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The City of Cleveland Heights goes green!

Over 2000 solar panels are being installed across three city buildings (City Hall, Community Center, and Service Garage) utilizing renewable solar energy and reducing the city's carbon footprint. This is not only good for the environment but will result in lower energy costs for the city.





To our Cleveland Heights residents,

2020 has been quite a year as our City, along with the country, has tried to adjust to the COVID health concerns. It has been difficult for all of us to suspend recreation activities, block parties and regular events held each year but it has all been done in an abundance of caution. Due to budget reductions, this is an abbreviated edition of FOCUS magazine so that we can provide for you in print some City information. Please continue to use the City's website and Facebook page for ongoing updates. And subscribe to our weekly news update at www.clevelandheights.com/eNews.

Thank you to all for your patience and understanding,

Cleveland Heights City Council and Staff



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All Are Welcome

In September, the City launched a new initiative designed to attract new residents and visitors - All Are Welcome. Physical reminders of what

Cleveland Heights is all about and why people choose to live here or visit or start a business can be seen throughout the community on window displays, bus wraps, videos, and discussions on social media. All Are Welcome is a celebration of our diversity and a display of how much we value a strong sense of community. The All Are Welcome video, the anchor of the initiative, (www.clevelandheights.com/AllAreWelcome/) has been very well received not only by current residents, but by many who have relocated as well.

The City of Cleveland Heights has always been a place that strives to be a city where diversity is valued and openness, inclusivity, and respect are cherished traits. We appreciate all that makes Cleveland Heights special and wanted to let people outside of our city learn a little about what makes us so unique.

Despite the challenges over the past nine months from COVID-19, we are hopeful that there will be much to look forward to in the year ahead, such as embracing the vibrant entertainment options and community festivals and celebrations, including our upcoming 100-year anniversary of becoming a City in 2021.



City Services

Cleveland Heights City Hall is closed to the public until further notice but the work of local government continues with some changes. Below are ways to contact various departments and staff during this time. Emergency services/first responders are fully operational and continue to look out for the safety of all residents. Public works also continues uninterrupted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Copies of Police Reports

Requests for copies of police reports can be emailed to policereports@clvhts.com, faxed to 216-291-2456 or phoned in to 216-291-4737. All other public records requests should be directed to the Law Department, LawPRR@clvhts.com.

Parking Ticket Payments

Payments for parking tickets can be mailed to 40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118 or placed in the drop box located on City Hall's circular drive. Credit card payments will be accepted over the phone by calling 216-291-3414. Any questions can be directed to cgron@clvhts.com or by calling 216-291-3414.

Filing a Police Report/Report a Crime

Minor incidents or crimes can be reported online, through the Report A Crime page online (www.clevelandheights.com/1279/Report-A-Crime). The online form can be downloaded to the computer. Once completed, the form should be emailed to oic@clvhts.com. The report will be reviewed by a supervisor and assigned an incident number, which will be provided to the person filing the report. If additional follow-up is needed, an officer will contact the person directly either by email or phone. As always, please call 216-291-1234 if a problem or incident is currently occurring; if it's an emergency call 911. Citizens with questions as to whether their concerns can be resolved without having to come to the Police Department or have an officer come to their home, are encouraged to contact the Police Department directly at 216-291-4619 or email myp@clvhts.com.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire and EMS calls are not disrupted during this time. Business and home inspection, which are handled by Fire Prevention, are temporarily suspended during the pandemic. To schedule future inspections, call 216-291-2973 or email jstreb@clvhts.com. The distribution of smoke detectors is also temporarily suspended. To schedule future pick-up of smoke detectors, call 216-291-2673 or email ldubose@clvhts.com.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bulk items will be picked up once per month during the first FULL week of each month on the resident's regular trash day. Bulk is limited to four items per pickup and any fabric item must be wrapped in plastic. If there are more than four items or the bulk pickup needs to occur on a day that is different than the regularly scheduled day, please call 216-691-7300 to schedule a special pickup; there is an additional fee. For details about bulk item preparation, go to www.clevelandheights.com/255/Large-Or-Bulk-Items.

Please call 216-691-7300 or hbucklan@clvhts.com for the following services:

- Refuse & Recycling Collection including yard waste (May-October)
- Street maintenance - potholes (streets/parking lots), spring leaf collection, snow/ice control
- Forestry - schedule tree trimming and/or removal, tree planting
- Visit www.clevelandheights.com/842/Service-Request to create a service request.

UTILITIES

Call 216-291-5995 or 216-291-5990 (email sewer@clvhts.com) for the following services:

- Reporting of sewer maintenance issues in the roadway
- Residential sewer cleaning and location services (outside only from a sanitary test tee, if present)
- Sewer and/or landfill billing questions

- Visit www.clevelandheights.com/214/Sewer-Utility for more information
- Utility payments can be made at www.clevelandheights.com/565/Pay-Your-Local-Utility-Bill or pay by phone at 1-877-885-7968.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

All interior inspections on occupied properties have been temporarily suspended. Exterior inspections will continue but be limited to Point of Sales and complaints. New Point of Sale inspections on vacant properties will receive an exterior inspection with the interior to be subject to inspection at a later date. The City will also review any private inspection report conducted in order to complete the interior inspection on a Point of Sale. Anyone requesting an inspection must download the forms from the City's Forms Page at www.clevelandheights.com/849/Forms. Call 216-291-5900 with any specific questions.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Anyone requesting a permit must download the forms from www.clevelandheights.com/849/Forms and send the form either by using the City Hall drop box located in the circular drive or by mail with payment. Once the permit is issued and the work is completed, staff will coordinate a FaceTime or Skype session in order to close out/finalize the permit.

All new construction interiors that are unoccupied will be inspected as usual. Occupied construction will only close out interior permit work with a FaceTime or Skype session. Building permit forms are available at www.clevelandheights.com/154/Contractors. Call 216-291-4900 with any specific questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

For information about indigent burials or domestic partner registry, please call Community Relations at 216-291-2323 or email comrel@clvhts.com.

FINANCE

The cashier window in City Hall is closed. Payments may be mailed to City Hall (40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118) or placed in the drop box in front of City Hall in the circular drive for the following: parking fines, parking permits, utilities, housing permits, building permits, registrations.

LAW DEPARTMENT

- Public records requests: call 216-291-5775 or email lawpr@clvhts.com
- Legal questions: call 216-291-5775 or email asolis@clvhts.com
- Claims: call 216-291-5775

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Please check back online for updates on limited phased reopening plans for the Fitness Center, Senior Activity Center, and Basketball court. The Community Center is closed.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Applications may be downloaded, completed, mailed back or emailed to planning@clvhts.com for Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Architectural Board of Review, Board of Control, Landmark Commission, and Fence Permits. Call 216-291-4878 for more information.

R.I.T.A. Income Tax

Online only at www.ritaohio.com or call 216-382-5003 or 800-860-7482.

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Cleveland Heights City Council usually meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. For the latest information on Council and other City meetings, visit www.clevelandheights.com

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SHOP LOCAL

With the holidays fast approaching, just a reminder to shop local/shop small. Cleveland Heights has more than 500 small, independently owned businesses in 11 commercial districts. Let's get out and support them.

Cedar Fairmount

A series of videos featuring one Cedar Fairmount merchant (www.cedarfairmount.org) per day will debut in mid-November and run until the week of Christmas. Each video will have a secret word embedded that when presented to the merchant – either in the store or online – qualifies the shopper to win a gift basket. The videos will appear on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. E-newsletters will be sent with complete information on the promotion and participating merchants. To sign up to receive this information, go to <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jofyjCK>

Cedar Lee

Cedar Lee merchants (www.cedarlee.org/) are participating with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum for Small Business Saturday on November 28. Weather permitting, the Joy Ride van will be at Zagara's Marketplace (1940 Lee Road) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon playing hits from Rock Hall inductees. There will be a gift card drawing based on proof of purchase from a Lee Road merchant that Saturday. Watch their social media feeds (www.facebook.com/cedarlee.sid) for final details.

Coventry

For Shop Small Weekend (November 27-29), Coventry Village offers Coventry Cash and the Made Cleveland Pop-up shop (local makers and artists market) at 1854 Coventry Road, next to Bodega. The Made Cleveland Holiday Pop-Up Shop (<https://madecleveland.com/>) will also take place December 5-6, 12-13, and 19-24 with hours to be determined offering online ordering, in-store browsing and curbside pickup. Holiday Celebration Shopping Days are noon to 6 p.m. on December 12-13 at the Jingle Bell Shop at Grog Shop/B Side (2785 Euclid Heights Boulevard) with holiday shopping specials, Coventry Cash and the Made Cleveland Holiday Pop-Up Shop. www.coventryvillage.org/



And don't forget the shopping options on Cedar Taylor, Center Mayfield, Fairmount Taylor, Mayfield Lee, Noble Monticello, Noble Nela, North Taylor for your holiday gift-giving.

The Ascent at Top of the Hill Begins to Take Shape

With the start of construction this spring, the highly anticipated and catalytic mixed-use development, known as the Ascent at Top of the Hill, is gaining momentum and beginning to take shape.

The focus of initial construction activities has been on foundation and utilities installation for both the parking garage and Building #1 located at "the Point" (the intersection of Euclid Heights Boulevard and Cedar Road). The garage foundation is complete and structured decks and columns are currently being installed.



Snow Plow Season



The Cleveland Heights Service Department is armed and ready for this year's winter snow plowing season. During heavy snowfall events, plow trucks are diverted onto the main streets first. Once main streets are safe and passable, trucks then proceed to plow secondary side streets. In order to ensure a safe and successful season clearing the City's roadways, the department asks that residents and motorists observe the following guidelines:

- Do not attempt to pass plow trucks.
- Do not follow closer than 25 feet from the rear of a plow truck.
- Use caution and slow your speed when driving on freshly fallen snow and/or snow that has not been plowed.
- Please do not throw snow from driveways and sidewalks into the street.

Always be prepared for driving in winter conditions. For safe winter driving tips, check out www.exchange.aaa.com

The Service Department looks forward to serving you this upcoming winter season. For questions or concerns, contact the Cleveland Heights Service Department at 216-691-7300 or pwd@clvhts.com.

Building #2, which is to include residential and commercial uses interior to the project and apartments along Euclid Heights Boulevard, should be well underway throughout 2021. Construction of the Top of the Hill is to be performed over one continuous phase spanning 18 to 24 months. At this point, all major elements of construction are either on or ahead of schedule.

The parking garage is anticipated to be completed and open for parking sometime after the 2nd Quarter of 2021. The entire development is to be completed in Spring of 2022 and open shortly thereafter.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for Monday through Friday routes as listed below. Friday's collection will be on Saturday. Additionally, City Hall offices are closed on these dates. As a reminder, bulk collection occurs once per month during the first full week of the month. During this time, bulk will be collected on your trash day the week of December 7 and the week of January 4, 2021. Bulk is limited to 4 items.

- Veterans' Day, Wednesday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26
- Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
- New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 21, 2021
- Presidents Day, Monday, February 15, 2021

Reminder

Yard waste will not be collected from November to April 30 due to the restructuring of manpower to snow and ice control. A special loose leaf collection of leaves and brush will take place November 2-30. Do not place leaves in yard waste bags during this time. Rake leaves to the curb. Do not rake rocks or trash in with your leaves.

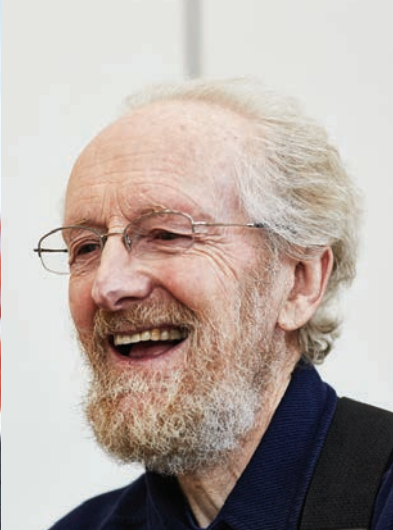
Technotrash

Safely recycle items that may contain personal information, old CDs, DVDs, diskettes, audio and videotapes, cell phones, pagers, PDAs, digital cameras, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, printers and rechargeable batteries (no televisions). Bring them to the top of the ramp at the Transfer Station, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; the driveway is on Mayfield Road next to Foundation Honda.

In cases where there is an elderly or disabled resident, they can call 216-691-7300 for a technotrash pickup from their home weighing no heavier than 40 pounds on their trash day.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Live Christmas trees will be collected Monday, December 28-Friday, January 29 from tree lawns. Please remove any bags, stands, and decorations as the trees are collected and processed through a wood chipper. Residents are advised that collection of trees is not routine to their collection day as the Forestry Department has limited manpower resources. Collection could be delayed due to snow and ice operations. Call 216-691-7300 or pwd@clvhts.com with any questions.



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