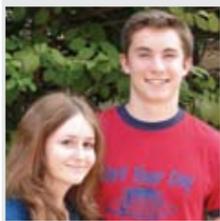


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For Michael Symon, Cleveland Heights is again home

James Henke

Nationally renowned chef Michael Symon—the owner of such popular Cleveland restaurants as Lola and Lolita, as well as the B Spots—has returned home to Cleveland Heights, and he couldn't be happier. Symon, who spent his first five years as a child in Cleveland Heights, bought a house on Kent Road about five months ago.

"I love the East Side," he said. "The arts are close to you. You are surrounded by them. You're still within the inner circle of downtown, so the convenience of downtown is right there. And the people—it's a great mix of people."

Among the people that Symon, who is 44, calls friends in Cleveland Heights are Doug Katz, the owner of fire food & drink and the Katz Club Diner; Jonathan Sawyer, the owner of the Greenhouse Tavern; and Michael Ruhlman, the author of numerous books about cooking. "We all live within a quarter-mile of each other," Symon said. "And we all live here because Cleveland



Chef Michael Symon recently purchased a home in Cleveland Heights.

Heights is probably the most artistic community in the Cleveland area."

Symon's father and grandfather both lived in the Heights, but when his father

got a job at Ford Motor Company, the family moved west to North Olmsted. "There was just no easy way for him to

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Cain Park becomes permanently dog friendly

Deanna Bremer Fisher

At the Oct. 7 Cleveland Heights City Council meeting, Mayor Ed Kelley declared the Cain Park Dog Project a success and said that the park would remain open to leashed-dog walkers on a permanent basis.

At the meeting, Kerri Whitehouse, a leader of the Cain Park Dog Project, gave an update on the six-month pilot project and formally requested that the city make leashed-dog walking in Cain Park permanent.

"We're really, really pleased—and surprised that they had already made the decision prior to last night's council meeting," said Whitehouse. "Based on previous discussions, we anticipated that a vote would take place at the next public forum meeting. It feels good to be part of something that's had a meaningful impact in Cleveland Heights."

"We don't need to take a formal vote on the matter," said Kelley. "The volunteers did a great job, making the

park safer for young families and others. People are not just walking their dogs—the park has become more of a gathering place." He said that city staff members would review the status of dog walking in the park every year and that the city could suspend dog walking if problems arise.

Calls to Cleveland Heights City Hall to clarify whether a formal vote will be taken at a future council meeting were unanswered at press time.

A group of volunteers, associated with the Cain Park Neighborhood Association, conducted a resident survey in 2012 and met with city officials to discuss the survey results and petition the city to allow leashed-dog walking on paved pathways at Cain Park on a trial basis. Group members hoped to foster a dog-friendly community in Cleveland Heights as a way to make the park a safer, more welcoming place. The group emphasized dog-owner responsibility by hosting a free workshop on dog behavior

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Walmart leaves Severance for Oakwood



This sign was on the door of the old Walmart in Severance Town Center on Oct. 15.

James Henke

Walmart closed its store at Severance Town Center on Oct. 15 and opened a new "supercenter" in Oakwood Commons the next day. Oakwood Commons is located on Warrensville Center Road in South Euclid, on the site of the former Oakwood Country Club.

The new store has a floor area of 180,000 square feet, compared to 126,000 at Severance, and, unlike its former location, features a full-line grocery section. The Oakwood store was designed to be the first Walmart store to be certified through the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

While the new store will please many area residents, offering them a wide array of products at low prices, it also raises two important issues for the community.

For one, it is not known what the new store's impact will be on local, independent retailers. In a recent *Plain Dealer* article, John Zagara, of Zagara's Marketplace in Cleveland Heights, addressed this. He noted that, during

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Spirit Corner transforms a nuisance property

Alastair Pearson

Neighbors called it the ghost house.

For decades—some say 61 years—the corner of Hampshire and Cadwell was thought to be possessed.

Shadowy, slanting maple trees surrounded the drab maroon colonial, lit dimly at night by a 25-watt lightbulb. Under the ownership of Carl C. Kornicks, empty of any authorized inhabitants, 1779 Cadwell Ave. had fallen into a state of primordial disrepair.

Hidden behind the forest canopy, carloads of college students would



Neighbors talk during a jack-o-lantern carving party held at Spirit Corner in October.

sneak in and have raucous parties. The house's paranormal mystique attracted

generations of curious neighborhood

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Grant Deming's Forest Hill residents group targets foreclosure accountability

Mike Gaynier

Cleveland Heights is projected to end 2013 with fewer than 300 foreclosure filings this year—a substantial reduction from the past six-year average of almost 500 per year, according to a recent report by the Thriving Communities Institute. That is the good news. The not-so-good news is that this year's 300 foreclosures is twice what our community averaged in 1995.

Foreclosure usually leads to vacancy, which far too often leads to blight, devaluing our homes and threatening the safety and stability of our neighborhoods. A group of concerned residents from Grant Deming's Forest Hill neighborhood, and supporters from nearby neighborhoods, have embraced a strategy used in other communities to fight this problem.

Called a *foreclosure bond*, it is a preventative measure that holds banks and property title holders responsible for the condition of their foreclosed properties. The bond works when a plaintiff files a foreclosure on a vacant property or when a property in foreclosure becomes vacant.

The first foreclosure bond legislation in the nation was enacted in 2001, in Springfield, Mass. It survived a legal challenge by six banks when on July 3, 2012, U.S. District Judge Michael Ponsor ruled that the ordinance did not violate any state law or the U.S. Constitution.

Earlier this year, Youngstown, Ohio enacted legislation requiring foreclosure bonds. The Youngstown ordinance re-

quires a \$10,000 cash bond to ensure that community tax dollars are not spent to correct bank-generated blight. Since it was enacted, Youngstown reports 82 percent of banks filing foreclosures have paid the bond.

According to *Vindy.com*, a local news source in Youngstown, "Foreclosures wield devastating and costly impacts on communities . . .

[ringing] up as much as \$34,000 in local government agency bills. Trash removal, unpaid utilities, sheriff and police costs, inspections and potentially even demolition of the property all contribute to that cost."

Foreclosure bonds provide incentive for banks or property titleholders to work with homeowners to keep them in their homes. Recently, the Lynn, Mass. city council unanimously passed foreclosure bond legislation that requires banks to allow foreclosed homeowners to become renters of their home at reasonable market rates, until a new owner is found. This keeps the property occupied and maintained, which is beneficial for families, communities and neighborhoods.

According to the *Business Journal* of Youngstown, "Local banks . . . support the effort, noting that it's beneficial to the entire community when the neighborhoods are stronger and have stable property values." Youngstown deducts \$200 for administrative costs, and refunds the balance of the bond, minus any charges for uncompensated maintenance done by the city following responsible transfer of the property.

Youngstown's positive experience led the Forest Hill group to meet with representatives from neighborhood groups in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. Forest Hill residents and their supporters decided to promote similar legislation in Cleveland Heights. The group provided city council candidates with information about Youngstown's ordinance and invited them to participate in a foreclosure bond discussion at the Community Center on Oct. 9. Council Member Cheryl Stephens, running for re-election, along with candidates Jeff Coryell and Fran Mentch joined the discussion. Although candidate Melissa Yasinow was unable to attend, she previously indicated her support for reviewing the applicability of foreclosure bonds in Cleveland Heights.

Residents in attendance (Will Dugar, Mike Gaynier, Carl Goldstein, Charles Kelly, Micah Kirman, Susan Miller, Judi Miles, Carla Rautenberg, Judith VanKleef and Diana Woods) shared their personal concerns and experiences with vacant and foreclosed properties, and expressed support for enacting foreclosure bond legislation in Cleveland Heights.

Cheryl Stephens outlined the city's current practices for managing foreclosed and vacant properties, describing the process as primarily "complaint driven." She encouraged the group to bring the matter to council and "work collaboratively to identify appropriate components of the law that may be beneficial in our community."

Fran Mentch questioned whether "we are solving a problem, or just adding another layer of regulation. Foreclosures

are declining," she said, adding that "there are always unintended consequences to such actions, and the money for the bond has to come from somewhere."

Jeff Coryell expressed support for the legislation, and said "this legislation is well focused on preventing bank-generated blight, aids neighborhood stability and would be beneficial for Cleveland Heights homeowners. I would like to see Cleveland Heights take a leadership role in Cuyahoga County enacting this legislation. Responsible banks have no reason to oppose foreclosure bonds."

Following the meeting, the group agreed to prepare a presentation for city council, with a three-to six-month target date for enacting foreclosure bond legislation in Cleveland Heights. For more information, e-mail Mike Gaynier at mjgaynier@creativechange.biz.

[Editor's note: This article has been edited from a longer version, which can be read online at www.heightsobserver.org.]

Mike Gaynier, a resident of Cleveland Heights, is a leadership consultant, community activist, HRRC board member, and a Red Cross Disaster Action team leader. Micah Kirman and Carla Rautenberg also contributed to this article.

Issue 81 and handicapped accessibility

To the Editor:

While there are numerous reasons to support Issue 81, the bond issue to fund renovations of CH-UH's middle and high schools, I would like to highlight one very important aspect: handicapped accessibility.

Clearly, our district does a fantastic job of educating its students, sending scores of graduates to first- and second-tier universities every year, and its extracurricular offerings are extensive and impressive. Our schools also meet the needs of every student regardless of physical limitation, abiding by the laws and requirements to provide all children with free, appropriate public education. But the physical structure of our buildings hinders the ability of the schools to meet the physical needs of those students with mobility issues, including those with physical and/or developmental disabilities and students (and staff) with acute, medical issues, such as healing from back or leg surgery, as well as disabled parents and grandparents who wish to participate in or view school programs.

Due to the piecemeal additions and renovations of the past 100 years, the high school currently has 27 different floor levels. There are service elevators, but they do not connect to every part of the building, forcing disabled students to navigate from one section of the building to another, wasting time and energy. To access certain areas, such as the high school's instrumental music department, custodians are needed to lift wheelchairs up a short flight of steps. This is obviously time consuming, potentially dangerous and likely humiliating.

Individuals with developmental or

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physical disabilities often feel singled out and isolated from their peers, a feeling heightened during the teenage years when friendships are of utmost importance. Time between classes should be for sharing social moments, not traversing from one elevator to another. Individuals unable to use stairs will already be traveling more slowly than able-bodied walkers, and even if such students have IEPs that allow for extra time between periods, they are nonetheless missing valuable instructional time.

Now imagine the parent or community member who wants to participate in a project, perhaps discussing his career or sharing a wartime experience with a history class. But that class is nearly unreachable due to the series of stairs and disconnected service elevators. That sure doesn't make you feel welcome or your participation valued.

Our schools are technically meeting the needs of all students, regardless of physical limitation. But we can do better. We owe them better. If you believe in equal treatment and opportunities for all, then supporting Issue 81 is a no-brainer.

Marcia Dawson
Cleveland Heights
[Dawson works for a county agency that works with those with disabilities.]

Issue 81: chump change?

To the Editor:

I believe strongly in good education and have been frustrated by the inadequacies in our district, as well as annoyed by the board's constant harping in veiled words about the percentage of poor black students that makes our system so "special."

What bothers me most about Issue 81 is that it is not about education. But I am not inclined to present my opinion based on my feelings. I prefer a proper analysis, which is what I have done after reviewing reams of records.

The telling documents that, to me, contain the "smoking gun" with regard to this issue and the plan it is supposed to fund are those referenced by the supporters of Issue 81 and the board: the state's report.

The campaign and the board claim the state found the school buildings borderline in supporting current edu-

cational programs. In fact, that is not true.

Taking statements directly from the high school report, the state claims the following: Technology is adequate; science has sufficient space for equipment; learning spaces slightly undersized, but allow for small group activity and academic areas are away from disruptive noise; interior walls permit flexibility for most classrooms; and the library is an attractive space. Surprised?

Now, what about safety and security—a set of buzzwords in the literature supporting Issue 81? The state reported: Security system components range from adequate to good. Verbiage in the report noted the risk management system in good condition, motion detectors, cameras, recorders, and the computer controls; fire alarm system is fair and adequate, but the school needs a sprinkler system; exterior doors are equipped with panic hardware; emergency lighting provided throughout building with separate electrical circuits for them, though some exits require better lighting.

The claims of the campaign and the board are in alignment with the state's report with regard to the conditions of the roof (it leaks and needs to be replaced); the walls (need tuck-pointing, copings and lintels repaired or replaced, and one parapet rebuilt); electrical (needs to be replaced); water and drainage pipelines (need to be replaced).

Overall the structural elements of the roof, the walls, the floors and foundation are good. In addition, the state found ventilation was adequate, as well as the heating system.

I feel duped in some way, because I had been under the impression the report was based on an assessment of the school building conditions. The report, however, is a "quote" for renovating all buildings, and includes more than \$14 million in construction overhead. As with any zealous contractor making a bid, this quote suggests replacing everything, even those items that are still working, adequate and good, as well as those items that are poor.

To pin down the actual scope of the plan has not been easy. The League of Women Voters, in its letter endorsing Issue 81, is also apparently confused about the scope of the plan, stating it will tear down the buildings to their cores. Yet a Sept. 19 article in the *Plain Dealer* now claims the plan will tear down only one-third of the six additions, and the cost remains

the same—\$73 million quoted by the state.

To actually address the issues that are poor, inadequate or missing, according to the state report, would require about \$24 million. For this chump change we would have better décor, better desks, a new electrical system, a sprinkler system and all walls and roofs in tip-top condition. These aren't Band-Aids. I have to wonder: How did we get from there to here?

Diane Hallum
Cleveland Heights

Reaching Heights board endorses Issue 81

To the Editor:

The Reaching Heights Board of Directors enthusiastically endorses Issue 81. The plan was developed by CH and UH citizens after a year long effort and thoughtful analysis of district physical infrastructure needs. Issue 81 reflects the values of the Heights community—preserving the past, while preparing for future generations.

Reaching Heights's focus is excellence in public education. District buildings, especially the high school, have reached a point where they hinder rather than promote quality education. The costs to maintain these aging structures have become an inefficient use of tax payer dollars.

Issue 81 correctly addresses the buildings that are most costly to maintain first—to see significant savings in

ongoing operating costs sooner. Also, starting at the high school and middle schools positively impacts a larger percentage of district families. Placing Issue 81 on the ballot this year takes advantage of state financing that stretches tax-payer dollars and allows for a comprehensive renovation; this funding will not be available after 2014.

Reaching Heights programs promote community engagement, assisting kids at every level in the CH-UH district. We have seen progress made in many areas and more work needs to be done on many fronts—one of these fronts is the deteriorating physical condition of the buildings. This is the right time and the right plan for our community.

Saroya Queen-Tabor
Cleveland Heights
[Queen-Tabor is president of the Reaching Heights Board of Directors.]

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Unique Heights people

To the Editor:

I've been meaning to submit a contribution to your newspaper ever since you called for volunteers to tell readers about unique Heights people.

In the 1980s, I owned a home near Noble and Mayfield, and enjoyed the neighbors and activities. When my company left town and I could no longer pay mortgage and taxes, I had to sell. I moved to Hessler Road where I met and worked with—on the Hessler Street Fair—many interesting and unique Heights characters. I think a bit of historical lore about Heights residents would enhance [its] reputation as a creative cauldron for those, past and present, who [have contributed to] Greater Cleveland.

Here are a few notables, most of

whom you never hear about, but who contributed to Cleveland in general, and to the Heights and University Circle in particular:

George Foley, ragtime composer, and [pianist with] the Night Owls jazz band, which plays the clubs and entertainment venues of Cleveland, including the Museum of Art;

Lee Batdorf, all-round social and political activist, son of Emerson Batdorf, the former drama critic of the *Plain Dealer*;

Walt Schmidt, avant-garde artist and colorful Coventry character, who walked his cats on a string through the neighborhood, and whose motto was "I did it my way!"

Martin Juredine, former owner of the Barking Spider Tavern, who gave many musical groups (some now famous, at least in Cleveland) their first big break;

David Ralph Delaney, a social activist who was killed while photographing deficient conditions at a housing project;

Daniel Thompson, [the first] poet laureate [for Cuyahoga County], who, poor himself, gathered food from stores and restaurants to pass on to those [even] less fortunate;

Loren Weiss, former Cleveland Heights poet laureate, who was working on an autobiography of his eventful life when he died;

Robert Banks, groundbreaking, surrealistic, prize-winning cinematographer;

Tim Ryan, longtime commercial photographer, who once owned a Heights pub, which, although now gone, is remembered fondly as a meeting place for bon vivants.

Others who live(d) or worked in Cleveland Heights are Charlie Oberndorf, writer of science fiction, who now teaches; Sarah Willis, whose father, Kirk, was a director with the Cleveland Play House Repertory of the 1950s; Neil Chandler, whose CSU workshop in writing produced such authors as the above mentioned Sarah Willis and Charlie Oberndorf, as well as Erin O'Brien Nowjack; and John Stark Bellamy, author of *They Died Crawling* and other books on Northern Ohio crime, misadventures and woe;

Finally, last but not least, Harvey Pekar, essayist, author of *American Splendor*, TV personality, and subject of a Hollywood movie.

Unfortunately Walt Schmidt, Martin Juredine, Daniel Thompson, Harvey Pekar and Loren Weiss are no longer with us. I'm sure they've taken their places in that heavenly group of illustrious contributors to the human condition who have gone before. May the others join them when their time comes—but not too soon, please.

In remembrance.

Lawrence Forbes
Cleveland

our students are learning.

Here's the reality: Our district serves poor children. This isn't an excuse, nor a shift of blame. I happen to be proud that we serve poor children and believe that fact should be celebrated. But, as research shows, children raised in poverty come to school less ready to learn, already behind their peers on the first day of kindergarten. They often have smaller vocabularies, shorter attention spans and few of the preliteracy skills required for learning to read and write. These problems continue throughout their educational careers, which are often disrupted by frequent moves in and out of schools and districts.

I am absolutely not saying that these children are unable to learn, but they are expensive to teach. Our district is teaching them. As part of an innovative transformational educational plan enacted by the administration several years ago, first- through fifth-graders are now ability-grouped for two-and-a-half hour language arts blocks. Class sizes range from five to 18 and include instruction by ELA specialists, who are experts in their field. Requiring additional teachers makes this expensive, but it is effective.

This year's third-graders are the first to have experienced this plan since first grade, and we're beginning to see the difference. Improvements on elementary test scores from this past year are noteworthy. Proficiency ratings on reading scores improved from the prior year among third-graders. Our district earned four A's in the Value Added category, with reading improvements seen among all subgroups of students.

Touting that achievement is not an exercise in positive spin. Value Added is about student growth, the most important measurement of successful teaching and learning. Our schools added value to the academic performance of every subgroup of students. This is the greatest endorsement the district could possibly wish for.

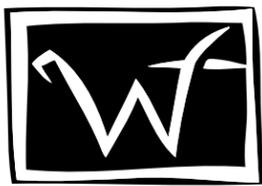
Consider this scenario: A fourth-grader moves to CH-UH from another district, reading at a first-grade level. That child is placed in a small class with a specialist, to learn reading skills. Imagine he works extra hard, as does his teacher, and demonstrates one-and-a-half years of growth in that single year. That's better than expected and means he, with the help of his teachers, moved from a first-grade reading level to half-way through a second-grade reading level. But when he takes the fourth-grade Ohio Achievement Test in reading, he

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Student performance trajectory is positive

To the Editor:

The most upsetting argument against CH-UH's Issue 81 is the claim that our schools are failing. This is frustrating because it ignores the obvious physical needs of our buildings, but also because it simply isn't true. The schools are thriving. Our teachers are teaching and



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Vote Yes on Issue 81

To the Editor:

I grew up in Cleveland Heights, I live here and now I own a business here. Like many young people, I left the region at the first chance. My job took me around the country and our personal travels took us around the world. I spent extended time in many communities, and although I enjoyed visiting most of them, very few had the personality of Cleveland Heights.

When my career offered us the opportunity to live wherever we wanted, we jumped at the chance to move back to 44118.

Cleveland Heights is a slice of the real world. We have "real" people, beautiful architecture, and proximity to the arts, academics, and world-class health-

care. We also have an amazingly diverse community that benefits from, and suffers from, the same social challenges you find in any large city—anywhere in the world.

One of my fondest memories is of sitting in the courtyard of Cleveland Heights High School, waiting for the doors to open, on the first day of high school. I was in awe of this beautiful old behemoth of a school. We had left Wiley Junior High the previous spring and now we were in the big time. I stared up at the clock tower and thought how beautifully the school represented Cleveland Heights. This was the center of our community and I was proud to be attending this public school.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to return to the building many times. Each time, I was struck by how long in the tooth the building looked. The pool was an embarrassment—what did visiting teams think of these facilities compared to those at their schools?

Recently, I walked to the school with my son who just started at Heights High this year. I thought back to my first day, back in 1980. We walked past the Cleveland Heights High School sign that is now cracked and eroding, we walked up the steps that are also broken, we passed overgrown weeds and uneven cement slabs in the courtyard. We walked past the add-on section that obstructs the view of the building's imposing original façade. I looked up at the clock tower, with its rotting wood and peeling paint. The building looked weathered way beyond what a historic site and centerpiece of our community should be.

Would the building soon be beyond repair? Are the students, teachers and

staff who go there every day proud of their school? Is it a facility that attracts the best and brightest teachers and administrators?

I urge all of you to visit the school and see for yourself. When you drive past the high school, are you proud of what you see? Or do you turn away at what Heights High has become?

This is where our kids go to learn; this is where athletes from other schools come to compete. Does this building represent the Cleveland Heights that you love and are part of? I don't think so.

For me, as a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident, the building is an embarrassment.

As a former student, I am saddened by the condition of the building.

As a merchant, and someone fully invested in our community, I believe that we must make the further investment in our schools.

Cleveland Heights is not perfect, and we have plenty of issues to deal with. Let's look at each one separately and help our city government and school board move in the direction that is best for this community.

We must make this investment in our community and for our children, and we must do this now. The clock is ticking.

Adam Fleischer
Cleveland Heights
[Fleischer, a member of the FutureHeights Board of Directors, speaks for himself in this letter, not on behalf of any organization.]

We are the owners

To the Editor,

I am a graduate of Heights High, and parent of three kids in CH-UH schools, currently at all levels—elementary, middle and high school.

I am committed to our CH-UH school district in all its complexities, strengths and weaknesses. It is a remarkable and special place.

I have been involved, since the beginning, with the schools facilities process. Now, after three years of work, we have a plan and a bond issue (81) on the table. There are many reasons I know this is the right thing to do, from [maintaining] appropriate temperatures in classrooms to the importance of spaces that reflect the value we place on education and the potential of our

youth.

But there is one reason that rises to the top, and that is, quite simply, the deplorable condition of the buildings, especially the high school. I have taken an in-depth look at all our buildings, head to toe, roofs to boiler rooms. I have pictures in my head of aging, leaking pipes, outdated and convoluted wiring, buckling floors, and groundwater seepage. I picture the dark, cramped, ill-equipped chemistry room where my 10th-grader now spends an hour a day. I can't get those images out of my head. I replay them over and over, looking at them with the eye of a parent and a school supporter, yes, but also with the eye of a property owner.

Because I do own those buildings. As a homeowner and taxpayer in this community, I, along with my neighbors, own them, just as I own the roads and the library and the community center. I look at them and the condition they are in with the same eye I would use to look at any other piece of property I own.

When I bought my home I made an investment, not only for my family, but also in this community. I owe it to my neighbors to maintain that property to such a standard that we all continue to find this a desirable place to live, a place we are proud to call home. Sometimes all that requires is regular maintenance, like the tuck-pointing and painting I will do this fall. Sometimes it requires significant renovation or rebuilding, like the unplanned work we did this summer, caused by old plumbing and structural issues that could not be ignored.

We are at that place now with our school buildings. Together we own these buildings, and together we share the responsibility to maintain them to the standard by which we want our community to be defined. Regular maintenance will no longer do the trick. We are throwing money in an ever-deepening hole, trying to patch and fix problems that are more responsibly and appropriately addressed by renovation or rebuilding. It is time for major reinvestment.

The Lay Facilities Committee put together a solid plan, one that considers the needs of the district in terms of operations and instruction, and the values and desires of the community, as expressed over the last few years. It has done so with a sincere appreciation for the limited resources of our community and has kept an eye on the bottom line while not cutting necessary corners. It has recommended phasing that is sensitive to the disruption of our students.

This plan is before us, the owners, this Election Day. We must make the responsible choice of investment in the future. It won't get any cheaper. It won't get any easier. We have a funding window open to us now that will close very quickly. Now is the time.

I love this community and hope to live here for the next 40 years, and because of that, I will continue to reinvest in my home. Please, let's make that same investment in our public buildings. Our kids are worth it. Our community is worth it. Please vote YES on Issue 81.

Dallas Schubert
Cleveland Heights
[Dallas Schubert served on the Lay Facilities Committee.]

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get to work from the Heights," Symon explained. He went to high school at St. Edward's in Lakewood, where he was on the wrestling team. Then he broke his arm while wrestling, and he wound up taking a part-time job as a cook at Gepetto's restaurant in Lakewood. "My mother is Greek and Sicilian," he said, "so food was always a big part of the way I grew up."

After graduating from high school in 1987, Symon attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He returned to Cleveland in the early 1990s and worked as a chef at a few local restaurants before opening the restaurant that was originally called Lola in Tremont. The restaurant, named after his aunt, put Cleveland on the map for the national food scene, and *Food & Wine* magazine named Symon its Best New Chef in 1998. "That was great," he said. "It was the first time a chef from Ohio had ever been awarded that honor, and it was the first time a chef from the Midwest, other than Chicago, had ever won the award. It was a game-changing award for me."

In 2005, Symon turned Lola into Lolita and opened a new Lola on East Fourth Street in downtown Cleveland. Since then, he has also opened B Spot restaurants in Woodmere, Westlake and Strongsville, and, in 2008, he opened a restaurant in Detroit, Michael Symon's Roast. He said he is planning to open more restaurants in the Detroit area. In addition to all of his restaurants, Symon also appears on two syndicated television shows, "The Chew," which is broadcast locally on ABC-TV Monday through Friday at 1 p.m., and "Iron

Chef," which is on the Food Network.

With all of his restaurants and TV shows, Symon leads a pretty hectic life. He is in New York, filming his shows, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Then he heads home and spends as much time as he can at his Cleveland-area restaurants. In addition, he makes numerous trips to Detroit. When he is home, he said he does "tons of cooking." In addition to his wife, Liz, Symon also lives with two dogs, Ruby and Ozzy. And he has two motorcycles, both Harleys. "I have to have some hobbies," he said. Symon and his wife have a 26-year-old son, a musician who lives in Lakewood.

Asked if he has any plans to open a restaurant in Cleveland Heights, Symon said, "We never really say, 'Oh, we're going to open in this area.' Opportunities come, and we look at them and say, 'Is this something that will work for us?' We opened in Tremont 17 years ago, and there was nothing there. But my wife and I knew the people who owned the bar that was there before we took over the space. It was really the only place we could afford to open a restaurant. And downtown was really the same way. There was nothing happening on East Fourth when we moved there. House of Blues was just getting ready to open, and when we opened, there was still construction on the street. But I never say 'never,' and I never say 'for certain.'"

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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the past year, his company has spent \$350,000 to renovate its single grocery store on Lee Road. New energy-efficient freezers, self-service organic bulk food dispensers, and reach-in beer coolers are among the improvements. He has also instituted a new shopper loyalty program. Nonetheless, Zagara said he is anticipating an initial 10-percent drop in his business as a result of the new Walmart store.

The other concern is for the future of Severance Town Center. The shopping center has lost several tenants during the past few years, and, with Walmart's departure, is nearly 30-percent vacant. Its owner's plans are uncertain.

Mayor Edward J. Kelley said he was optimistic about the shopping center's future. "To me, this is an opportunity," he said. "Walmart has been a great anchor tenant for many years, but now that the store is no longer there, I think it can bring about a rebirth and revitalization of Severance."

Kelley said that he thinks the former Walmart store will be divided into multiple stores. "I think this gives the owners a real chance to reposition

and redevelop Severance. I am very confident that we can do something that will transform the entire shopping center."

Pine Tree Commercial Realty, the company that manages Severance, did not return calls, but Kelley praised Pine Tree, saying that it recently brought in a new person to manage Severance and hired new maintenance crews to clean up the grounds. He is pleased with the changes.

There has been some talk of trying to remove the shopping center to use the property for new residential units; a possibility Kelley dismisses. He said there is a chance that senior housing might be added outside Severance Circle, but that the focus in the commercial core of Severance will continue to be on retail.

Meanwhile, the new Walmart Supercenter is attracting large crowds during its first several days in business.

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When it comes to learning, factor in the learner



THE COMMON GOOD

Susie Kaeser

When I walked into Belinda Farrow's kindergarten classroom for a lunchtime meeting to plan this year's tutoring program, she was huddled next to a child in tears. Her firm, reassuring voice comforted a young student recovering from a meltdown over tangled shoelaces.

This brief encounter brought me back to the reality of education. It is messy—intellectual growth pursued within the cauldron of physical and emotional development. All of it counts, and yet none of it can be measured with much accuracy.

As a kindergarten volunteer I help students master letter sounds, a foundational literacy skill that is crucial for achievement. But the emotional needs and coping skills of our young charges, like the thermostats in our houses, govern them and their encounters with the education agenda. You can't teach a subject without factoring in the child! There are no shortcuts and no formulas.

We like to think IQ defines success in school, but, according to research reported in Paul Tough's *How Children Succeed*, student achievement is deeply affected by how able students are to self-regulate—that is, how able they are to concentrate, organize their thoughts and emotions, and engage with schoolwork. The research shows that stress, particularly in early childhood, can hurt the part of the brain that controls children's ability to concentrate and apply themselves to schoolroom tasks.

Stress in life can throw up barriers to learning. This is more than common sense; it is now visible in neural pathways. Tough's book also describes some of the interventions being used to overcome these barriers. It is hopeful, but intervention takes time and trained people. If we truly want all children to succeed, we need to minimize the sources of stress and support the development of both academic and emotional skills.

If we are committed to educational equity, we need to face the societal factors that affect the educational experience. Too many of our children, particularly those in poverty, experience too much stress, which affects their health and their ability to self-regulate—a fundamen-

tal variable affecting school success. While not immutable, it can be a serious challenge if not addressed.

As we grapple with the daunting task of helping every child become a successful learner regardless of life circumstances, we need to recognize that children are not widgets, schools are not factories, teachers are not the problem, and grading schools is not the same as reforming them.

When you consider the variability among students in any school, comparing one school to another does not make sense. Holding teachers accountable for issues beyond their control is ludicrous.

Farrow and all the other people who go into our schools everyday know that their task is human development—a much broader goal than student achievement. Their students are not abstract learning machines. They are complicated, vulnerable humans navigating an anxiety-producing world—anxiety that can exact a big toll on their lives and how they experience the world, including their school curriculum.

Successful education accounts for this. It cannot be done on the cheap, and it cannot be done without caring, skilled, supported educators like Farrow, and without the support of the community. Policymakers who claim to value student success need to meet our children. Maybe then they would see that strategies like oversimplified report cards, competition for funds, and linking student success to teacher pay do little to support the human beings who inhabit our classrooms and who are the keys to our future.

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

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Nov. 7: Rose Bouthillier, assistant curator for the Museum of Contemporary Art, will lead a virtual tour of the museum, from the grand staircase through the exhibition space, as “the building takes us on a journey from the hustle and bustle of the city to a place of contemplation and escape.”

Nov. 14: David Beach, director of the Green City, Blue Lake Institute at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will discuss “Extreme Weather, Welcome to our new Climate,” a talk drawn from his extensive study of the environment.

Nov. 21: Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Distinguished Professor of Piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music, will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Verdi, composer of “La Traviata,” “Rigoletto,” “Aida,” among other operas, with piano highlights and selected arias by the Cleveland Institute of Music Choral Ensemble.

Nov. 28: No meeting on Thanksgiving Day, but much to be grateful for.

University Heights City Council

Meeting highlights

September 16, 2013
All council members were present.

University Heights Fire Department

Dave Hollo, treasurer of Firefighters Local #974, reported that the fire department successfully extinguished a house fire at 3901 Silsby Road. Nobody was injured but the house has significant damage.

He also reported the fire department’s continual commitment to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) annual “Fill the Boot” campaign over Labor Day. [The department has] raised \$4,676 thus far and will deliver the funds soon to the local MDA. Donations can be made year round. This summer, two firefighters volunteered at the local MDA camp.

Training has occurred over the past few months, primarily on city-owned properties including the former Fuchs Mizrachi school. The hands-on training has been very helpful, and is part of a larger commitment to ongoing training for the department.

Ambulance cots

Council authorized the purchase of a second Stryker Cot Model 6506. Council had previously approved the purchase of a special load system (including a cot), which automatically loads and locks the cot into the new ambulance, paid for primarily by a grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation to reduce work-related injuries to EMTs and firefighters. The Bureau increased the grant funding so that the city could buy a second cot. The city will receive \$56,000 worth of equipment at a final cost to it of \$17,000 to \$18,000. The new ambulance will arrive in January. The cots will arrive sooner and can be used in the current ambulances.

Asian carp

Council authorized a resolution to be sent to the city’s representatives in Columbus and Washington urging them to seek and approve ways to keep the Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

Police Department

The city’s police department has received \$65,000 as a portion of the funds collected by the state through criminal seizures. These funds

are to be used for police equipment and training needs. Police Chief Steven Hammet would like to use some of these funds to buy a voice stress analyzer (a version of a polygraph) and a surveillance tool, for a total cost of \$6,500, which includes training for the voice stress analyzer. Currently the department borrows these items from neighboring departments, but the items are not always available when needed.

Water mains

The Fernwood Road water main replacement is complete and the pavement is being finished. The water main replacement on Channing Road is almost complete to Meadowbrook Road.

LWV Observer: Wendy Deuring.

OCTOBER 7, 2013

Councilman Steven Sims was absent.

Special garbage pickups

Council approved an increase in cost from \$8 to \$10 for special garbage pickups. The last time the fee was increased was in 2002. The payments are now streamlined to the building department instead of city hall. Councilwoman Susan Pardee asked for clarification on the policy of two pickups every six months, and asked if residents can pay online. The mayor responded that both of those questions are currently under review.

Property violations

An ordinance was presented on first reading to change the penalty fee for yard violations from 5 percent of the abatement cost to \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for the second offense and all others thereafter. The city issues violations on properties when the grass is eight inches long. The building commissioner said that not only is time spent for inspectors to visit the property multiple times, but also the city has to hire the company to cut the grass. The cost of that alone is more than \$100. If owners are having hardships the city will work with them. Councilwoman Pardee expressed concern that fining the residents \$100 for the first offense is excessive.

Nuisance rubbish

An ordinance was presented on first reading to raise the penalty for improperly disposed of rubbish from 5 percent of abatement costs to \$300 for the



first offense and \$500 for the second offense and all others thereafter. The building commissioner stated that some requested pickups are too large for the city and are just left on the property, especially when people are moving. The cost to rent a dumpster is \$300 to \$400, and would be cheaper than getting cited by the city.

Nordway Road

Council approved an agreement with the City of Cleveland Heights to resurface the University Heights section of Nordway Road at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Northeast Ohio Sewer District

The law director stated that [the Ohio Eighth District Court of appeals ruled that] the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District cannot charge an extra fee for the regional stormwater program. [The case] will probably go to the [state] Supreme Court.

Leaf collection

Leaf collection will begin Oct. 15, and hazardous waste and shredding collection is on Friday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LWV Observer: Michele Weiss.

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ior and coordinating volunteers to keep pet waste disposal stations stocked with bags.

The city agreed to conduct a pilot from April 15 to Oct. 15 of this year. It asked the group to provide regular updates and work with the city on any issues that might arise. Kelley said that the project ran smoothly and that no major issues arose.

Council Member Jason Stein, who lives near the park, commended neighborhood residents for making the project successful. “I have not received one complaint from residents,” he said. “In fact, I’ve received several positive comments. We had a wonderful summer at Cain Park. There is more foot traffic and more families are using the park. The Dog Project has had a positive effect on the neighborhood.”

“This is one more way to keep people happy about Cleveland Heights, and the Cain Park volunteers have done a great job working with us,” said Kelley. “It takes a group of dedicated volunteers

to make this happen.”

When asked if the city plans to extend leashed-dog walking to other city parks, Kelley said, “We will have to wait and see if other groups come forward who are willing to work on the issue for a park that is close to them.”

“The majority of Dog Project volunteers—core organizers and Poop Troop members—live very close to Cain Park, which makes it easy to keep an eye on things,” said Whitehouse. She encouraged interested residents to raise the issue with their neighborhood associations and said that Dog Project members can provide some “front-end guidance.”

For more information about the Dog Project, visit www.clevelanddogproject.weebly.com or www.facebook.com/cb-dogproject, e-mail chdogproject@gmail.com or call 440-478-6226.

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



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Cleveland Heights gains recognition as bicycle-friendly community

Mary Dunbar

On Oct. 15, the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) announced its latest round of Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFCs), and Cleveland Heights became one of 32 new BFCs. Cleveland Heights joined two other suburban Ohio communities—Lakewood and Dublin—in achieving bronze-level BFC in this round.

In 2010 the Heights Bicycle Coalition (HBC) was formed—a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging Heights community members on bicycle use.

HBC has worked collaboratively with the City of Cleveland Heights and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District ever since to make the community more bicycle friendly. Cleveland Heights has installed sharrows and bike lanes on roadways, as well as added many new bike racks in business districts, schools and parks.

Elementary and middle schools have celebrated Walk or Bike to School Day, spring and fall, for three years. Bike rodeos have made a comeback, and afterschool bike clubs have started. An adult-level Smart Cycling class was offered this past spring. Heights Youth Club has given away almost 100 free bicycles to youths.

Cleveland Heights has two bicycle stores—Cain Park Bicycle and Cycle Sport—and a studio that combines yoga and bicycling—Buddhaful Spin. This year, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library became one of the first libraries nationally with a Book Bike to visit street fairs and other events, to give away free books.

The Cleveland Heights Police Department has trained six bicycle officers who have been instrumental in improving safety in parks, business districts and neighborhoods and building positive relations with young people.

Bike counts by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency show that Cleveland Heights stands out

regionally for its number of bicyclists. The counts also show an increase in bicycling.

Cleveland Heights City Council has declared May Bike Month for the past three years. With the support of Phoenix Coffee, FutureHeights and the city, HBC has organized a free coffee and pastry station for bicyclists on Bike to Work Day for the past two years. HBC and other organizations have offered

bike tours of city attractions to entice new riders. The city and HBC have published safety information on their websites and in their publications.

Cleveland Heights City Council is committed to creating, by the end of 2013, a Transportation Advisory Committee to assist in improving

conditions and opportunities for transit and active modes of transportation. The Ohio Department of Transportation is providing consultants to create School Travel Plans for five schools in the city; this will set the stage for applications to fund infrastructure and education projects that will support Safe Routes to School Programs in 2014.

Mary Dunbar is president of the Heights Bicycle Coalition and a member of Cleveland Heights City Council.



Four and Twenty to open on Cedar Road

Kaye Lowe

Sean Fagan and Kim Scholten are relocating and expanding their vintage antiques business, Four and Twenty, from Cleveland's Larchmere neighborhood to 12433 Cedar Road in the historic Cedar Fairmount Business District.

The owners plan to open in their new location before Thanksgiving, in a space almost twice the size of the Larchmere store.

In their mix of products, Fagan and Scholten focus on Industrial Arts, significant rural pieces and Mid-century Modern.

Fagan's expertise as a master craftsman in both furniture and lighting, paired with Scholten's background in interior design and architecture, enable them to cater to their clients' needs.

In addition to antiques, rustic pieces and found objets d'art, they design and build custom furniture—some reinvented using reclaimed materials from local demolished buildings—and lighting for both residential and retail clients.

Along with Richard Zingale—who has joined Four and Twenty, bringing his background and perspective in both



architecture and interiors—the owners plan to expand their business by adding contemporary furniture lines as well as unique home furnishings.

The three plan to develop Four and Twenty into a "lifestyle incubator" that will include smaller, useful home wares and new handcrafted items.

"People always ask us how we buy," Scholten said, "What do we like? Where do we get our inspiration? Our answer—always—is 'With our eye.' It's not a sixth sense, but perhaps a seventh!"

Kaye Lowe is executive director of the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District.

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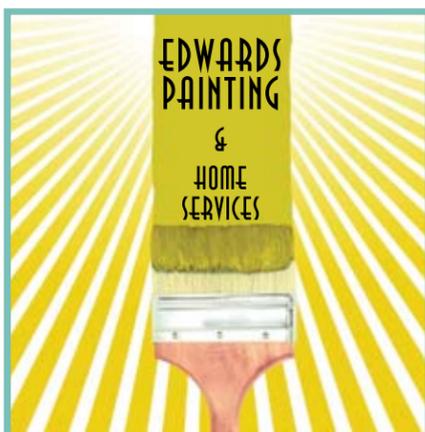


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Michael Rotman is CH Historical Society's first director

Ken Goldberg

The Cleveland Heights Historical Society (CHHS) has appointed Michael Rotman as its new executive director. A resident of the city's Cedar Fairmount neighborhood, Rotman previously worked at the Center for Public History and Digital Humanities at Cleveland State University, where he developed content for the Cleveland Historical mobile app and collaborated with teachers to use technology to integrate the region's

history into classroom curricula.

Rotman plans to further the CHHS mission of preserving and promoting the diverse history of Cleveland Heights by enhancing its website (www.chhistory.org) to showcase the society's resources and collections for audiences from around the world, through ongoing

collaborations with community members and organizations to stage periodic local history presentations; and through publication of the quarterly CHHS newsletter.

Ken Goldberg is the president of the Cleveland Heights Historical Society Board of Directors.



Michael Rotman

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Cleveland Heights City Council Meeting highlights

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Council Members Janine R. Boyd and Mary Dunbar were absent.

Citizen comments

2253 N. St. James Parkway: Resident Steven Houser submitted a petition from 34 neighbors asking for a solution to a vacant and deteriorating property at 2253 North St. James Parkway. Houser tried to buy the house, which is owned by HUD, to improve it, but title errors made it unavailable. Mayor Kelley referred the issue to Rick Wagner, the city's housing program manager.

Budget process: Resident Diane Hallum questioned council's authority to act on the budget process on an emergency basis. Finance Director Thomas Raguz explained that this was acceptable as it is not an expenditure decision.

Assessments: Saying that property taxes were rising and services declining, resident John Cobb expressed concern about new assessments for street lighting and garbage collection. He urged the city to explore new economic development to bring relief to homeowners.

Tax burden for seniors: Annie Moore, a 45-year resident, claimed that the constant increases in fees and taxes was nearly unbearable for seniors on fixed incomes. She urged that businesses be asked to provide more support and said that seniors need relief and

cannot carry so much responsibility for funding community expenses.

Property neglect: Bruce Needham, a 40-year resident, complained about two properties in his neighborhood that were being neglected by the residents. He said the rubbish and lack of maintenance was affecting his property and asked for city help. Rick Wagner will meet with him to find a solution to keeping the property to code.

Housing code and rain barrels

Council amended the housing code to define "rain barrel" and "rain garden." Downspouts no longer have to be connected to the public storm sewer if diverted into a rain barrel or rain garden.

Nuisance properties

Council declared four vacant and seriously deteriorated properties to be nuisances and authorized their abatement and demolition. The properties are at 3281 Altamont Ave., 3599 Antisdale Ave., 13145 Cedar Road and 3377 Kildare Road.

Civil service regulations

Council amended the city's civil service commission rules and regulations to align with the Ohio Revised Code. The policy requires that all first responders must reside in Cuyahoga County or an adjacent county, which includes Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit, Geauga or Lake County.

CERT

Council Member Jason Klein announced that anyone interested in being trained for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) should call community relations at 216-291-2323. There will be a session in the fall.

LWV Observer: Susie Kaeser.

OCTOBER 7, 2013

All council members were present

Citizen comments

Cain Park dog project: Resident Carrie Whitehouse, representing the Cain Park Neighborhood Association, discussed the success of the Cain Park dog project. The pilot program, running from April 15 to Oct. 15, 2013, allows leashed dogs in the park. In response, Mayor Kelley announced that council will make the program permanent.

Recreation Advisory appointments

Council approved the appointments of James J. Costello, Edward Esborn and Sean Sullivan to the city's recreation advisory board.



CDBG application

Council authorized submission of the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2014. The city has participated in the program for decades, and the funds, more than \$1.3 million, are considered essential for low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, their residents, and the businesses that provide services to them.

Lee Boulevard waterline replacement

Council authorized an agreement with Mackay Engineering & Surveying Company for engineering and surveying services for the Lee Boulevard waterline replacement project between Burlington Road and Forest Hills Boulevard. The cost for these services is not to exceed \$17,385.

Natural Gas Aggregation Program

Council Member Bonnie Caplan advised property owners that a letter will be arriving soon regarding the city's natural gas aggregation program with Integrys Energy Services. The city's gas consumers are automatically included in the program unless they opt out.

Leaf pickup

Pickup of loose leaves will begin Oct. 29. Residents were reminded to pile leaves on their tree lawns, not in the street.

Lopez loan agreement

Council authorized changes in the commercial loan agreement with Lee Road Partners Too Ltd. (Lopez SouthWest Kitchen & Tequila Saloon). The borrower has requested that the term and payment schedule of the agreement be amended to reflect the seasonal nature of [the restaurant's] revenue.

Youth Advisory Commission

Council appointed 12 returning and eight new student members to the Cleveland Heights Youth Advisory Commission. Adult members include Quintero Mack, Cleveland Heights police officer; James Moore, recreation board member; and new member Faith Gordon, social worker for the Mosaic Small School at Cleveland Heights High School. The first meeting of the commission for the upcoming 2013-14 school year will take place Oct. 15.

LWV Observer: Katherine Solender.

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children, who would knock on the door and sometimes break in.

In November 2011, neighbors say that events took a more sinister turn when a woman allegedly was robbed by a mugger hiding behind the trees.

After decades of mounting exasperation from both the local community and the Cleveland Heights police, in February 2012 the city acted to label the house a nuisance property. The

Cuyahoga Land Bank placed a \$10,000 lien on the house, which convinced Kornicks to donate the property to the bank instead of paying. The house was razed and the land became the property of the City of Cleveland Heights.

Neighbors met twice in the fall of 2012 to discuss their ideas about the future of the property, debating and eventually rejecting a proposal to use

the land for a community garden.

Then, Mayor Edward Kelly chose Laura Marks, a green activist who lives on Hampshire Road, to lead the development of a new neighborhood park on the property. It was named Spirit Corner in honor of the local legend.

Marks was surprised. "Mayor Kelly approached me, said Marks, I don't know why he chose me. I hadn't done anything on this scale before."

Working with landscape designer and Cleveland Heights resident Elsa Johnson, Marks transformed the remnants of the urban jungle into a sleek, humming center of community life.

Carefully arranged rock circles, wood chips, stone benches and a massive boulder have replaced the gnarled trees, patchy grass and weeds. Large mounds of straw-covered compost mark the exterior of the park, which will be wheelchair accessible.

Marks has taken steps to minimize fossil fuel usage and prevent wasteful use of gasoline by lawnmowers. She said she incorporated aspects of sustainable architecture and permaculture in sculpting the park.

"Part of permaculture is having a food forest," Marks said. "I'm planning to plant strawberries on the mounds."

Although the city still owns the property, Spirit Corner has become an integral part of the neighborhood. Marks said she wants to preserve the park for the long term.

"The more permanent and beautiful we make it, the less likely it is to be developed into something," Marks said.

Neighbors said that the process of working toward a solution for the "ghost house" has brought them together. Cadwell Avenue resident Frank Jenkins believes the community has built lasting bonds over the course of the project.

"It's been a great thing to have a common space for the neighbors to meet, share ideas, work experiences, philosophy and the things that a common space can elicit," Jenkins said.

Although he recognized the benefits of the new park, Hampshire Road resident Arthur Chan regretted that the home's potential had not been realized.

"Green space is always a plus," Chan said. "It was a nice house. If only it had been taken care of."

Chan lives almost directly across the street from Spirit Corner, and has witnessed much of the worst of the juvenile delinquency that used to be endemic to the property. Carting rocks from his backyard to the new park, he seems at peace, using his own hands to work toward the transformation of his community.

He and Marks are hopeful for the future of their park. Marks said she knows what she wants it to look like.

"I hope to see kids playing there," said Marks, "and me calling Arthur and saying, 'You bring the salad, I'll bring the dessert.'"

Alastair Pearson, a Cleveland Heights resident, is a student at Saint Ignatius, where he edits the school newspaper and literary magazine. He is a regular contributor to the Observer.

New CH city manager to speak at Nov. 21 FutureHeights event

Deanna Bremer Fisher

FutureHeights will host Meet the New City Manager, the latest event in its speaker series, on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the BottleHouse Brewery, 2050 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights.

The evening will feature Tanisha Briley, who became city of manager of Cleveland Heights in August. She will discuss her impressions of the city thus far and her goals for the future.

Briley will then answer questions from the audience.

The event is free, but registration is required. To RSVP for the event, go to <https://meetthenewcitymanager.eventbrite.com>, call FutureHeights at 216-320-1423, or send an e-mail to info@futureheights.org.

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



Cleveland Heights City Manager Tanisha Briley.

Fraud prevention: keeping your savings and identity safe



SENIOR SCENE

Judith Eugene

Because many older adults own their homes outright, have retirement savings, and were taught by their parents to be trusting and polite, they are often targeted by unscrupulous people looking for easy money. According to the FBI, "con artists exploit these traits, knowing that it is difficult or impossible for these individuals to say no."

Common scams targeted at seniors include miracle cures, sweepstakes prizes, health surveys, foreclosure rescue and investment offers. According to the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), "con artists are smart, extremely persuasive and aggressive, and present themselves as well-mannered, friendly and helpful. They purposely devise complex offers that confuse their targets."

If a telephone or door-to-door salesperson talks quickly, doesn't answer your questions, or leaves you confused about the details of the offer, something is probably wrong. Tell him or her you'd prefer to think about it and may call back. Do not let anyone rush you into signing anything. Say you need time to have someone you trust look it over. If it is a legitimate salesperson, he will honor your request. If he insists that you make a decision or sign something right away, he probably does not have your best interest in mind.

The NCPC advises seniors to remember one easy rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. NCPC further advises never to give your credit card, bank account or social security number over the phone, through the mail, over the Internet, by text message

or to someone who comes to your door, unless you have initiated the contact. Also, be sure to shred, and not just throw away, any papers that contain this information.

Other advice offered by the NCPC includes not buying health products that claim quick cures, never accepting offers from home repair companies who "just happened to be in the neighborhood," not wiring money to someone you don't know, and not paying for something you receive in the mail that you didn't order. Remember not to carry your social security card with you, and never to write your social security number on a check.

Monitor your credit activity by ordering your credit report at least twice a year and checking for unusual activity. Be sure to check your monthly bank account and credit card statements carefully.

If you think that you have been the victim of fraud, don't feel embarrassed to report it. Con artists are very good at what they do, and even the most astute people have been tricked. Report fraud by contacting your local police department and the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) at the following numbers: Cleveland Heights Police 216-321-1234, University Heights Police 216-932-1800, NFIC 800-876-7060.

You can order your credit report by calling Trans Union at 877-322-8228, Experian at 888-397-3742 or Equifax at 877-322-8228. Order a report from all three companies, because reports can vary. By law you are entitled to one free report per year from each of these companies. You do not need to purchase a membership or monitoring service.

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

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Upward Basketball gears up for fifth season

Lauren Lanphear

In an era in sports when trash talking, win-at-all-cost mentalities and fights on the field seem to be the norm, it's no wonder that, according to the National Alliance for Sports, 70 percent of children playing organized sports will quit by age 13 and never play again.

Heights kids and families seeking a positive sports experience can participate in an unconventional youth basketball league that teaches that the process of competition is just as important as the

outcome.

Since 2009, the Church of the Saviour (CotS), at 2537 Lee Road, has hosted a basketball league through Upward Sports, the world's largest Christian sports league for children, which has coached and mentored more than 500 Heights kids.

"Kids seem to really grow—both as athletes and friends—in an environment that focuses on skills, sportsmanship, teamwork and integrity, while having fun," said Tammy Owings, coach commissioner of the Upward Basketball League at Church of the Saviour.

"It's been exciting seeing families from several neighborhoods come together for the first time," said Owings. "One basketball team can often represent more than five schools. This basketball program is building friendships and community."

Focusing on healthy competition and positive sports environments that build self-confidence, Upward Sports equips churches with everything needed to run a competitive, but fun, 10-week sports program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

To avoid player and parent burn out, the CotS Upward Basketball program limits time commitments to one practice and one game (one-hour long) per week. Other distinctive aspects of Upward Basketball leagues include:



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- Competitive games with strict adherence to a proprietary drafting system that balances talent on each team;
- Supportive coaches who bring out "the winner" in every child, regardless of the game's score.

Mandatory skill evaluations will take place on Nov. 11 and 12, 6-8 p.m., and Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to noon. You do not need an appointment, just go to the church's Great Hall and sign in.

Practices begin the week of Jan. 6. Games begin Jan. 18 and run through March 8. Games are played between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays. All practices and games take place in the Great Hall.

For information or to register for the league, visit www.chsaviour.org or call 216-321-8880, ext. 257. For more information about Upward Sports, visit www.upward.org.

Registration (\$100 per child) closes on Nov. 16. Active-duty military families receive a discount. Scholarships are available; contact the church office for details.

Lauren Lanphear, owner of the Forest City Tree Protection Co., is the league director for the CotS Upward Basketball program.

Judge Astrab to host Heights forum on heroin in the suburbs

Mike Cook

Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael Astrab will host a town hall meeting on "Heroin in the Suburbs" at the Lee Road Library on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.



Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael Astrab

Astrab said he has seen too many heroin cases in his courtroom, and the majority of them involve young suburbanites. "Make no mistake, it's an epidemic," Astrab said. "As a community, we need to do more to prevent people from using heroin in the first place."

During the 2013-14 school year, Astrab will host a series of forums, with the goal of raising awareness of the heroin epidemic and informing parents how to keep their families safe.

According to the medical examiner, heroin killed 161 people in Cuyahoga County last year. The majority of those deaths were in the suburbs, including two in Cleveland Heights.

"Everyone involved in these forums has one goal—to prevent at least one person from being hurt by heroin," Astrab said.

The Heights forum will feature John Lusking, former Cleveland Heights police captain and current defense attorney; Dr. Joan Papp from MetroHealth; Deborah Naiman, assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutor; and Vince Caraffi from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. All Heights residents—especially parents and students—are encouraged to attend.

To RSVP for the forum on Facebook, search for "Cleveland Heights: Heroin in the Suburbs." For more information, follow Judge Astrab on Twitter@judgeastrab.

Mike Cook is the bailiff to Judge Michael Astrab.

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Heights High Homecoming Queen Ali Whitner and King Carl Sims.

A Heights homecoming

Joy Henderson

Heights High seniors Ali Whitner and Carl Sims were crowned homecoming queen and king during the half-time show at the homecoming game, against Warrensville Heights, on Oct. 11. Other court members were juniors Jamilah Avery and Sean Ayers, sophomores Donni Hood and Chishon Daniels, and freshmen Karmyn Thomas and Keyon Powell.

An all-district parade before the game featured the Heights High Marching Band leading 28 groups, including five district school groups, marching and riding from the Delisle Center to Heights High.

Families enjoyed the food and games at the Family Fun Fest before the

football game, which Heights High won 53-14.

As the kickoff to their reunion weekend, 55 members of the Class of 1978 entered the field through a tunnel formed by the cheerleaders holding up their arms, and sat in a special section in the stands.

On Saturday, 100 students attended the homecoming dance, capping the weekend and carrying on a tradition that goes back many years. While some of the details may change, the community spirit and youthful energy that define a Heights High homecoming weekend remain unchanged.

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

Scrabble tournament Nov. 9 aids children in foster care

Mike Kenney

The fourth annual Scrabble Tournament fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9. All event proceeds benefit the Waiting Child Fund and its efforts to find permanent families for children in foster care.

The tournament will run from 3-6 p.m. at Rockefeller's Restaurant, 3099 Mayfield Road. Vikki and Todd Webster, residents of Cleveland Heights, are the hosts. The \$40 ticket includes appetizers, drinks, and a chance to test one's Scrabble skills and win prizes.

"Our favorite thing about this event is the laughter and joy it brings to all of the participants. It is a direct reflection of how the children must feel after being placed in a secure and safe permanent home," said Vikki Webster.

The tournament raised a little more than \$2,000 each of its first two years. In 2012, thanks to a generous anonymous-match sponsor, it raised more than \$10,000. The event is sup-



ported by guests, auction item donors, and sponsors who are committed to the mission of the Waiting Child Fund.

Founded in 2007, the organization seeks families for those children who have waited the longest, while simultaneously working to reduce the number of children who enter the foster care system.

Participation is limited to 60 players, and table sponsorships are available. Register at www.waitingchildfund.com.

For more information, contact Vikki Webster at vikkinowak@gmail.com.

Mike Kenney is the co-founder and co-director of the Waiting Child Fund.

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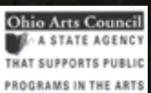
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Library seeks new trustee

Sheryl Banks

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library will be accepting applications for a new board member beginning Nov. 1, with applications due Nov. 22.

The position fills the seat of current Heights Libraries board president James Roosa, whose term expires at the end of 2013.

Library board members serve seven-

year terms. Any Cleveland Heights or University Heights resident is eligible to apply.

“Our library is such an integral part of our community,” said Nancy Levin, Heights Libraries director. “Serving on the library board is one of the best ways a citizen can serve the Heights community, by helping guide the vision of the public library.”

Applications are available at the Lee Road Library, 2345 Lee Road. Applications must be returned to the library administrative office no later than Friday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 216-932-3600 ext. 200.

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



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Coventry Village Library

1925 Coventry Road, 216-321-3400

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
Cedar-Coventry Author Series: Gail Bellamy. Local author Gail Bellamy shares Cleveland memories, with special focus on her latest book, *Cleveland Christmas Memories*. The event will include a book signing. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Register at www.heightslibrary.org.

Lee Road Library

2345 Lee Road, 216-932-3600

Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
Movie Night: The Wedding Banquet. You're invited to the Chinese wedding of the year, where everyone wants to kiss the bride... except the groom! An Oscar-nominated film from Academy

Award-winning director Ang Lee. Registration starts Nov. 8 at www.heightslibrary.org.

Noble Neighborhood Library

2800 Noble Road, 216-291-5665

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Puppet Theater. Kids in grades 3-5 can scratch that acting itch by making their own puppets and performing a favorite folk or fairy tale. Registration begins Nov. 5 at www.heightslibrary.org.

University Heights Library

13866 Cedar Road, 216-321-4700

Monday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.
Prince Among Slaves: The Cultural Legacy of Enslaved Africans. This documentary film tells the story of Abdul Rahman, a West African enslaved in Mississippi in 1788, who made the remarkable claim that he was an African prince. The legends that developed made him one of the most famous Africans in America at the time.

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Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Board Meeting highlights

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All board members were present.

Materials selection
The board approved revisions in the materials selection policy. Criteria for selection include: Community use or demand; value—literary, educational, informational or recreational; authority, effectiveness and readability; relative importance of subject matter to the collection; timeliness and social significance; importance of the author in the field; qualities conducive to critical thought and understanding; relationship to other materials in the same subject field; comparative scarcity of published material on the subject; cost; availability elsewhere; and suitability of format for library purposes. The entire policy is available on the website under “Board & Policies.” Patrons are urged to recommend items for purchase.

Fund for the Future of Heights Library fundraiser
The event will take place Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Heights Knowledge and Information Center. Architect Julie Torres Moskovitz will speak on the passive architecture movement and its place in our neighborhoods.

JCU reading collection
The board discussed the state of the popular reading collection that the library maintains at John Carroll University (JCU). Aurora Martinez, University Heights Library manager, and Chuck Collins, adult services manager, met with JCU library staff to plan a new service approach. When Martinez reviewed the collection, [she noticed] there had been a number of lost materials over the years. JCU students can obtain Heights Library cards at the university library to use in checking out books from the Heights system. The new approach will be to utilize the Book Bike on a monthly basis to take circulating books to John Carroll. Martinez reported that the first appearance of the Book Bike was “quite successful.”

Public service
Among the highlights included in the August Public Service Report are:

- Summer reading programs served 1,075 children (an increase of 24 percent), 195 teens (an increase of 44 percent) and 774 adults.
- The Hudson Chamber Players, all graduates of the Cleveland Institute of Music, performed at Coventry Village Library.
- Brad Ricca, author of *Super Boys*, appeared at Coventry Village Library as part of the Cedar-Coventry Author Series. Librarian Ben Gulyas's interview with Ricca appears on the “Thrillers, Horrors, and Comics” blog on the library's Web page.
- To date, the Book Bike has made 25 visits reaching 2,407 people.
- The Mind of Minecraft school-age program at University Heights Library on Aug. 8 attracted 57 parents and their children.

LWV Observer: Anne S. McFarland.

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Canterbury creates a strong sense of place

Patti Carlyle

Canterbury Elementary School continues to add new programs and projects that educate students and engage the neighborhood.

In October, Principal Erica Wigton initiated a new garden project, which will be completed in phases. The planting of new flowerbeds and shrubs will serve as a teaching opportunity as well as enhance the school grounds.

The first plants went in at the entrances on Canterbury Road. PTA parents helped prep the soil, and kindergarteners from Andrea Briggs and Kate Duhanich's classes and first-grade students from Stacy Kroger, Patrick Dooner and Sherry Esper's classes participated in the planting.

Students learned about square foot gardening techniques while planting hundreds of tulip and daffodil bulbs donated by Principal Wigton, Home Depot, Gali's Florist and Bremec on the Heights.

Two more rounds of planting are scheduled for spring. The goal is to include students from every grade level in the project and to create a more pleasing building aesthetic.

"The garden project is an example of the International Baccalaureate (IB)

pedagogy, which encourages learning through projects and problem solving," said Penny Niesen, PTA president. IB students multitask, collaborate, choose, reflect, and act through experiential means. Canterbury is in its candidate year of a three-year IB certification process.

Canterbury also offers a fine arts focus. The Canterbury Community Concert Series celebrates this focus with monthly concerts, open to the public. Inviting the community into the school fosters neighborhood connection, offers reasonably priced entertainment and provides more learning opportunities for students.

"Attendance at each concert has grown by 20 percent. We plan to make Canterbury a shared home for the arts and a neighborhood resource," said Michelle Bandy-Zalatoris, a parent and one of the series organizers.

The monthly series began in January 2012 and features live music from local and regional professional musicians. Donations of \$2 per person or \$5 per family are used to support future arts programming at Canterbury.

Concerts are held on the third Thursday of the month, at the school's outdoor bandstand or in the accessible



Kindergarteners and first-graders planted bulbs at Canterbury Elementary School.

PATTI CARLYLE

indoor auditorium. The concerts have featured world music, classical, jazz, folk, bluegrass, blues and rock. The next concert will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

To learn more about the Canterbury

Community Concert Series, visit www.facebook.com/canterburycommunityconcertseries.

Patti Carlyle is Canterbury parent living in University Heights.

Heights National Merit Scholarship semifinalists

Joy Henderson

Cleveland Heights High School seniors Marissa Lariviere and Kevin Lissemore are semifinalists in the first round of the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Lariviere is interested in political science and economics and has enjoyed several social studies classes at Heights High. "Last year my AP American history class with Mr. Meister really helped me understand today's politics, after learning about past events," she said. Her favorite class this year is AP statistics with Joyce Bukovac. One of her favorite things about Heights High is its diversity. "It is just a great place," she said. Lariviere plans to study political science or economics and has applied to several schools, including Oberlin, Wooster and Allegheny colleges.

One of Lissemore's favorite classes at Heights is AP comparative government with Karen Bauer-Blazer. "Last year, when I took honors English with Mrs. Hull, I really improved my writing," he said. "She helped me see the big



Marissa Lariviere and Kevin Lissemore are National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists.

picture in my writing. I love Heights because it is not cliquish," he said. "People here are open and accepting." Lissemore plans to study either social science or urban studies and has applied to several schools, including The Ohio State University, University of Pittsburgh and Syracuse University.

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

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Roxboro Elementary fourth-grade Mummy Wrap



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Solemn Egyptian music quieted the crowd gathered for Roxboro's second annual fourth-grade Mummy Wrap on Oct. 4. The Mummy Wrap culminated four weeks of researching, writing, and creating costumes for attendance at the "funeral" of the rulers of Ancient Egypt. "Each student took on the persona of a citizen of Ancient Egypt. They handcrafted gifts representative of their status in society, and which they believed the king or queen would like to have with them in the afterlife," said Kathy Craig, fourth-grade teacher. The finale consisted of a student presentation of an informative musical selection, "In My Tomb," conducted by Betsy Neylon, music specialist.

Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board

Meeting highlights



SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
Board Member Eric Coble was absent.

OCTOBER 1, 2013
All board members were present.

LWV bond issue forum

Scott Gainer, treasurer, stated that some presenters at the recent LWV forum on the facilities bond issue gave incorrect information to the attendees.

Police officers recognized

Three Cleveland Heights police officers and one University Heights officer were recognized for providing district staff with updated training in emergency response.

Facilities renovation

Jeff Appelbaum of Project Management Consultants described various approaches to construction project delivery for the facilities renovation. The construction manager as adviser approach is the recommended method for the proposed facilities project. In this approach, the construction manager is involved in all phases, even the design phase, so that the adviser and the architect and engineer understand one another's expectations. A district representative will be part of the team, and educators will be involved in the decision making. In response to a question posed by Board Member Karen Jones, Appelbaum explained that the district's goals relative to minority involvement will be important in contractor selection.

Teacher recognition

Nine teachers were recognized for earning Master Teacher status and nine others were recognized for becoming teacher leaders in their areas of expertise.

Home schooling

The superintendent presented on first reading the policy Equivalent Education Outside the Schools (home schooling) which allows home-schooled students within the district to participate in district extracurricular and sports activities.

Race to the Top

Joseph Micheller, director of curriculum and instruction, gave a Race to the Top update. Thirty-six teachers have completed teacher-leader training in the past two years. The CH-UH district is preparing to join the comprehensive data portal created by the state in collaboration with the Ohio Board of Regents and in partnership with the state of Massachusetts.

School facilities plan

The board approved an Ohio School Facilities Commission resolution accepting the district's school facilities plan. The portion of the plan the state will pay for has increased to \$25 million.

Donations

The board accepted seven donations ranging from \$222.94 to Boulevard Elementary to a \$21,274.33 prize won by Fairfax Elementary in a Big Lots contest. The prize money will be used for playground equipment that is accessible to children of all abilities.

Five-year fiscal forecast

The board approved the five-year forecast. In the last fiscal year, the board cut \$3 million in expenditures, \$2 million of which was staff related. At least \$1 million in additional savings will be made in the current fiscal year. The district is losing almost \$1 million in state money that is being reallocated to charter schools. The district was advised that it holds more money in reserve than it needs to. Treasurer Scott Gainer reported that the next operating levy would be less than five mils.

Next work session

Ron Register, board president, said the November work session will focus on operational and educational details related to the consolidation from three middle schools to two. He noted that the district has approximately twice as much space at the middle school level than is needed.

LWV Observer: Nancy Dietrich.

Department of Education report card

Allison Byrd, director of data, research, and assessment, explained that the state report card no longer assesses districts with composite categories like Continuous Improvement. The achievement component is reported in the Performance Index and Indicators Met, which are based on test scores. The progress component is reported in the Value Added Rating, which measures growth in reading and math performance by fourth- through sixth-graders. The scores of students new to the district are not included in the results. Byrd said that CH-UH excels in the Value Added Rating. As reported in the gap closings component, the graduation rate of economically disadvantaged students has improved. Board members expressed concern that the overall graduation rate for the past three years has been 79 percent, 75 percent and 78 percent, and requested more information on this.

Student achievement

Andrea Celico, assistant superintendent, discussed ways to affect student achievement and improve report card results. The Ohio Improvement Process advocates increased shared decision making between administrators and teachers. According to the process, goals will be set for reading, math and school climate. Leadership teams, at the district as well as the building level, and teacher-based teams will communicate with each other and work in committees to implement the goals. The board discussed whether board decisions on program initiatives should reflect what they think the community will support. Board Member Kal Zucker commented that programs change so often that data are not collected long enough to be useful in decision making. He suggested examining the interplays among current district initiatives to determine whether they support or work against one another. He also suggested using substitutes less frequently, involving students in the process, and assessing how current scheduling limits student participation in the arts.

LWV Observer: Nancy Dietrich.

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Heights High alumna choreographs story of triumph

Saroya Queen-Tabor

Only 29, Errin Berry has amassed more than 18 years experience in dance, 13 of them as a choreographer. She studied dance locally and as an undergrad, performed in Cleveland with Dance Afrika Dance, and is a dancer with Muntu Dance Theatre in Chicago. While she enjoys dance in all forms, her passion is Praise Dance, a specialty in which she is making a name for herself.

This devotional art form, found in many church ministries, can take many shapes. For Berry, and for her latest creation, "How I Got Over," the form is to tell a story—the story of African Americans and their journey of faith from the shores of Africa to present-day America. "How I Got Over" is a song made famous by Mahalia Jackson during the Civil Rights Movement," Berry explained. "This song was pivotal to the concept for our concert, but it has morphed into so much more."

When asked about how she became interested in this area, Berry, a

2002 Heights High graduate, points to various experiences outside of dance. "At Heights I was involved in both student government and Unity Club. We often brought speakers in who would give more in-depth explanations of race relations in this country. I feel that often today's young people, especially African Americans, forget what they are capable of—what ordinary people accomplished and overcame for hundreds of years in this country."

"How I Got Over" attempts to display through songs of praise and dance this triumphant spirit. The concert, which will premiere on Nov. 9 and 10 at Tri-C's eastern campus, is purposefully not a one-woman effort. "When I was asked to create this concert, I wanted all aspects to convey a message: that much can be accomplished when a community works together," said Berry. To that end, she is collaborating with area choreographers Kevin Marr II, Darnell Weaver, Terence Greene and Talise Campbell.

The citywide gathering of professional and community dancers, ranging



Errin Berry, choreographer, Heights High '02.

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in age from 11 to older than 70, all work together for a specific purpose: to praise God, to inspire others and to support blacks in dance. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the 2015 International Association of Blacks in Dance (IABD) conference, which will be held at the Palace Theatre in Cleveland. "IABD is truly

an inspiring and empowering organization. The conference brings thousands of dancers of color together with trailblazers in the field," said Berry, who is so committed to IABD and this project that she commutes weekly to Cleveland from Chicago, where she is in graduate school. "It's fantastic that Cleveland, which has always embraced the arts, will host this conference, and I'm glad to be a part of making that happen."

For more information about the concert and to buy tickets visit <http://howigotover2013-es2.eventbrite.com>.

Saroya Queen-Tabor is development director for Senior Outreach Services, a 20-year resident of Cleveland Heights, a Reaching Heights board member and a parent of CH-UH elementary school children.

Nov. 22 Heights High IMD concert kicks off season

Simone Quartell

The Cleveland Heights High School Instrumental Music Department (IMD) will present its inaugural concert of the 2013-2014 school year on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the school's Dina Rees Evans Performing Arts Center.

The performance features the Heights High Symphony, Concert Orchestra, and Heights High Symphonic Winds. In addition, several chamber and ensemble groups will perform in the Social Room prior to the concert, from 6:30-7 p.m., and the Jazz Ensemble will perform at a post-concert reception. Tickets will be available at the door the day of the show.

The evening features Daniel Heim, IMD director of orchestras, conducting the Heights High Symphony in the first movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 in C Major. The Symphony will also perform selections from Sergei Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, as well as pieces from Heights High's 2013 musical "Hello Dolly!"

The Symphonic Winds will perform G. H. Huffine's Basses on a Rampage, Gordon Jacob's Suite in B Flat and Robert Sheldon's Resurgences, under the direction of Brett Baker, IMD director of bands.

The evening will open with the

Concert Orchestra performing Gregg A. Porter's Dorchester Street Songs, Susan H. Day's Bat 'N Bones, and Thom Sharp's Mambo Amable for String Orchestra and Latin Percussion, with Heim conducting.

Heights High's instrumental music program is considered one of the premier programs in the state. Founded in 1921, it has enjoyed extraordinary music directors and a supportive community and school board.

The orchestra has been awarded superior ratings by well-respected judges. Every year several Heights High students are honored to join Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Contemporary Youth Orchestra, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, the Youth String Camerata, the All-Ohio State Fair Band and other performance groups.

Many students go on to have careers as professional musicians, and as music educators. Every year, the Symphony, Symphonic Winds and Jazz Ensemble go on tour, performing in destinations such as Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. The Symphony and Jazz Ensemble performed at Severance Hall in 2003, 2007 and 2011. The Jazz Ensemble has also performed at Night-town Restaurant.

Simone Quartell is a Heights High graduate.



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Heights Arts opens its 12th annual Holiday Store

Andrea Joki

The Heights Arts 12th annual Holiday Store opens Nov. 1, and will operate seven days a week through Sunday, Dec. 29. The store will feature the work of more than 70 regional artists.

It all began as a small pop-up gallery in a borrowed space on Lee Road in Cleveland Heights.

The organization's first Holiday Store opened in 2002 and launched the bricks-and-mortar gallery that now showcases, year-round, the work of artists who live and create in Greater Cleveland.

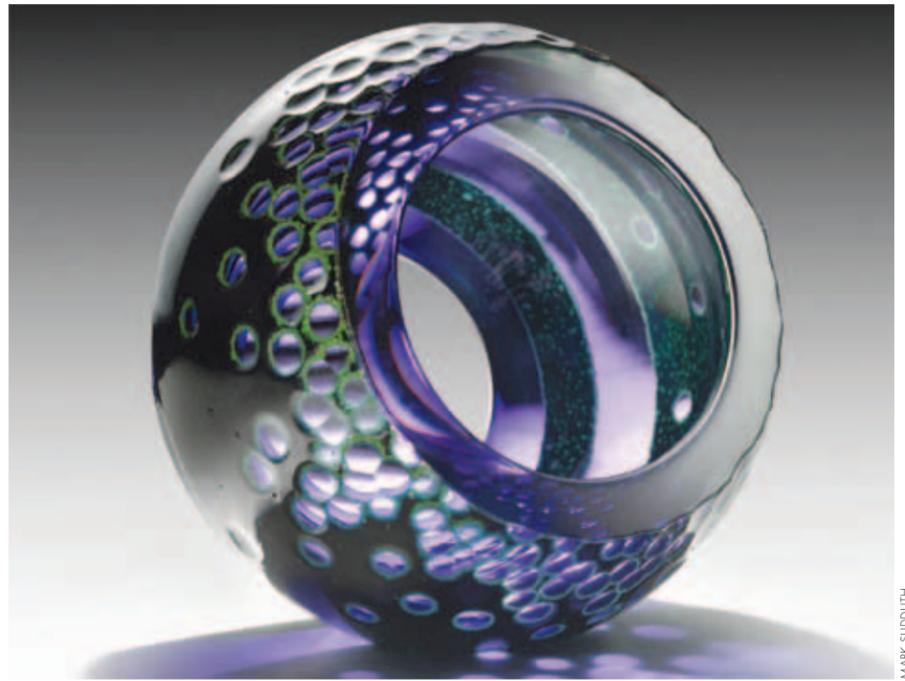
The Heights Arts Holiday Store is a festive exhibition featuring a wide range of artworks at affordable prices, including ceramics, jewelry, handmade scarves and bags, paintings, drawings,

glass and photographs.

Tapping into the community's creative assets, the Holiday Store shines a light on the high concentration of talent in the region. Shoppers can find unique gifts knowing that every dollar spent stays in the community, helping to support artists and Heights Arts programs.

Heights Arts is located at 2175 Lee Road. The Holiday Store opens on Nov. 1 with a members-only preview from 6-7 p.m., followed by a public reception from 7-9:30 p.m. Many of the participating artists will be available to talk about their work. For more information, go to www.heightsarts.org or call 216-371-3457.

Andrea Joki is program director at Heights Arts.



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Mike Bartlett play is Dobama's second 2013-14 production

Jewel Moulthrop

Dobama Theatre will present the Cleveland premiere of "Cock" by Mike Bartlett as the second play of its 2013-14 season. The play runs from Oct. 25 through Nov. 23.

John, the protagonist, takes a break from his boyfriend and unexpectedly meets the girl of his dreams. Filled with guilt, confusion and indecision, he decides there is only one way to straighten things out. Stripping drama down to its essential language, British playwright Mike Bartlett's punchy drama takes a playful and candid look at sexuality and the difficulties that arise when you realize you may have a choice about who you love.

Bartlett, 32, is currently associate playwright at Paines Plough, the U.K.'s national theater of new plays. In 2011, he was writer in residence at the National Theatre, and before that Pearson playwright in residence at The Royal Court Theatre. His play "Love, Love, Love," was Best New Play in the 2011 Theatre Awards UK, and "Cock" won an Olivier Award in 2010 for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre. His television series "The Town" was nominated for a BAFTA for Breakthrough Talent.

Corey Atkins, who is directing "Cock," is currently an associate pro-

ducer at the Cleveland Play House (CPH). Previously based in New York City, Atkins has worked as a freelance director and producer. His directing credits include "8" by Dustin Lance Black and "Becoming Liv Ullmann," both for CPH.

In addition, Atkins served as line producer for the 2009 Drama League Gala, and as assistant producer for the 2007 Cohen New Works Festival, the nation's largest collegiate new drama works festival.

Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. For a complete schedule, ticket prices and reservations, call the Dobama Theatre box office at 216-932-3396. Ask about reduced prices for RUSH tickets (as available, no earlier than five minutes before curtain).

The final weekend of this production will be produced in partnership with, and performed at, the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland (MOCA). The performance on Friday, Nov. 22 will be a special benefit for Equality Ohio. All tickets for the final weekend at MOCA will be \$30.

Jewel Moulthrop is a Cleveland Heights resident, a member of the Heights Observer's Editorial Advisory Committee and frequent contributor to the newspaper.

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Coventry club expands musical offerings with open-mic nights

James Henke

The B-Side Liquor Lounge and Arcade, the Coventry Road club located under the Grog Shop, has long been associated with the most current musical trends. In recent years it has primarily focused on presenting deejays, who offer up electronic dance music. However, this past July, the club introduced “Mic-aroni,” an open-mic night where almost anyone can perform. As a result, B-Side patrons can now hear a wide range of music styles and artists.

Mic-aroni is hosted by Leah Lou and the Two Left Shoes, a Cleveland music act that features Leah Lou Tater on vocals and guitar and Daniel Lee on bass. It was Tater who came up with the idea for the open-mic nights. “I read a book by Rev. Jen Miller called *Elf Girl*,” she said, “and in it she writes about these events that she put on in New York City called the Anti-Slam. It was basically an open-mic night where someone could do just about anything.”

One night, while in a bar, Tater thought she should do a similar kind of program in Cleveland and contacted the B-Side. Brad Petty, the club’s general manager, loved the idea, and Mic-aroni now takes place every Thursday at 8 p.m.

While many area clubs have open-



Leah Lou Tater performs at Mic-aroni, an anything goes open-mic night at the B-Side on Coventry.

mic nights, they are primarily for performers who can accompany themselves

with an acoustic guitar or keyboard. At Mic-aroni, everyone is welcome, including poets, dancers, rappers, comedians and musicians of all styles. And, unlike most open mics, performers can be accompanied by Leah Lou and the Two Left Shoes, so they aren’t limited to being accompanied only by acoustic guitar. In addition, the club has also welcomed visual artists to exhibit and

sell their work during shows.

“It brings in a very diverse crowd,” said Cassandra DeAngelis, the bar manager. “And it’s growing every week.”

Now a Cleveland Heights resident, Tater, 24, was born in Garfield Heights and grew up in Mayfield Heights. She got into music at a very young age, attending her first concert—Fleetwood Mac at what was then the Gund Arena—as a third-grader. She got her first guitar when she was in eighth grade and started writing songs as a senior at Mayfield High School. She teamed up with Lee in 2010, and they have released two albums, “This Music Belongs to You” in 2011 and “Dotty” in 2012. They are currently working on a new album and hope to release it by spring. In a recent issue of *Scene* magazine, Beachland Ballroom owner Cindy Barber said, “Leah Lou and the Two Left Shoes are ready to take off.”

As for Mic-aroni, Lee said, “I wanted it to be more of an interactive thing. I didn’t want it to be predictable. A lot of the music we play gets written on the spot. There’s an element of danger, but it’s really exciting. Every act is different and everyone participating is growing as an artist. They feed off the other artists. You have to be on your toes and be ready for any surprise. And this is art at its best—it’s happening right in front of you in real time.”

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.

Western Reserve Chorale announces 2013–14 season

Gina Ventre

The Western Reserve Chorale, under the direction of David Gilson, announces three concerts for its 22nd season, including a production of Mozart’s Requiem with the Cleveland School of the Arts’ Nathaniel Dett Choir.

In December, “Tis the Season” will feature songs of thanksgiving and praise, including songs for Chanukah, settings from Anniversary Carols arranged by Mannheim Steamroller’s Jackson Berkey, and Conrad Susa’s Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest, a suite based on traditional Spanish carols scored for choir, harp, guitar, marimba, and vibraphone.

The chorale continues its tradition of collaboration with Cleveland-area groups when it joins with the Cleveland School of the Arts’ Nathaniel Dett Choir, led by Dr. William Woods, for a March 2014 performance of Mozart’s

Requiem, accompanied by an orchestra pairing professionals with School of the Arts students.

“Night and Day,” the final program in the chorale’s season, features works that explore the spirits of darkness and light, including Debussy’s *Trois Chansons*, Saint Saëns’ *Deux Choeurs*, and spirituals by William Dawson and Moses Hogan. This June 2014 concert is sponsored in part by a grant from Maison Française de Cleveland.

The Western Reserve Chorale is a nonprofit group of amateur and professional singers, many of whom are Heights residents, dedicated to bringing high-quality performances of choral music to Greater Cleveland. For more information, visit www.westernreservechorale.org.

Gina Ventre, a member of the Western Reserve Chorale, collaborated on this article with David Gilson.

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Roots of American Music to hold benefit in the Heights

David Budin

The education organization Roots of American Music (ROAM) has called Cleveland Heights home since its inception 16 years ago. Its founder and executive director, Kevin Richards, is a Cleveland Heights native and lifelong resident. ROAM's original headquarters were on Fairmount Boulevard near Taylor Road, downstairs from the Fairmount School of Music, which Richards

also founded. Its current office is in the Rockefeller Building on the corner of Mayfield Road and Lee Boulevard.

ROAM is a nonprofit organization that provides community-based programming—teaching and performance, both utilizing American roots music genres—based on community input about service gaps and underserved individuals in diverse and low-income neighborhoods.

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lored to site-specific needs, so that participants benefit musically, educationally and individually through life-skills development, such as teambuilding, leadership and self-determination.

ROAM employs 20 artist-educators who reach more than 15,000 people annually with educational music programs for all ages. ROAM residencies, professional development workshops, assemblies and free public performances provide participants the opportunity to discover the power, beauty and significance of traditional American music and culture.

The organization holds its major fundraiser every fall, this year on Saturday, Nov. 9. The event always revolves around music. This year's version takes place in the atrium and auditorium of John Carroll University's Dolan Science Center and will showcase three local bands.

The bands are all local favorites. He-Chaw Frunk describes itself as "dark hillbilly rock," but also mixes in other rock forms. The JHB All Stars, a folktinged rock quartet, features Cleveland Heights native Luke Lindberg on lead

vocals. The 10-member Faith and Whiskey includes Cleveland Heights resident and Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Michael Donnelly, along with others musicians who, by day, pass their time as lawyers and doctors.

VIP tickets are \$125 and include drink vouchers and dinner, starting at 6:30 p.m. Regular tickets are \$25 and include admission to all three bands' sets starting at 7:30 p.m., and participation in the silent auction. The event will also have a cash bar.

The silent auction features music-related items, including a Martin acoustic guitar autographed by Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks; signed copies of books written by former *Rolling Stone* magazine writer James Henke; and passes to area music venues. The auction features many other items, including seats to Cavs and Indians games.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 216-321-9353.

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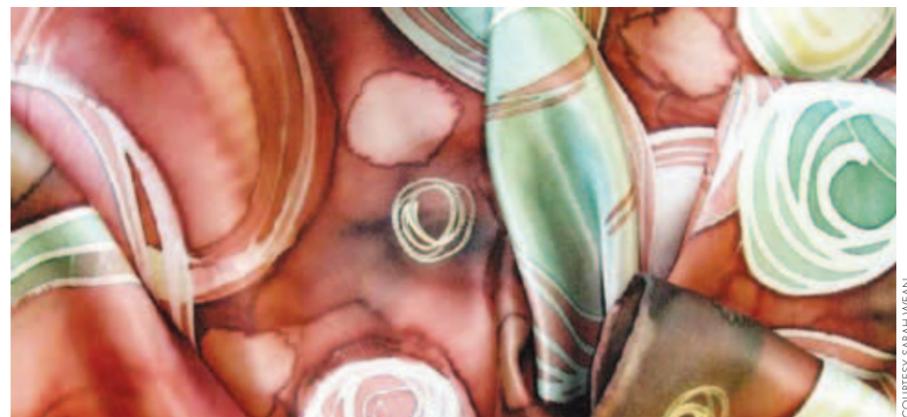
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Donna Marchetti painted silk (detail).

Sarah Wean

Grant Deming Artists, a newly formed group of seven Cleveland Heights artists, launches its first public exhibition with a reception on Nov. 23, 7-10 p.m. at Pentagon Gallery and Frame, 3102 Mayfield Road in Cleveland Heights. The show runs through Dec. 24.

Made up of residents of Grant Deming's Forest Hill District neighborhood, the group was formed under the leadership of Rebecca Wickre, who moved to Cleveland Heights from the New York

City area in March. Member artists are Natalia Bivic, Cheryl Cochran, Jean Hoffman, Donna Marchetti, David Perelman-Hall, Rebecca Wickre and Sarah Wean. Their work encompasses many genres, including photography, watercolor, oil and mixed media. They plan exhibits at a variety of Cleveland Heights locations in 2014. Updates are available on the Grant Deming Artists Facebook page.

Sarah Wean is a member of Grant Deming Artists.



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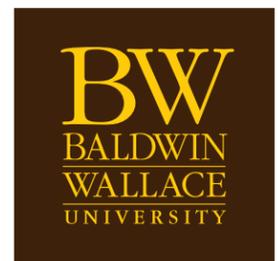
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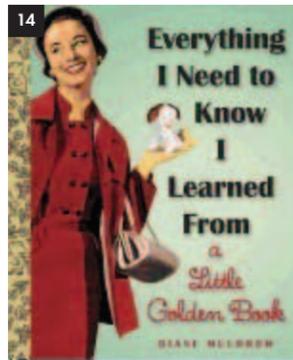
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