



# CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS focus

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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT ANNUAL SAFETY FORCES NIGHT OUT

Thank you to all the residents and businesses that helped the City celebrate its 100-year anniversary. Throughout 2021, walking and audible tours were available; the Landmark Commission led various programs on historical landmarks; Centennial banners were hung throughout our City; and, an uplifting, colorful mural was installed and now decorates our Noble neighborhood (shout out to winning artist and resident Adam May, seen on page 2 in front of the mural). Visit [www.clevelandheights100.com](http://www.clevelandheights100.com) for a look back at the City's history.

Centennial coasters and other Cleveland Heights merchandise are still on sale online at [www.clevelandheights.com/CHMerchandise](http://www.clevelandheights.com/CHMerchandise).



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## SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of 22 residents, ten of whom represent and reside within the neighborhood districts of the city and twelve who represent the community as at-large members. The committee provides a means for the community to obtain information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, assists in the evaluation and preparation of the CDBG yearly application, participates in monitoring the implementation of the CDBG program, and reviews the City's annual CDBG budget.

The committee has created two ad hoc committees. The first is communications, the purpose of which is to explore ways to enhance and expand Cleveland Heights residents' knowledge of the work of CAC. The second is diversity and recruitment, which will explore ways to ensure the makeup of the CAC membership reflects the diversity of the city itself. Both committees have begun their work.

CAC wishes to recognize Steve Titchenal, who is leaving CAC after over ten years of service. Steve served as secretary, vice president and chair. His thoughtful, intelligent insights into the city and the work of CAC benefitted the committee greatly, and ultimately all residents of Cleveland Heights.

Applications are accepted throughout the year, however those seeking to join the 2022 CAC should **apply by the end of November** at the latest. The CAC is seeking members of all backgrounds. Fill out an application at [www.clevelandheights.com/Boards-Commissions-Application](http://www.clevelandheights.com/Boards-Commissions-Application).

## NEW RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETS

The Cleveland Heights Racial Justice Task Force of City Council convened its first meeting in June of this year. The Task Force was formed in order to address racial disparities in the community. The Task Force will operate for 24 months and will produce a set of recommendations for City Council and the administration on a variety of subjects.

The 25 members of the Racial Justice Task Force formed three subcommittees in order to help develop these recommendations: Public Safety; Housing and Economic Opportunity; and Health, Wellness and Education. The Public Safety Subcommittee will include conversations with the police department including the Chief, a tour of the facilities, and a review of the department's policies and procedures incorporating the results of the review conducted by CSU. The Housing and Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will focus on disparities in housing, lending, employment, business development and wealth building. The Health, Wellness and Education Subcommittee will examine access to healthcare, recreation opportunities, technology and educational opportunities including supportive services. They will also engage youth in order to understand their perspectives on racial equity and inclusion. All three subcommittees will examine additional subjects as they present themselves. Speakers and subject matter experts will present to the subcommittees to help inform their recommendations. If you or someone you know can add to this effort, please feel free to reach out to the Racial Justice Task Force Chair, Rhonda Davis Lovejoy at [rdavislovejoy@gmail.com](mailto:rdavislovejoy@gmail.com) or 216-233-7178.

The full Racial Justice Task Force meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Input from the general public is encouraged. To learn more, visit: [www.ClevelandHeights.com/RacialJustice](http://www.ClevelandHeights.com/RacialJustice).



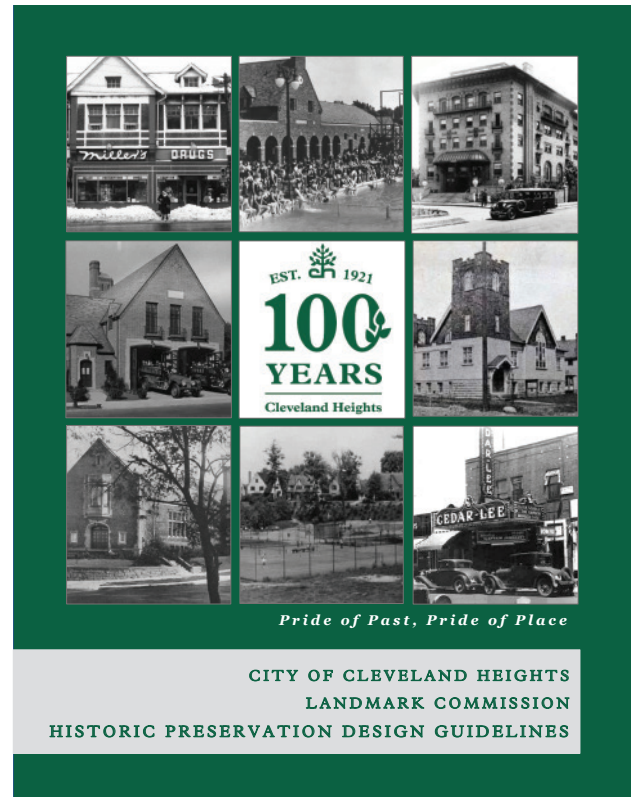
*The Noble mural designed by resident and winning artist Adam May.*

## NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN GUIDELINES

Both the Landmark Commission and Architectural Board of Review (ABR) saw the need for a clear set of guidelines for use in review and consultation with Landmark property owners and their architects/designers. Design Guidelines were first articulated as part of the historic preservation action steps outlined in the 2017 City of Cleveland Heights Master Plan. In 2019, the City followed up with designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG). This allowed the City, in 2020, to receive a grant from the State of Ohio to prepare Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. Naylor Wellman was selected as the historic preservation consultant to lead the project. Throughout the spring, summer, and early fall, Naylor Wellman worked with City staff, the Landmark Commission, and ABR to draft the Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. This effort included two public meetings, a dedicated City webpage, and other opportunities for public input. In addition, since the project was grant funded by the State of Ohio, the State Historic Preservation Office was involved in guidance and review throughout the process.

The result is the City of Cleveland Heights Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. These Guidelines will serve as a tool for use by residents, applicants, design professionals, the Landmark Commission and ABR members throughout the design review process. The Design Guidelines further explain and interpret the Secretary of the Interior's Standards design criteria, and support consistency in design review and fair decisions. In addition, they include information about the history and significance, as well as architectural styles and types of buildings within the City of Cleveland Heights. The collection of historic resources within the City has created a unique community identity, neighborhood environment and sense of place that cannot be replicated. Design review protects the important character-defining features of designated Landmark properties and supports the City's priority of environmental sustainability by encouraging Rehabilitation, Reuse and Recycling of historic properties.

The Landmark Commission officially adopted the Design Guidelines and the ABR has indicated it as an important tool to utilize in reviewing all properties within the City. The Historic Preservation Design Guidelines can be downloaded from [www.clevelandheights.com/HistoricPreservationDesignGuidelines](http://www.clevelandheights.com/HistoricPreservationDesignGuidelines).



### WELCOME DYNESHA STOVER-MCDONALD!

The Office on Aging welcomes Dynesha Stover-McDonald as supervisor replacing Amy Jenkins, who retired at the beginning of September. Dynesha is a familiar face to Cleveland Heights seniors, having worked as OOA Program Assistant since 2012. During that time, she also earned a Master of Education at Cleveland State University with a concentration in Adult Education & Human Services. Dynesha has also worked at the Cleveland Job Corps Center and Cleveland State University.

Thank you to the amazing Amy Jenkins, a true leader with a compassionate and wise heart. Under her leadership, multiple programs were created and others expanded.

## GET OUT THE VOTE

Cleveland Heights residents went to the polls on September 14 to vote for one of three active candidates on the primary ballot for Cleveland Heights' first directly elected mayor: Barbara Danforth, Melody Joy Hart, and Kahlil Seren. The top two primary vote getters - Barbara Danforth and Kahlil Seren - have moved on to the November 2 general election ballot where Cleveland Heights voters will elect a mayor.

In addition, voters will choose four City Council seats among those running for a four-year term: Lee Barbee II, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, and Allosious K. Snodgrass. To fill the remainder of Mary Dunbar's two-year term, voters will choose one among the following: Eric C. Johnson, Garry Kanter, Robert Koonce, Josie Moore, Ellen M. Roth, Eric J. Silverman, and James A. Williams. Additional information, by and about the candidates, can be found in the Voters Guide at <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/greater-cleveland/chapters/cleveland-heights-university-heights-chapter> and [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).



## Get the facts about Horseshoe Lake.

Horseshoe Lake and the dam that created it on Doan Brook are more than 170 years old and important parts of the community. These are facts we understand and recognize. The dam has structural failures creating a severe public safety risk and must be addressed by the dam's owners—the Cities of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is responsible for regional stormwater management across its service area, including the Doan Brook watershed. We evaluated multiple scenarios and shared our recommendation with Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, stakeholders, and residents to address the dam's failures with Sewer District funding. That recommendation focuses on protecting public safety, protecting the environment, and restoring natural stream function within Doan Brook.

We have heard and answered questions, provided resources, and will continue to share the facts about Doan Brook, Horseshoe Lake, Lower Lake, their dams, and their current realities.

Those details are available at <https://www.neorsd.org/shakerlakes>





# AT YOUR SERVICE

## YARD WASTE AND LOOSE-LEAF COLLECTION

A special collection of loose leaves and brush will take place November 1 to December 3, weather permitting. During this period of time, please do not place leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste in yard waste bags (Kraft bags); instead, rake leaves to the curb but not into the street where they can become a safety hazard or block storm drains.

### REMINDERS

- Leaves and yard waste will never be collected in plastic bags.
- Trucks will not return for materials that are set out late.
- It is ILLEGAL TO BURN LEAVES in Cleveland Heights.
- Yard waste, leaves, and brush in Kraft bags will NOT be collected from November to April due to the restructuring of manpower for snow and ice control.
- When brush, tree and hedge trimmings are collected prior to November, it must be cut and tied into bundles no larger than four feet in length and two feet in diameter for pick up on your regularly scheduled trash day.

## Carts are Coming

Delivery begins the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Automated Collection is expected to commence citywide beginning the week of DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>\***

**The new refuse & recycling carts will have two wheels, large handles, and weather resistant lids to help make recycling easier and keep our streets clean**



\*Commencement date could change slightly based on equipment delivery dates

TO LEARN MORE VISIT:

[www.clevelandheights.com/Refuse-Recycling-Carts](http://www.clevelandheights.com/Refuse-Recycling-Carts)

## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Please note that regardless of the conditions (bad weather, holidays, etc.), there is never a refuse/recycling collection on Sundays. If you have any questions about the holiday schedule, please visit [www.clevelandheights.com/Collection-Schedule](http://www.clevelandheights.com/Collection-Schedule).

### Columbus Day

Thursday, October 14 is NOT a City holiday. The regular Monday-Friday collection remains.

### Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11. City offices will be closed. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day. Thursday's collection will be on Friday; Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25. City offices will be closed on November 25 and 26. Refuse collection for Thursday will be on Friday; Friday's collection will be on Saturday. Monday-Wednesday routes that week remain unchanged.

### Christmas Day and New Year's Day

In observance of Christmas, City offices will be closed on Friday, December 24; and closed on Friday, December 31 in observance of New Year's Day but refuse collection remains unchanged those weeks.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 17, 2022. City offices will be closed. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the

Monday through Friday routes. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

As a reminder, bulk collection occurs once per month during the first FULL week of the month (Monday-Friday, and Saturday in the event of a holiday). Bulk is limited to 4 items per household. If you have more than four items or you need bulk pick-up on a day that is not your regularly scheduled day, you can call to schedule a special pick-up for a fee (216-691-7300) or fill out the request form at [www.clevelandheights.com/BulkBrushRequest](http://www.clevelandheights.com/BulkBrushRequest). Any questions about your street's date of bulk pick-up, please visit [www.clevelandheights.com/Collection-Schedule](http://www.clevelandheights.com/Collection-Schedule).

# AT YOUR SERVICE

## WINTER SNOW PLOWING 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. Motorists should:

- Check the tires on your vehicle to ensure that they are properly inflated and have a safe tread depth. It is recommended that motorists maintain a minimum of

5/32" to ensure traction and tire adhesion to wet or snowy roads.

- Check to ensure that you have working/functional windshield wipers.
- Check your windshield washer fluid levels.
- Carry an extra pair of gloves, a winter hat, and a small shovel in the vehicle in the event that your car gets stuck in the snow.
- Check your vehicle lights to ensure that all headlamps, tail lamps, brake lights, turn signals and flashers are in proper working order.
- Should your car become stuck on the road, NEVER exit the vehicle abruptly.
- Keep your cellular phone charged and on hand at all times.

For additional safe winter driving tips, check out [www.exchange.aaa.com](http://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](mailto:pwd@clvhts.com).

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Live Christmas trees will be collected Monday, December 27-Friday, January 28. Residents are asked to place their Christmas trees on the tree lawns. Please be sure to 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. Trees that are properly placed on the tree lawns will be collected within the allotted time. Note: Collection could be delayed due to winter weather. Snow and ice operations take priority over tree collection. Residents with questions or concerns should contact the Cleveland Heights Service Department at 216-691-7300 or [pwd@clvhts.com](mailto:pwd@clvhts.com).





# BUSINESS

## CEDAR-LEE-MEADOWBROOK REDEVELOPMENT AIMS TO HELP REVITALIZE THE CEDAR-LEE BUSINESS DISTRICT THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The City of Cleveland Heights continues to move forward with transformative redevelopment projects, positioning the City as a desirable place to live, play, and work. Central to this effort is supporting and strengthening the City's business districts. For many years, the City has strived to revitalize the Cedar-Lee District, with among other things the inclusion of mixed-use development on the approximately 4.80 acres City-owned parcels off Cedar and Lee Roads that currently consist of surface and covered parking areas and vacant land. This is encapsulated in the City's 2011 Strategic Development and 2017 Master Plans, and follows planning and economic development best practices of bringing residential populations into the center of business districts. To that end, the City has established a Vision and Goals for the redevelopment of the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook properties:

**Vision:** *Strengthen the Cedar-Lee District and businesses city-wide, provide a greater range of residential opportunities, and enhance the desirability of the City of Cleveland Heights through inspired new mixed-use development.*

**Goal #1:** Promote Cleveland Heights' rich legacy and progressive future

**Goal #2:** Support Cedar-Lee businesses, residents and visitors

**Goal #3:** Provide new housing options for Cleveland Heights

**Goal #4:** Create integrated, inclusive and connected public spaces

**Goal #5:** Capitalize on recent district investments

"The District is one of the Cleveland area's most vibrant shopping and dining experiences. This redevelopment opportunity to create an amenity-filled mixed-use development has the potential to add to the unique character of the surrounding Cedar-Lee neighborhood," notes City Manager Susanna Niermann O'Neil.

The Vision and Goals, however, cannot be attained without a development partner. After a comprehensive procurement process, which included the issuance of an RFQ/RFP, interviews, and public comment, on June 28, 2021 the Cleveland Heights City Council authorized the Administration to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the selected development partner, Flaherty & Collins (F&C) Properties, for the redevelopment of the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook (CLM) site. F&C is a trusted partner and is currently the developer constructing the Ascent at the Top of the Hill project. Key to the F&C team is City Architecture, who will be the designers and molders of the redevelopment plan to meet the Vision.

"The potential for redeveloping this site with new residential and commercial construction, within the dynamic Cedar-

Lee District, is limitless and could be a game changer for our community," stated Tim Boland, Director of Economic Development for the City. He added that the project will "bring new residents and increased economic activity and vibrancy, as well as new tax revenue to our City." "Community engagement is central to the Planning process" stated Eric Zamft, Planning Director for the City. "The community – residents, merchants, property owners, service providers, and other stakeholders – is a key partner in development of any revitalization in the Cedar-Lee District." To that end, the City and its partners committed to open and honest engagement with the community to not only keep them informed about the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook redevelopment, but to include the community in the middle of its planning and design. A series of focused community conversations pertaining to this vital project were held in late summer and early fall, including meetings regarding parking and traffic, gathering spaces and connectivity, and urban design. Other opportunities for public input included an online comment forum with guiding questions, informational material on display in City Hall and in other spaces within the community, direct engagement with the Planning Department, and comment through the formal design review process.

More information on this exciting redevelopment, including project documentation and community engagement, is available at [www.clevelandheights.com/clm](http://www.clevelandheights.com/clm).

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## NEW BUSINESSES

Cleveland Heights has continued to see new local, independent businesses open the in different commercial districts around town. Below is just a small sampling of some of the recently opened new businesses:

**The Haunted House Restaurant** (13463 Cedar Road)  
<https://thehauntedhouserestaurant.com/>

**Courtyard on Coventry** (1854 Coventry Road)

**Smoke Dee's Kitchen** (1433 Warrensville Center Road)

**Charley's Closet Boutique** (1812 Coventry Road)  
[www.shopcharleyscloset.com](http://www.shopcharleyscloset.com)

**Cleveland Clock Repair** (1777 Coventry Road)  
[www.clevelandclockrepair.com](http://www.clevelandclockrepair.com)

**Scorpacciata Pasta and Pizza** (commissary and ghost kitchen, 1975 Lee Road) [www.scorpacciatapastaco.com/lee-rd-menu](http://www.scorpacciatapastaco.com/lee-rd-menu)

**Farmer's Feast** (in BottleHouse Brewery, 2050 Lee Road)

**Heights Esthetics** (2148 Lee Road)  
[www.heightsesthetics.com](http://www.heightsesthetics.com)

**Taco Roosters** (1825 Coventry Road)  
<https://tacoroosters.com>

**Opening soon:**

**Koko Bakery** (1767 Coventry Road)  
[www.kokobakerycleveland.com](http://www.kokobakerycleveland.com)

**Amplify Dispensary** <https://amplifydispensary.com/>



# AROUNDTOWN

## HALLOWEEN IN THE HEIGHTS

### Cedar Lee

The first annual Heights Halloween Festival presented by Dobama Theatre is a free event and open to Halloween lovers and trick-or-treaters of all ages. It will be held on Saturday, October 23 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the Cedar-Lee District. There will be a rain date of Sunday, October 24.

The festival will include character meet-n-greets stations where attendees can get photos, autographs, and candy from costumed actors at various stops in the grassy area near the Meadowbrook/ Lee intersection. Circus performers, costumed actors, large scale puppets, and more will stroll the district for everyone's entertainment. Face painting, free games, and prizes will also be available. Music will be performed from the Meadowbrook/ Lee stage for dancing and a festive atmosphere.

The Heights Halloween Festival will include the traditional "candy crawl" along the Cedar Lee District, where local businesses hand out candy to trick-or-treaters, with many employees dressing up for the holiday. There will be HalloweenFest cast members welcoming and guiding families up and down the district, and festive decorations will adorn Lee Road sidewalks for all attendees to enjoy.

### Coventry Village

Coventry Village welcomes all spooky lovers to unite on Friday, October 29 for a 3-in-1 Halloween event. Throw on your best costumes and bring the whole family to Coventry for a CoVenTREAT (candy crawl) at participating merchants and free face painting. Hosted during their Final Fridays Art Walk+Market, it will be followed by a showing of *Hocus Pocus* in Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park at 7:30pm.

### Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating

**Sunday, October 31, 6:00-8:00pm**

#### Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

- To ensure safety, a parent or guardian should accompany young children on neighborhood rounds.
- Only go to houses with lit porch lights and never enter the home of a stranger.
- For additional safety, carry a flashlight.
- Make sure costumes are safe, fireproof and with eye holes (if wearing masks) large enough to allow good peripheral vision.
- No treats should be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that are offered.
- For those distributing candy, eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses.
- If you plan on distributing candy, make sure your porch light is on.
- And above all else, please follow all COVID-19 safety protocols.



# AT THE LIBRARY



**Back to School and Back to the Library**  
Heights Libraries are fully open welcoming all to spend time in the library once again. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a library card and use that card to find books that help them see themselves clearly, and better understand others.

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

### **Coventry Village Branch, 1920 Coventry Road** **Kids Craft Day**

Friday, November 5, 2:00pm

Meet outside of the Coventry branch for some cool crafting. Beads, friendship bracelet string, pipe cleaners, and other general crafting supplies will be included. Ages 5 to 18.

### **Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road** **Homework Help**

Tuesdays & Thursdays through November 18, 3:30pm  
Drop in for help with your homework or a class project.  
Grades K-5.

### **Monoprints with Zygote Press: Fall Foliage**

Wednesday, October 20, 4:00pm  
Get an overview of the world of printmaking and learn how to make monotypes using fall leaves with a teaching artist from Zygote Press! Registration begins Oct 6 at heightslibrary.org. Grades K-5.

### **Noble Neighborhood Branch** **2800 Noble Road**

#### **Afterschool Pop-up Programs**

Thursdays, through November 18, 4:30pm  
Check in every Thursday for a fun surprise project, craft, game, or activity. If you cannot stay, stop by and grab an activity kit to take home. Grades K-5.

#### **Read with a Librarian**

Tuesday, November 9-30, 5:00pm  
Parents are encouraged to sign their children up to practice reading out loud with a librarian. Bring your favorite book or choose from a selection handpicked by our children's librarians. Individualized reading sessions are 20 minutes long and include a prize for participating. Please call the Noble Neighborhood Branch Children's Department at 216-291-5665 ext. 1330 to make a reservation. Grades K-5.

To register for a program, visit [heightslibrary.org](https://heightslibrary.org), find the program title on the calendar and click on it. If a program requires registration, a form will pop up.

### **PCs for People**

Heights Libraries has partnered with the nonprofit PCs for People to distribute free or low-cost computers, laptops, and hotspots to qualifying customers.

The HKIC computer lab at the Lee Road branch is a pickup location for PCs for People's clients. This means Heights individuals who qualify for the program will be able to select HKIC/Lee Road Branch as a location to pick up their equipment, instead of driving to downtown Cleveland.

PCs for People is an income-based assistance program, and eligibility requirements include income documentation for program qualification. Customers should visit [pcsforpeople.com](https://pcsforpeople.com) to find out if they are eligible for a device and apply for equipment.

To pick up their equipment in the HKIC building at Heights Libraries' Lee Road branch, select Cuyahoga County and select "Heights Library Distribution" on the Event Registration page.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### **Coventry Village Branch, 1920 Coventry Road** **Hoops and Hang**

Fridays through November 26, 3:00pm at Coventry PEACE Park  
For ages 13 to 18. Younger kids might find the hoop too tall.

### **Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road** **Sculpting with Found Objects**

Thursday, October 21, 3:30pm  
Flex your creative and problem-solving muscles by creating the coolest sculpture out of random everyday objects. Straws, playdough, tissue paper rolls, sticks, and etc. But wait! Like a true artist, your creation must also tell a story. #SmartArt

### **College Cooking: What Can You Make with a Microwave?**

Thursday, November 11, 3:30pm  
Find out some quick and easy eats you can make with only a microwave at this fun program.

### **Noble Neighborhood Branch** **2800 Noble Road**

#### **Game Days**

Tuesday, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, 4:00pm  
Challenge your friends to a board game, battle on the PS4, or learn an old-school game.

#### **Teen Art Therapy Night**

Monday, October 25, 6:30pm  
All supplies will be provided. Registration begins two weeks before the event at [heightslibrary.org](https://heightslibrary.org).



# OUR SCHOOLS

## STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

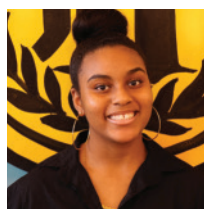
The CH-UH City School District began the school year on August 24. The majority of children returned to the traditional five-day, in-person school model, and some attend class using the fully virtual option, Tiger Virtual Academy. Regardless of how they learn, CH-UH is committed to providing each child with a high-quality, 21st century educational experience. The district's theme for the year is "Together We RISE." RISE stands for Reunite, Inspire, Support, and Excel. This phrase embodies a vision of coming together to provide students with what they need to achieve success.



## SUMMER CAMP MAKES A SPLASH

CH-UH held its inaugural Tiger Summer Camp at Heights High School in June and July, with more than 500 students in kindergarten through 8th grade in attendance. Children engaged in academic skill building, socialization, and hands-on lessons, all while having a blast. Thanks to partnerships with local organizations, unique enrichment activities included swimming lessons, yoga, African drumming, science projects, and art. The entire program was provided at no cost to families.

## HEIGHTS HIGH STUDENT EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Heights High junior Taylor Evans has been named the national GEAR UP Student of the Year. The award is given

to one student who embodies the GEAR UP mission to "Excel, Prove, and Mobilize." Taylor serves as the Lead Intern/Ambassador for GEAR UP 2 New Heights. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, Taylor helped create study programs for her peers and even a virtual expo for young entrepreneurs. The GEAR UP program focuses on increasing the college and career readiness of low-income students, serving more than half a million students.



## COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER TO LAUNCH AT NOBLE

CH-UH is piloting the Community Learning Center (CLC) this fall at Noble Elementary. A CLC is a strategy where schools partner with local agencies to integrate a focus on academics, health and social services, and youth and community development. While the CLC isn't a designated, physical space, it is a centralization of resources for students, families, and residents. The creation of a CLC in the District is a component of the District's 5-Year Strategic Plan. Kristiaun Copez-Minor has joined CH-UH as the center's organizer.

## METROHEALTH PROVIDES AT-SCHOOL CARE

CH-UH continues to partner with MetroHealth to provide at-school health services for students. If a child is not feeling well, has a chronic medical issue or injury or is due for their annual physical and vaccinations, they can easily receive medical care from MetroHealth providers during their school day, through the Institute for H.O.P.E. School Health Program. MetroHealth also offers an in-school clinic at Heights High two days per month, allowing Heights High students in-person access to MetroHealth medical professionals right at school. The program was designed to help eliminate barriers to receiving health care.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Heights Homecoming Weekend is October 15-16, featuring The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame celebration, Friday night football game, Heights open house and many ways to connect. Hope to see you there!

Visit [CHUH.org](https://CHUH.org) to read more about these news stories and many others.

# HOME TO THE ARTS

## APOLLO'S FIRE BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

### 30th Anniversary Season In Person or At Home

216-320-0012 • [www.apollosfire.org](http://www.apollosfire.org)  
[info@apollosfire.org](mailto:info@apollosfire.org)

Jeannette Sorrell, artistic director

### Vivaldi's Four Seasons Rediscovered

Vivaldi's *Concerto for Two Cellos and La Folia* ("Madness")

Friday, October 22 at 7:30pm &  
Sunday, October 24 at 4:00pm •  
Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd.

Monday, October 25 at 7:30pm •  
St. Noel Catholic Church, 35200 Chardon Rd.

### Violin Fantasy – Tracing the Path from Biber to Bach with co-director Alan Choo

Saturday, November 13 at 8:00pm  
& Sunday, November 14 at 4:00pm •  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd.

**Handel's Messiah** with guest conductor Nicholas McGegan  
Friday, December 10 at 7:30pm •  
Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd.

Saturday, December 11 at 8:00pm  
• First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Blvd.

### Lift Ev'ry Voice – A Celebration of Brotherhood & Sisterhood

Sunday, February 6 at 4:00pm •  
Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd.

### Israel in Egypt – A Dramatic Oratorio

Saturday, February 19 at 8:00pm • The Temple Tifereth-Israel, 26000 Shaker Blvd.

Sunday, February 20 at 7:00pm • First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Blvd.

## BURNING RIVER BAROQUE

917-754-5549

[www.burning-river-baroque.org/](http://www.burning-river-baroque.org/)  
[www.livingpoetryproject.com](http://www.livingpoetryproject.com)

[www.livingpoetryproject.com/es](http://www.livingpoetryproject.com/es) in Spanish  
[directors@burning-river-baroque.org](mailto:directors@burning-river-baroque.org)

Burning River Baroque brings diverse communities together through vibrant musical performances that inspire engaging musical dialogue and meaningful social change.

Burning River Baroque is pleased to announce the launch of The Living Poetry Project. Aimed at bringing poets and musical composers together, the website provides a platform for poets to upload their work so that musical composers have access to a repository of contemporary poems to set to music. This site directly connects composers to poets, simplifying communication about usage permissions and eliminating barriers to access. Additionally, poets are able to add identifying tags for the content of their poem as well as their own identities, allowing database users to search for poems about specific topics and/or by authors with specific identifying tags. The site is available in English and Spanish, and the goal is to collect poems in all languages. While poems may be submitted at any time, there will be specific thematic calls for poetry in conjunction with each of their concerts. This project was made possible in part with funds from the Ohio Arts Council.

## CHORAL ARTS CLEVELAND

216-381-4608

[choralartscleveland.org](http://choralartscleveland.org)

**Psalms, Songs and Vespers** with guest conductor David Gilson  
*Five Hebrew Love Songs* by Eric Whitacre, *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*  
Sunday, November 21 (time TBA)  
• Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Rd.

## CITYMUSIC CLEVELAND

216-632-3572

[www.citymusiccleveland.org](http://www.citymusiccleveland.org)

The 2021-2022 season is the "Justice, Equality, Hope" Chamber Music Series **From the New World**

*World Premiere* by Michi Wiancko, *Sonata Prima* by Francisco J. de Castro, selections from the *Saldívar Codex* by Santiago de Murcia, selections from the *Codex Martínez Campañón, Las Folias/Marizápalos* by Antonio Martín y Coll, and *Guitar Quintet in D "Fandango"* by Luigi Boccherini

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00pm

• The Temple-Tifereth Israel, 26000 Shaker Blvd.

Friday, December 17 at 7:00pm • Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St.

### Tales and Scenes

*Piano Concerto in F Minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach, *Ma Mère l'Oye* by Maurice Ravel, *Escena Andaluza* by Joaquín Turana, *Fire Dance* from *El Amor Brujo* by Manuel de Falla, *World Premiere* by Elena Ruehr  
Friday, January 21 at 7:00pm • Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St.

Saturday, January 22 at 7:00pm • St. Jerome Catholic Church, 15000 Lakeshore Blvd.

## DOBAMA THEATER

2340 Lee Rd. • 216-932-3396

[www.dobama.org](http://www.dobama.org)

**Airness** by Chelsea Marcantel  
October 29-November 21 *Regional Premiere*

Directed by Nathan Motta. Airness is an exuberant reminder that everything we need to rock is already inside us in this comedy about competition, completion, and finding the airness inside yourself. Winner of the American Theatre Wing Best New Play 2018.

**Hurricane Diane** by Madeleine George • January 21-February 13, 2022 *Regional Premiere*  
Directed by Shannon Sindelar. In this Obie-winning comedy (2019) with a twist, Pulitzer Prize finalist Madeleine



# HOME TO THE ARTS

George pens a hilarious evisceration of the blind eye we all turn to climate change and the impending storm of catharsis that awaits us all, even in our own backyards.

## ENSEMBLE THEATRE

2843 Washington Blvd.

216-321-2930

[www.ensembletheatre.cle.org](http://www.ensembletheatre.cle.org)

All in-person programming is postponed until January, 2022. Stagewrights Unit virtual programming in the fall will be announced on their website.

## HEIGHTS ARTS

2175 Lee Rd. • [www.heightsarts.org](http://www.heightsarts.org)

• 216-371-3457

### 2021 Holiday Store

The 2021 Holiday Store will be open 7 days a week, November 5 to December 31, with extended shopping hours starting December 1. Check their website for details.

### IN THE GALLERY

**Printers Select exhibition** through October 17

Curated by local artist Liz Maugans, the show features art from six artists new to Heights Arts. They were tasked with bringing in a special second artist for the exhibition, someone who made a significant impact on their lives and studies: Hannah Manocchio and Sampson the Artist, J. Leigh Garcia and Nina Battaglia, Orlando Caraballo and Ed Lugo, Anna Tararova and Amirah Cunningham, Shadi Ayoub and Bob Kelemen, and Omid Shekari and Kristina Paabus.

### Spotlight Showcase: Nicole

**Schneider** through October 17

A Kent State University graduate in printmaking, Schneider's featured pieces explore control and perfectionism through the lens of her familial relationships with other women, and how these relationships have influenced her relationship with motherhood.

### Call for 2021 Holiday Store Artists

This year, Heights Arts hopes to expand its selection with a call for artists that specialize in metalwork and sculptural items. All working artists currently based in northeast Ohio are eligible to apply via their website.

## HEIGHTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

216-321-3315

[www.heightschamberorchestra.org](http://www.heightschamberorchestra.org)

Please call for further details about this program.

**An International Feast of Music** with guest conductor Carl Topilow *Festive Overture on The Star Spangle Banner* by Buck, *Adagio and Rondo for Violin* by Mozart, and works by Mendelssohn, Bizet, Elgar, Grieg, Rossini/Respighi, Dvorak, and Tchaikovsky

Sunday, November 14 at 3:30pm • Church of the Gesu, 2470 Miramar Blvd.

## HEIGHTS YOUTH THEATRE

216-923-1583 • Monticello Middle School, 3665 Monticello Blvd.

[www.heightsyouththeatre.com](http://www.heightsyouththeatre.com)

Heights Youth Theatre has been helping children hone their skills in musical theater and theatrical arts for 60+ years. Please check their website for performance updates.

## LAKE ERIE INK

2843 Washington Boulevard (on the Coventry Peace Campus)

[www.lakeerieink.org](http://www.lakeerieink.org) • 216-320-4757

### Creative Expression Evening

**Ink:** In person and virtual programs throughout the fall and running through December. Evening Ink programs provide a fun, creative environment where youth explore their imaginations, develop writing skills, and collaborate with peers. Sessions will include Alternative Comic Making, Playwriting, Young Novelists Take on NaNoWriMo, and more. Go to [lakeerieink.org/fall-ink](http://lakeerieink.org/fall-ink) to learn more! Our creative expression camps

will be both virtual and in person this year.

Make Lake Erie Ink your first stop for Halloween and write a spooky story at this ALL AGES workshop featuring guest writer D.M. Pulley! Join us from 10:00am-12:00pm October 30 in person at a spooky Cleveland location! Learn more at [lakeerieink.org/stories-of-suspense!](http://lakeerieink.org/stories-of-suspense!)

## LITERARY CLEVELAND

2515 N. Taylor Rd • 216-400-9488

[www.litcleveland.org](http://www.litcleveland.org)

[info@litcleveland.org](mailto:info@litcleveland.org)

Literary Cleveland has suspended all in-person class meetings and events for the foreseeable future to keep everyone as healthy as possible and to slow the spread of COVID-19. For more information about online classes and workshops, visit [www.litcleveland.org](http://www.litcleveland.org).

## MUSICOLOGIE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

3473 Fairmount Blvd. • 216-260-6006

[www.musicologie.com](http://www.musicologie.com)

[cleveland@musicologie.com](mailto:cleveland@musicologie.com)

The Cleveland Heights school is owned by Kevin and Pat Richards, who have been staples of the Cleveland Heights music community for decades. Their curriculum combines music your child is interested in, while also giving them the fundamental technique and theory they need. Private lessons can start at about 5 years of age. If there is hesitancy on which instrument to begin lessons, piano is a great instrument that teaches many musical basics. Their flexible program allows your child to switch instruments or teachers if their interest changes. They teach adults too!

# THE EARLY YEARS

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio offers early literacy, parenting support and school readiness programs for families with young children, ages birth-6, at various locations throughout Northeast Ohio. During the pandemic we have been able to continue to offer many of our programs remotely and look forward to returning to in-person programming as soon as the conditions are deemed safe and appropriate. Our programs are designed to offer parents a variety of opportunities to enhance their parenting experience, build their confidence as parents, play with their kids and provide resources for them to become the parents they strive to be. Play is the best way for kids to learn, grow, and develop all of the important early skills.

**Baby & Me:** Join us for a free interactive session for families with babies birth to 12 months of age, Wednesdays 10:00am to 12:00 noon. In person and virtual depending on the weather. For more information email [info@familyconnections1.org](mailto:info@familyconnections1.org).

**Music with Marisa:** Join us from your home for a free virtual, interactive music program designed for families with children birth to age 6. Call for days and times or visit our website. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/music-with-marisa-registration-103955678232](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-with-marisa-registration-103955678232).

**Parent Café:** Free parent/caregiver-led conversations about the joys and challenges of raising children and sharing ways to strengthen our families. Contact us for opportunities to participate or to collaborate as a partner. Collaborative partnerships may be held off site.



## Programs in CH-UH elementary schools and Cleveland Heights community:

**Family School Connection:** Parent Coaches, (PC's) support families, involving and engaging parents with information and resources to help promote their children's academic and social and emotional development and school success. PC's work with the families of kindergarten students who need additional literacy support. Our staff provides home visits twice a month to assist the parent and child with academic support and share with the parent the learning areas specific to their child that need strengthening.

**SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids):** - Learn how to get your child ready for kindergarten!

A free kindergarten readiness program designed for families with preschoolers. Monthly home visits with a SPARK parent partner will bring you fun literacy games, activities, and resources to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten. Learn what to expect in kindergarten, gather ideas for learning at home, etc. We are a proud provider of SPARK, in partnership with Heights Libraries and CH-UH schools. For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org), email [info@familyconnections1.org](mailto:info@familyconnections1.org) or call 216-321-0079.



# COMMUNITYCENTER

Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard 44118

[www.chparks.com](http://www.chparks.com) • Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CHParksRec](https://www.facebook.com/CHParksRec)

## Important Phone Numbers

Community Center 216-691-7373

Office on Aging 216-691-7377

Recreation Sports Hotline

216-691-7385

Ice Rinks 216-691-7434

To REGISTER online for any classes or activities, visit [www.chparks.com](http://www.chparks.com) & select Registration.

## Community Center

The Community Center is open with limited hours and programming. The most up-to-date information on programs offered can be found at [www.chparks.com](http://www.chparks.com). The registration desk is currently open the following days and times:

- Monday-Friday 9:00am-8:00pm

- Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

- Sunday - Closed

**Fitness Center:** Hours are decreased due to limited staffing but the open hours will increase as staff resources become available. Visit [www.chparks.com](http://www.chparks.com) for

up-to-date hours of operation. Equipment is spread out along the track to promote social distancing as exercising indoors is still a potential high-risk activity for unvaccinated individuals.

**Gym:** The basketball courts continue to be used as indoor walking space and class space for indoor fitness and martial arts. Indoor open gym will return later in the fall.

**Locker rooms** continue to be closed at this time.

## FALL 2021 RECREATION CLASSES & PROGRAMS

### Kuk Sool Won™ (WKSA)

The Traditional Martial Art of Korea, ages 5-75.

Instructed by: David Pritts, 3rd Degree Black Belt and School Owner.

Register online at <https://chparks.com/Kuk-Sool-Won>

### YOUTH SPORTS

Open to residents of Cleveland Heights and to all students who reside within the boundaries of the CHUH School District.

### 2021 Flag Football League

Ages: Coed 5-6 Combined, Coed 7-8 Combined

Day: Saturdays through October 23

Time: 9:00-10:30am

Location: Denison Park Turf Field

Cost: \$45 CH resident, \$65 all others

### Fall 2021 Recreation Youth Soccer Academy

Day: Saturdays through October 23

Times:

Coed Grades K-1 • 11:30am-1:00pm

Coed Grades 2-3 • 1:00-2:30pm

Coed Grades 4-6 • 1:00-2:30pm

Cost: \$40 CH resident, \$60 all others

Location: Denison Turf Field

### ICE SKATING PROGRAMS

#### Learn-to-Skate USA Skating Lessons

For preschool through adult. Please visit [www.chparks.com](http://www.chparks.com) for information on skating lessons and all other ice skating programs or call 216-691-7434.

### Eastside Tigers Youth Travel Hockey

[www.eastsidetigers.com](http://www.eastsidetigers.com)

Email [info@chyha.org](mailto:info@chyha.org) for more information.

### Pavilion Skating Club

[www.pavilionfsc.com](http://www.pavilionfsc.com)

Email [pscoffice@pavilionfsc.com](mailto:pscoffice@pavilionfsc.com) for more information.

### Speedskating

[www.clevelandheightsspeedskating.org](http://www.clevelandheightsspeedskating.org)

Contact Barb Rosenbaum 216-401-9392 or [bkrosenbaum97@gmail.com](mailto:bkrosenbaum97@gmail.com) for more information.

### INDOOR SWIMMING AT HEIGHTS HIGH

Due to concerns over the rising case counts driven by the Delta variant, there will be no indoor swimming this coming fall. Any swimming for the winter and spring seasons will

be determined based on pandemic conditions at that time. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

### SENIOR PROGRAMS

The Senior Center is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. For information on senior programming and services, please call 216-691-7377.

### FALL SENIOR CLASSES INCLUDE:

Accessible Yoga, Breath & Stretch, Drawing, Intro to Natilus, Intro to QiGong, Sample Quilting, Strength Training, Zumba Gold

### OOA SERVICES INCLUDE

- Van Transportation to area medical appointments and grocery. Registration and advance scheduling required
- Meal Options: a variety of food assistance programs are available
- Social work including wellness check-in, information and referral
- Medicare and Legal Consultation by appointment
- Cleaning supplies, masks and other home products donated by the community and available for pick-up or delivery.
- Coming soon: puzzles, books, assistive devices and technology lending!

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

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](http://www.clevelandheights.com).

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