob Rosenbaum is a longtime Observer volunteer and is responsible for its advertising sales and market development.

UUSC presents film and discussion on Oct. 13

Walter Nicholas

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland (UUSC) will celebrate Oct. 13 as Sexual Justice Sunday, adding a special 11 a.m. worship service. The screening of the documentary “God Loves Uganda” to a special 11 a.m. worship service. The Society welcomes all people.

“God Loves Uganda” explores the role of the American evangelical movement in Uganda. American missionaries to Uganda are credited both positively and negatively for promoting religious bigotry in Uganda.-American missionaries and Ugandans to fundamentalist Christian leaders, politicians, and missionaries as they attempt to convert Ugandans to fundamentalist Christian beliefs. America. Thru interviews and hidden-camera footage, the film gives unprecedented access and insight into forces in Uganda that drive for harsh punishment, including death as a form of justice, and forces working for sexual tolerance.

“Shocking, horrifying, touching and enlightening, this film should cause each of us to question what we thought we knew about religion,” said Rina Shere, UUSC director of religious education. For more information, call 216-932-2941 or go to www.uucleveland.org.

Walter Nicholas, a longtime resident of Cleveland Heights, is a longtime Observer volunteer and is responsible for its advertising sales and market development.

More stories online at www.heightsobserver.org
Already, students have begun taking advantage of the opportunity to creatively express themselves. At a recent Ink Spot session, students were prompted to write about the stories their shoes would tell.

If My Shoes Could Talk
by Anthony, 5th grade

If my shoes could
Talk, they would say
Just pick me up
And take me away.
My owner always takes
Me or maybe be
Just makes me
Go to places shoes should never go.

The Ink Spot meets Monday through Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. To enroll your child call 216-320-4757 or visit www.lakeerieink.org.

Programs for teens include Evening Ink writing workshops and Teen Open Mic. Evening Ink welcomes students in grades 6-12, with workshops that focus on poetry, creative nonfiction, short fiction, National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and more. Evening Ink runs Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. Teen Open Mics are held on Saturday evenings, with the next one scheduled for Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m.

Lake Erie Ink will also offer a Scenarios USA workshop this fall. Teens will discuss and write about social issues, creating stories to submit to the Real Deal screenplay contest in December. For more information, visit www.scenariosusa.org.

Lake Erie Ink dives into third year
Melissa DeWater

Lake Erie Ink, a writing space for youth, has started fall programming with the third year of the Ink Spot, an after-school program that provides homework help and creative writing opportunities to kids in grades 4-8. Already, students have begun taking advantage of the opportunity to creatively express themselves. At a recent Ink Spot session, students were prompted to write about the stories their shoes would tell.

Heights Youth Theatre presents ‘Willy Wonka’
Mary Patton

Heights Youth Theatre (HYT) kicks off its 2013-14 season as Roald Dahl’s deliciously dark tale of young Charlie Bucket and the mysterious confectioner, Willy Wonka, comes to life in a new musical.

When Charlie wins a golden ticket to the weird and wonderful Wonka Chocolate Factory, it’s the chance of a lifetime to feast on the sweets he’s always dreamed of. Astonishment lies beyond the gates, as down the sugary corridors and amongst the incredible edible delights, the five lucky winners discover not everything is as sweet as it seems. A chocolate garden, an army of squirrels and the peculiar Oompa-Loompas must be believed to be seen in this spectacular musical.

Directed by Pierre-Jacques Brault, with music directed by Joanna Li, HYT’s “Willy Wonka” features a talented cast of local students in grades 1-12, and professional musicians playing the lyrical score. Lead cast members include Alex Boyd (Willy Wonka), Jared Shapiro (Charlie), Gus Mahoney (Candy Man), Corey Grubar (Phineous Trout), Thomas Weil (Mr. Bucket), Sara Fedor (Mrs. Bucket), Matthew McAllister (Grandpa Joe), Lucas Spencer (Augustus Gloop), Cassandra Knaggs (Mrs. Gloop), Kevin LaMonica (Mike Teeve), Sydney Fieseler (Mrs. Teeve), Emily Kenville (Veruca Salt), Aiden McKeon (Mr. Salt), Kayla Black (Violet Beauregarde) and Christina Ciofani (Mrs. Beuregarde).

All performances will be in the Wiley Middle School Auditorium, 2181 Middlebush Blvd. in University Heights. Show dates are Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for general admission and $9 for seniors and children under six (cash or checks only). The box office opens 45 minutes prior to each show. Call Ellen at 216-780-2235 for ticket and group seating information. For more details, visit www.heightsyoutheatatre.org.

Mary Patton of University Heights is a public relations consultant and member of the Heights Youth Theatre Advisory Board.

Heights Youth Theatre cast members rehearse for upcoming performances of “Willy Wonka” at Wiley Middle School Auditorium.

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Stroke: recognizing the symptoms and providing aftercare

Judith Eugene

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted after a blood vessel breaks or a blood clot blocks an artery. When this happens, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs.

According to the National Stroke Association, when brain cells die during a stroke, abilities controlled by that area of the brain are lost. These abilities might include speech, movement and memory. How a stroke patient is affected depends on where the stroke occurs in the brain and how much the brain is damaged.

The Mayo Clinic lists several symptoms to watch for that may indicate that someone is having a stroke:

- Trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of coordination
- Confusion, or trouble speaking or understanding
- Numbness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg
- Blurred, blackened or double vision in one or both eyes
- Sudden, severe headache which may be accompanied by vomiting, diziness or confusion

If you notice any of these symptoms to watch for that may indicate that someone is having a stroke:

• Sudden, severe headache which may be accompanied by vomiting, diziness or confusion
• Numbness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg
• Confusion, or trouble speaking or understanding
• Trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of coordination

If someone you love has a stroke, follow the act FAST guidelines. FAST is an acronym to help you remember what to look for and what to do:

FACE – Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

ARMS – Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH – Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Can they do it accurately and without slurring?

TIME – If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is critical, and you should seek medical help immediately.

If someone you love has a stroke, it is important to understand that stroke rehabilitation cannot reverse the effects of a stroke; it simply helps the individual return to independent living as much as possible. This can place a strain on the stroke victim’s personal relationships. According to Today’s Caregiver magazine, “Caring for a stroke survivor can be emotionally, mentally and physically stressful”.

Caregivers will need to be prepared to help the person get the mobility equipment they need, assist with bathing and other personal care needs, help with cooking, and perhaps help manage the person’s finances.

Caregivers can support their loved one and encourage small accomplishments, which mean a lot to someone who has to relearn a once-mastered skill,” said Janie Rosman, staff writer for Today’s Caregiver.

Fortunately there are some things that can be done to prevent the risk of stroke. The Neurological Institute at University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center identifies these factors as contributing to the risk of stroke: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, sedentary lifestyle, obesity and smoking. Controlling these factors may help reduce the risk of stroke.

The National Stroke Association can be reached at 800-787-6137, the University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center can be reached at 440-586-6137, and the website for Today’s Caregiver is www.caregiver.com.

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

Senior Citizen Happenings

Senior Citizen Happenings, sponsored by the City of University Heights, are open to all. Events take place on Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the University Heights Library. For information, and to suggest program topics, contact the UH Office for Senior Services at 216-997-0336 or info@universityheights.com.

Oct. 3: Robert Varley, president of the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees, celebrates the library’s 90th anniversary and the service it provides to 620,000 county residents.

Oct. 10: Kenneth Palko, Notre Dame College philosophy professor, will lead a thought-provoking analysis of contemporary issues through the lens of a classic of literature, The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Oct. 17: Connie Rebsch, volunteer ambassador for Ten Thousand Villages in Cleveland Heights, discusses how that fair-trade organization gives economic power to small-scale farmers, artisans and entrepreneurs involved in producing items such as coconut oil (Sri Lanka), indigenous cosmetics (Togo West Africa) and cocoa bean sapslings (Peruvian rainforest).

Oct. 24: Rachel DeGolia, executive director of the nonprofit Universal Health Care Action Network, will describe the grassroots organization’s efforts to advocate for affordable, accessible, quality health care since March 2010, when President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law.

Oct. 31: Steven Taylor, the recently retired former director of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, is back again this month with a presentation about the history, development and relevance of the zoo.

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—Beth Bohn, Judson Park resident since 2006

Beth Bohn is part of a growing trend at Judson—she and her husband Earl moved to Judson Park from the west side of Cleveland.

“We love having the Cleveland Orchestra and the Art Museum in our back yard now!” says Beth. “Plus, it’s great being close to the world-class healthcare of Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals.”

Beth shares her life long passion for art as co-chair of the Howson Gallery, booking local artists for shows open to the public. “The gallery has built a strong reputation. Artists want to show their work here,” she notes. “People look forward to the shows.”

Judson Park’s distinct personality, which marries the best of Cleveland Heights with University Circle, appealed to Beth. “There’s a special mix of people here and it’s easy to make friends” she says. “I believe a good life includes strong bonds with friends.”

This is Smart Living™ defined at Judson Park. Interested in learning more? Call (216) 791-2004 to arrange for a tour today.

To read more about Beth, visit www.judsonsmartliving.org/Beth

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CHHS to host Oct. 16 bond issue discussion and additional tours

Angee Shaker

Heights High will host a second building tour and information session to ensure that residents have multiple chances to learn about the building’s condition, discuss plans and funding for the first phase of the proposed comprehensive School Facilities Plan, and ask any questions they may have.

The CH-CH Board of Education placed a bond issue, Issue 81, on the Nov 5 ballot to fund the first phase of facility renovations. The second tour and information session is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The School Facilities Plan is the result of more than three years of dialogue and planning by community members, the Board of Education, district administrators and teachers. The first phase of the plan would completely renovate Cleveland Heights High School, and Monticello and Roxboro middle schools.

For anyone unable to attend the tour on Oct. 16, private tours of Heights High will be offered Thursdays at 4:30 a.m. and Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. To sign up for a tour, contact Joy Henderson at j.henderson@chuh.org or 216-320-3052.

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

Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board

Meeting highlights

AUGUST 20, 2013

All board members were present.

Physical education waiver

After discussion, the board approved the physical education waiver pertaining to Heights High students participating in sports.

Facilities contract structure

Stephen Shergalis, business director, two people from Regency Construction, and two from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission presented four different ways the school district can contract for the facilities plan. They are:

• Multi-prime: the school district handles the design, bids, and build—bidding out contractors.

• Single-prime: a general contractor is hired who bids all the subcontractors.

• Construction manager-at-risk: the construction manager gives a guaranteed price and selects the contractors.

• Design build: the design builder develops the design and construction contracts.

After much discussion, board members requested more information on the four models for contract structure. The board directed the administration to enter into negotiations with Mosdos for purchase of the property.

Millikin property

Ron Register, board president, read a list of events regarding the Millikin property. The last offer from Mosdos was to buy the property for $215,000. The appraisals requested in 2012 by the school district and Mosdos were $770,000 and $600,000, respectively. The board directed the administration to enter into negotiations with Mosdos for purchase of the property.

Positive behavior

There was a second reading of the positive behavior intervention and support with limited use of restraint and seclusion policy. Jeffrey Johnator, director of student services, explained that positive behavior is a major component of the Tiger Nation process. In the elementary and middle schools, five steps are promoted to achieve positive behavior.

Post the Tiger pledge with clear expectations in all buildings.

• Review the pledge throughout the school year.

• Recite the Tiger pledge every morning.

• Implement an incentive program called Tiger Paws to reinforce good deeds and behavior.

• Implement Tiger Nation Fridays to reinforce good behavior.

Surveys of students and teachers are being conducted to see if this system is working. Positive comments and the reduction of behavioral problems suggest that it is making a difference. The high school policies are different so that the Tiger Nation pledge and Tiger Paws are not emphasized. Spreading school spirit and attending to climate elements are emphasized. Student IDs are worn, and student leadership is encouraged to control bullying problems. One student group made a video on school bullying. The staff receives in-service training on how to consistently enforce school policies. Consistent restraint policies used by many other districts are in place. The board hopes these will be minimally used, given the behavior policies. The staff has had conversational training to limit restraint events.

Public forums

The League of Women Voters will hold a public forum on the school facilities bond issue on Sept. 11 at the Lee Road Library and a Candidates Night at the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Oct 8.

LWV Observer: Lilian House.
Roxboro Elementary’s sister school visits from Shanghai

On Aug. 29, Roxboro Elementary and Mobile schools were visited by ten students and six administrators from sister school Jin Yuan School of Shanghai, China. Four honored guests from Cleveland State University’s Confucius Institute were also present. The Chinese students presented a Wu Shu (martial arts) performance. Melissa Garcer, Roxboro’s International Baccalaureate coordinator said, “It’s a wonderful thing to teleconference for three years and completely awesome to meet each other again, in person!”

Sustainable Heights Network hosts Oct. 2 Heights High tour

Sarah Wean

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Beaumont seniors Delaney Clark and Bailey Swartz have been named semifinalists in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship competition.

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to compete for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth about $31 million that will be offered next spring.

Sarah Wean is a community volunteer.

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Heights High tour shows facilities that bond issue would renovate

Patti Carlyle

More than 120 people attended the community open house and tour at Cleveland Heights High School on Sept. 10, Guides offered a brief history of the facilities improvement process, including the first phase of a proposed renovation plan, which is part of Bond Issue 81 that will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The tour of the school, originally built in 1925, showed participants areas needing improvements to bring the building into compliance with state requirements. It began outdoors at the clock tower, which is in need of renovation. The building has evidence of standing water.

The tunnels and the girls’ locker room had evidence of standing water. The school swimming pool is too shallow for diving and too small for competition, forcing the diving team to practice at Cleveland State University. Plans for a new pool have drawn criticism, as a pool is outside state criteria for a multi-use space. Part of the proposed improvement plan includes improved community access to the pool, an entrance compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), family locker rooms and better noise control.

ADA compliance is a challenge throughout the school. The building has 13 distinct floor levels joined by various ramps and stairs, and there is no single elevator reaching every floor. With 70 separate roof levels, maintaining the school’s roof system is difficult and expensive.

The heating, ventilation and air conditioning system received a lot of attention, as indoor temperatures neared 90 degrees that day. The winter brings similar discomfort, with students often wearing coats and gloves to class. Steam traps for aging boilers must be changed at least every two years, costing nearly $100,000 districtwide.

Larger, renovated classrooms in the Legacy New Tech School approach modern standards, but there are no sprinklers. The automotive technology area has sprinklers, and emergency wash stations exist in some science labs, but there is no fire suppression system for the whole building.

A highlight was a visit to the recently restored auditorium, which also has its challenges. Noisy air conditioning units must be turned off during performances. The auditorium lacks an orchestra pit and amenities, such as green rooms and storage space.

If passed, Bond Issue 81 would fund the first phase of a community-created comprehensive facilities plan. The first phase will renovate Cleveland Heights High School and Monticello and Roxboro middle schools over a five-year period.

Tours are offered every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., until Election Day. Contact Joy Henderson at j.henderson@chubs.org to schedule a tour.

Patti Carlyle is a member of the Future Heights Board of Directors. She lives in University Heights.

Laptops for learning at Heights High

Five Heights High students in the Mosaic School help one another set up their school accounts after receiving their laptop computers in mid-september. From left: Malik Williams, Sa’Vannah woodson, Kwynn Trammell, Alexis Stewart and Ameerah Roberts. “A lot of our textbooks are online so we need the laptops for our classes,” said Stewart. Another advantage? “Carrying this laptop is a lot lighter than carrying around a stack of books in my backpack,” said Roberts. Students use the laptops both at home and at school.

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 www.ruffingmontessori.net

Fall Open House
Sunday, November 3, 2013
2-4 pm
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Board Meeting highlights

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Board members Jeffrey Emmert, Bob Fischer and James Pach were absent.

New appointments

Julia V. Murphy was appointed full-time marketing assistant. She has been an administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator for the North Union Farmers Market.

Lauren Saeger was appointed full-time youth services librarian. She has a master’s degree in library and information science and a master’s in music. She has been with the library as a youth services associate since October 2012. She will present story times and become involved in school-age programs planning.

CLEVNET expands

Nancy Levin, director, reported that six new libraries have joined CLEVNET, the system that includes Heights Libraries. The network now comprises 44 libraries in 12 counties across Northeast Ohio, serving more than a million library cardholders. A 2009 study of the efficiencies of the system showed a collective cost savings of more than $30 million because the libraries could share cataloging services, administration, computer equipment and professional support. This savings translates into an average six-dollar return for every dollar invested in CLEVNET libraries.

CLEVNET plans to have the largest e-book collection in the United States. Levin serves on the director’s panel, representing the east side of the CLEVNET area. She asks those with ideas or concerns to share them with her.

ACA and education online resources

The State Library of Ohio has created an Affordable Care Act (ACA) Web page for libraries (http://library.ohio.gov/aca) and will continue to develop the site as more information becomes available.

Ohio public librarians now have access to a new Web resource covering the many changes to Ohio’s pre-K-12 education system. Information can be found at http://alreadyread.org/student_learning.html.

Friends of the Library

The next Mega Book Sale will be held the first weekend in November. The group’s annual meeting will be Oct. 20. Assisted by the shipping area staff, Friends sent out 50 boxes of donated books to Better World Books.

Public service report

Among the highlights included in the July public service report are:

- Associate L.P. Coladangelo organized the Tanabata Celebration, a month-long series of programs focusing on Japanese culture. The five programs attracted 184 people, and included a presentation on the Japanese Star Festival of Tanabata, a performance of classical and folk dances, an outdoor drum group performance at the Cowetry P.E.A.C.E. Arch, a demonstration of Kendo, the art of Japanese fencing, and an introduction to the game of Go by the Cleveland Go Club. In addition, a Japanese study group met at the Cowetry Village Library.

- Local author Tricia Springstubb gave a dramatic reading of her latest book, Phoebe and Dragon, to the Story Stop Crowd on July 26.

- As of Aug. 4, the BookBike has served more than 1,100 community members in 19 different outings.

- The “Bridging Cultures” bookshelf, a collection of books and DVDs provided by the Muslim Journeys grant, arrived in July and is displayed on the fireplace mantel at the University Heights Library. The American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities supported this grant.

- A number of library staff planned the End of Summer Reading Party where 207 children, and their families, enjoyed crafts, snacks, henna tattoos, face painting, games and a Flower Clown.

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Programs at Heights Libraries focus on Islamic culture

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Quarterly SciFi/Fantasy Book Discussion: The Arabian Nights

Readers will discuss stories of harsh kings, demons, genies, beautiful brides, thieves, and fantastic creatures in this classic collection of fables, fairy tales and exotic adventures.

Nov. 6 at 7 p.m., Cleveland Museum of Art

The Splendor of Islamic Art

This special installation of the library’s Art Study Group will feature a docent-led tour of the recently renovated Islamic Gallery at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Registration is required at www.heightslibrary.org.

Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., Cleveland State University

Wood Gym (1983 East 24th Street)

Walk Through the Islamic World

An interactive map walk, hosted by Dr. Stephen Cory of CSU, will highlight the Middle East, Mediterranean region, Africa, and Asia from an Islamic perspective. Registration required at www.heightslibrary.org.

Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., University Heights Library

Princes among Slaves: The Cultural Legacy of Enslaved Africans

This documentary film tells the story of Abdul Rahman, a West African man enslaved in Mississippi in 1788, who claimed to be an African prince.

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

Open to boys and girls (K-sixth grade) - No experience needed - One hour practice and one hour game weekly - Games January-March - Evaluations start November 11 Register now 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 $100 per child. Save $10 per child if you register before November 7.
Library story time at new times and some with a musical twist

Julia Murphy

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The goal is to help children understand the concept of a consistent rhythm and to practice pitch matching. Rather than learning to read a musical score and then translate it into musical notes, this method uses listening and repeating, which is how children learn to speak.

“We don’t learn to read and then talk, so it doesn’t make sense to teach music that way either,” Saeger said. Kids in Harmony will welcome preschoolers, toddlers and even babies.

Heights Libraries is increasing its focus on story time for young children. Look forward to more changes this fall and make it a part of your family’s routine.

Julia Murphy is the marketing assistant at the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library.

Library Friends announce busy autumn season

Louise Oliver

Friends of Heights Libraries is preparing for a busy fall season, and invites you to participate.

Hear Laura Taxel, co-author of Cleveland’s West Side Market: 100 Years & Still Cooking, at the Friends annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. Taxel’s entertaining narrative includes stories gathered from those who worked at the market. Vintage and contemporary photographs provide a vivid and visual portrait of this Cleveland landmark. The book—a great holiday gift—will be available for sale and signing at the annual meeting.

The Friends fall Mega Book Sale kicks off on Friday, Nov. 1. On Friday and Saturday, fill a grocery bag for only $5. A huge selection of books, in all categories, will be displayed and continually replenished. In addition, Vixseboxse Gallery is offering prints for only $5 each, along with special finds at bargain prices. Items that remain on Sunday, Nov. 3, will be available for only $3 a bag. Mark your calendar for this event—you won’t want to miss it. You can get a jump on your holiday shopping, and support the Friends at the same time, by visiting Barnes & Noble at Eton on Chagrin Boulevard between Nov 9 and 15. Mention Friends of Heights Libraries, and 10 percent of your purchase will be donated to the organization. Purchases of books, games, accessories, and in-store café items, as well as online purchases, will benefit the Friends.

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Heights Arts presents Close Encounters, chamber music as it’s meant to be heard

Rachel Bernstein

Heights Arts presents its eighth season of Close Encounters chamber music concerts performed by world-class musicians who live right here in Northeast Ohio and Cleveland Heights.

Isabel Trautwein, Cleveland Orchestra violinist and Close Encounters artistic director, collaborates with her colleagues and other professional musicians to perform programs of their choice in unique venues.

The new season continues Heights Arts’ tradition of providing excellent chamber music to the public. Many music fans have enjoyed hearing most of these musicians for years at Cleveland Orchestra concerts; hearing them up close and personal, only feet away from the audience, is a completely different and intimate experience.

The series begins on Oct. 27; venues to be announced. Reserve tickets at 216-371-3477 or www.heightsarts.org.

Omni in the Clouds, Sunday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m.
The Omni String Quartet (accompanied young stars of the Cleveland Orchestra), always sells out and amazes audiences. On the program is a pair of masterpieces tracing a thread of music history. Mendelssohn’s quartet, Opus 13, written by the boy composer in 1827, was deeply influenced by Beethoven’s Opus 132, completed in 1825 at the end of the composer’s life.

This pairing embodies fascinating connections between the old master and the extraordinary young talent. Omni will perform in a downtown loft, an ultra-modern space with panoramic views of downtown and Lake Erie, near Public Square. (Fully elevator accessible.)

Mary Lynch: Strings Attached, Sunday, Feb. 9, 3 p.m.
Meet Mary Lynch, the young new second oboe chair in the Cleveland Orchestra. Trained at Juilliard and selected to perform at the prestigious Marlboro Music Festival, Lynch has chosen an eclectic chamber music program for oboe and strings, including a rarely heard lyrical oboe quintet by William Bolcom, one of America’s contemporary master composers.

Amici Quartet: Beethoven’s Famous Last Works, Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m.
Shortly before his death, Beethoven composed six string quartets, complex masterpieces that are rarely heard due to the extreme demands on the performers. In these revolutionary late quartets, a deaf and dying Beethoven sneers at traditional musical forms by breaking all their rules, paving the way for the modern era.

The Amici Quartet comprises four accomplished members of the Cleveland Orchestra who have performed together for more than 25 years. They will bring to life the monumental and serious Opus 135 String Quartet in C-sharp Minor and the nearly cheerful Opus 137 in F Major, the last quartet he composed. “Mus es sein! Yes, you must!”

Trio TaPASi: In Twos and Threes, Sunday, June 1, 3 p.m.
This year’s Heights High musical will be “Hello, Dolly!,” a “walking historical documentation of life in America,” according to Craig McGaughey, vocal music director.

“‘This musical is art imitating life,’” McGaughey said. “It’s set in New York City around 1900. It has a little bit of everything in it. It will be fun for the students to perform and very entertaining for the community.”

Performances will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 30; Friday, Nov. 1; and Saturday, Nov. 2, all at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 4 p.m.

The cast includes students from the high school, as well as middle and elementary schools. Tickets, priced from $6 to $12, can be purchased from any student cast in the show and can also be ordered at the “Hello, Dolly!” voicemail number: 216-310-3105. Tickets must be picked up by 3 p.m. on Oct. 25 or they will be resold. Tickets will be available in the main office of Heights High starting on Oct. 7.

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Wednesday

6p - Agape Community Meal (students welcome!)
7p - Neo Monastic Evening Prayer

Sunday

10am - Community Eucharist
Compline & Evensong
5 p.m. October 6, 13, 20 and 27
Art Spot exhibition features fresh energy, ideas from CIA students

Don’t expect classical still-life paintings in the current exhibition at Art Spot, but do expect fresh energy and new perspectives from the five Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA) students featured.

Titled “FIVE – 2013,” the show runs through Nov. 8 and features new artworks by 2013 CIA graduates Lindsay Matthews and Mathew Henry Grady, senior Connor Elder, and juniors Jack Sherry and Jack Subsinsky.

“It’s a good show; it’s not thematic but it’s fairly cohesive and I think the jurors had a lot to do with that,” said Tommy White, assistant professor and chair of CIA’s painting department.

White coordinates outside jurors for the quarterly CIA shows hosted by Art Spot so that he doesn’t have to pick favorites from among his own students.

To jury this show, he recruited CIA graduates and adjunct faculty members Kim Bissett and Tim Callaghan, along with D.J. Hellerman, director of 1point618 Gallery in Cleveland’s Gordon Square Arts District.

From 230 entries, the jurors chose Elder’s photographs, Subsinsky’s paintings, works in fiber by Grady and Sherry, and pieces that Matthews calls “relics of performance art.”

Grady’s “i have everything that i could ever need” stands out. A three-dimensional work in cardboard, graphite and mixed fibers, it resembles a horse-jumping rope with a rainbow. Elder refers to his photographs as cinematic landscapes. White is particularly impressed with the patience Elder has in getting his lighting just right. Art Spot is the gallery space in The Wine Spot at 2271 Lee Road. Almost two years ago, co-owners Susan and Adam Fleischer, in collaboration with White, established the space as an off-campus venue for quarterly exhibitions of student work.

“I get a kick out of working with the students. I think they bring a lot of energy to the space,” said Adam Fleischer.

“He has very few limitations on what they can do and it seems like they enjoy having this place to hang their work.” The Wine Spot opened in the former Seitz-Agin Hardware store—which closed in 2011 after 66 years in Cleveland Heights—and Art Spot has been part of the wine and craft beer store from the beginning.

The collaboration gives young artists expanded exposure for their work and boosts foot traffic for the owners. Students receive 100 percent of the proceeds of art sales, and their work sells regularly.

For White and his faculty colleagues, the Art Spot collaboration is a valuable teaching tool.

“What is the healthiest thing is students are rejected [by jurors],” he said. “They also learn how to professionally document their work and go through the habits of presentation in order to become exhibiting artists. The formats of the Art Spot shows are very similar to a typical gallery setting; so in that sense, students are getting prepared to learn how to exhibit their work.”

Ann McGuire is director of communications for the Cleveland Institute of Art.
Apollo’s Fire opens 22nd season on Oct. 11 in the Heights

Margi Heigh

The internationally acclaimed Cleveland Heights-based Apollo’s Fire (AF) opens its season Oct. 11 with a program of works written for the virtuoso orchestras of the 18th century.

Award-winning conductor Jeanette Sorrell leads from the harpsichord, as principal players take turns in the spotlight.

The ensemble will perform Telemann’s Allegro from Concerto in D for Two Flutes, Violin and Cello; J.S. Bach’s Harpsichord Prelude in G, Concerto for Oboe and Violin in C Minor, and Brandenburg Concerto No. 4; selections from Heinichen’s Concerto Grosso in G Major, and Heinichen’s Concerto Grosso in C; and Vivaldi’s Concerto for Four Violins in B Minor.

Canadian recorder virtuoso Francis Colpron joins Apollo’s Fire favorites Karthie Stewart on traverso and Debra Nagy on oboe. Four of AF’s leading violinists square off for the fiery Concerto in Grosso by Dorman, and an 18th-century ensemble Les Délices, whose associate for Apollo’s Fire. Margi Heigh is the box office and marketing associate for Apollo’s Fire.

A pre-concert talk, one hour before each performance, will be given by guest artist Francis Colpron. Concert tickets start at $21. Student, senior, young adult, and group discounts are available in select seating sections. For tickets or information about other performances, call 216-320-0012 or visit www.apollofire.org.

A founding member of Apollo’s Fire, Stewart teaches Baroque flute in Oberlin Conservatory’s historical performance department. She is an avid proponent of Irish music and plays Irish flute in the Cleveland-based band Turn the Corner. She has also performed with the Cleveland Orchestra, Oberlin Baroque Ensemble, ARTEK, Cleveland Lyric Opera and Cleveland Opera.

CityMusic Cleveland begins 10th season with new director

David Barach

CityMusic Cleveland, with its newly appointed music director Avner Dorman, will present its 10th season opening, the Mozart Violin Concerto Tour, featuring one of the world’s foremost violinists, Rachel Barton Pine.

After performing Bruch’s Violin Concerto with CityMusic Cleveland last October, to standing ovations and stellar reviews, Pine has been invited back to perform Mozart’s five violin concertos—a different one in each of five venues.

Pine has appeared as a soloist with many of the world’s most prestigious orchestras, including those in Chicago, Montreal, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Vienna, New Zealand, Iceland and Budapest. She has worked with well-known conductors, including Zubin Mehta, Erich Leinsdorf and Placido Domingo. She also plays the electric violin in her rock band, Earthen Grave.

In July 2004, CityMusic Cleveland premiered with an ambitious mission to make world-class classical music available to everyone. Ten years later, the orchestra consistently performs for standing-room-only audiences throughout the region, for a total of more than 20,000 audience members a season.

CityMusic’s 10th anniversary season signals the beginning of a major new chapter in the organization’s history with the appointment of music director Avner Dorman. Known as one of the leading composers of his generation, Dorman’s music has attracted the most famous ensembles in the world, including the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Israel Philharmonic, and the San Francisco Symphony.

Of the other three pieces on the program, two are concertos for small ensembles: a 21st-century Concerto Grosso by Dorman, and an 18th-century Concerto in C for Two Clarinets, Two Oboes and Strings by Vivaldi. The latter piece was considered very experimental when it was written, as it is one of the first works to feature a clarinet. The third piece on the program will be Schubert’s Third Symphony, zestful and optimistic, written during the only period in the composer’s life when he was in love.

The Cleveland Heights concert will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd.

All CityMusic Cleveland performances are free, and most include refreshments afterward.

No tickets are required, and CityMusic performs across Greater Cleveland. For more information on concerts and venues, including recommended restaurants nearby, go to http://citymusic-cleveland.org.

David Barach is executive assistant of CityMusic Cleveland.
Jim Wadsworth: the man behind the music at Nighttown

James Henke

Nighttown, the restaurant located at the top of Cedar Hill in the Cedar Fairmount Business District, is as well-known for the music it presents as it is for its fine food. DownBeat magazine, which covers jazz and blues, consistently ranks it among the top jazz clubs in the country; and in 2007 the restaurant won a Cleveland Arts Prize for its shows. The person behind the music that Nighttown presents is Jim Wadsworth, a Cleveland Heights resident who runs Jim Wadsworth Productions.

Wadsworth has been booking the shows at Nighttown since June 1999. Born in Kansas City, Mo., he was the youngest of seven children, and he started getting into music during the 1960s. “My sisters would be playing Beatles’ records in their rooms, and I began taking it all in,” he said. Wadsworth played harmonica, piano, guitar and percussion instruments, and he sang in his school choir. When he was 16, his parents sent him to a boarding school in Danville, Calif. While he was there, his family moved to Cleveland. After leaving the boarding school, he enrolled in Kent State University, where he got a degree in general studies, focusing on history, philosophy, sociology and political science.

After graduating from Kent, Wadsworth got a job with the Greater Cleveland Growth Association’s Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE). “I was selling Blue Cross medical insurance plans, and I made sales calls all over Cleveland,” he said. “I really got to know the area.” A year or so later, he joined the Northeast Ohio Jazz Society, and became an active volunteer for the organization, taking tickets at concerts and picking artists up at the airport. He then started doing some public relations work for Peabody’s DownUnder, the club that was located on Old River Road in the Flats. Then, in August 1990, he booked his first show for the club, an appearance by guitarist Hiram Bullock. From that point on, Wadsworth began to focus on music.

In 1991, he started booking shows at Rhythms jazz club in Playhouse Square. “There was a restaurant there called Getty’s, and they added this new room so they could present music. Suddenly I had a venue of my own,” he said. Wadsworth was sold in 1994, and Wadsworth went back to booking shows at Peabody’s. He then moved on to Wilbert’s on Huron Street and then to the Diamondback Bakery on Prospect Avenue. Finally, in 1999, he booked up with Nighttown, and the rest is history.

Cleveland Chamber Music Society launches 64th season

David Richardson

To hear renowned artists in one of Cleveland’s finest musical spaces, make your way to Plymouth Church off Shaker Square during the 2013-14 season. The Cleveland Chamber Music Society (CCMS) is offering eight concerts by some of the world’s best known musicians and some exciting new performers. Programs are richly diverse, including vocal, piano, and guitar ensembles as well as traditional string quartets. The acoustics at Plymouth Church are bright, warm and among the best in Cleveland for live music.

The Cleveland Classical Guitar Society co-sponsors a dynamic collaboration in October between the Cuarteto Casals and Manuel Barrueco. The Cleveland Institute of Music collaborates with CCMS in December to present the Daedalus Quartet.

A special attraction in March is the complete Bartók quartets performed on two successive evenings by the renowned Takics Quartet from Hungary. Another not-to-be-missed event is the imaginative artistry of “eighth blackbird” in April, at CSU’s Waetjen Auditorium.

CCMS’s concerts are affordable: general admission is $30 ($28 for seniors), and only $5 for students. A complete subscription ($520) includes a free guest ticket plus admission to the Young Artists Showcase in May 2014. All new subscribers enjoy a 20-percent discount.

For more information or to order tickets or subscriptions, visit www.clevelandchambermusic.org or call 216-231-3777.

Ask about Ride Share assistance if you need transportation.

David Richardson is a trustee and communications chair of the Cleveland Chamber Music Society.
Diamond’s Flowers: a Coventry fixture since 1934

James Henke

As its second-oldest store, Diamond’s Flowers is a fixture on Coventry Road. Located at 1840 Coventry, it has been in the same location since 1934—longer than any store on the street.

Joe and Mary Diamond owned Diamond’s until 1969, when they sold it to Max Feris and his wife, Thelma Woods. The current owner is Roseana Bass, who lives in Richmond Heights.

While attending Regina High School in South Euclid, her guidance counselor suggested that she become a florist. “I said, ‘Are you out of your mind?’” Bass recalled. After high school, Bass attended Cleveland State University, and then started working at Diamond’s in 1967.

Much to her surprise, Bass enjoyed working as a florist. After a broken hip forced Feris to retire, Bass purchased the store and has operated it ever since with help from her husband, Jim.

The store’s specialty is preparing wedding and funeral arrangements, among other services. “We are now in a situation where a couple of decades ago we did someone’s wedding, and now we are doing their children’s weddings,” Bass said. “We have many regular customers who have been coming here for more than 30 years and now their children are also customers.”

Bass said that weekends tend to be busy, with people going out on dates and celebrating. Valentine’s Day is a busy holiday. “The line goes out the door around Valentine’s Day,” Bass said. She also gets a lot of business from Case Western Reserve University students, especially for fraternity and sorority parties.

Bass buys all of her flowers in Cleveland. She makes daily trips to Allied Florist, a wholesale florist on Carnegie Avenue. “I go downtown every day and pick up flowers,” she said. “Then I bring them back here to Coventry.”

When Bass bought the store, it took up two storefronts on Coventry. She downsized to one storefront in 1995, but it still retains much of its original look, including the original flower storage coolers. After many decades of operation, the business is still going strong. “I have seen lots of changes on Coventry, but I still love it here,” said Bass.

James Henke, a Cleveland Heights resident, was a writer and editor at Rolling Stone magazine for 15 years. He is also the author of several books, including biographies of Jim Morrison, John Lennon and Bob Marley.

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