

...At Your Service



Message from the Mayor

Upcoming Events

Greetings,

The publication of the City's newsletter has resumed after a summer recess. I hope that you enjoyed the warm weather of the summer months and are feeling a renewed sense of vigor as the weather cools with the fall temperatures. The academic year has begun at John Carroll University and at Canterbury, Gearity, Wiley and Gesu Schools. Best wishes to all students, faculty and staff at the schools for a productive and successful school year.

A special reminder to drivers in our city: please be aware of bicycle riders and increased pedestrian activity on school days and weekends as the days become shorter at this time of year. Remember that pedestrians in a crosswalk have the right of way. We want to keep all walkers and bicycle riders safe!

Regards,

Susan K. Ziefel

Oct 10

- Free Paper Shredding, noon to 3:00 p.m., City Hall Service Department

Oct 31

- Trick or Treat in University Heights, 6-8 p.m.

Beautiful Home Awards

The City Beautiful Commission has selected the 2010 Winners of the Beautiful Home Awards in the following categories: Curb Appeal, Best Front Door, "Set a Spell", Best Kept Secret, and Eco-Garden. Winners will be honored at a special reception at City Hall on Tuesday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. Please visit the City's website to view photos of these award-winning homes. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for continuing our tradition as the City of Beautiful Homes!

Community Garden News – An Update on Planning Efforts

The City is planning a community garden to open spring, 2011 on the green space near Taylor Academy (site of the formerly proposed salt dome). The City Administration has met with the OSU Extension Service for guidance and with the Board of Health for ideas on partnering and funding. John Carroll University has pledged its assistance including manpower to prepare the land for planting. The Community Garden Committee welcomes new ideas and members! Please contact Sherri Wisnieski at City Hall, 216.932.7800 x 203, if you are interested in helping.

A small community garden is planned for the property at 2603 Ashurst Road, where a house was taken down. The City Administration met with neighbors about the development of this garden and heard from them the neighborhood preference for a flower garden. The City subsequently applied for and was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to install an educational rain garden on the site. Planting will commence this fall.

The City is working with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank on specific properties that are being rehabilitated or scheduled for demolition. The property at 2240 Jackson Boulevard is scheduled for demolition this fall. After demolition, the City Administration will meet with the neighbors to gauge their preference in development - flowers/plants or vegetables. We will then apply for grant funding for that project, too.



National Solar Tour

The world's largest grassroots solar event is coming to town! Join more than 150,000 people in 3,000 communities across the U.S. by participating in the ASES National Solar Tour. Attend open-house tours to see how you can use solar energy and energy efficiency to reduce monthly utility bills and help reduce climate change. This event is coming October 2-3. Check the website, www.greenenergyohio.org for local sites.

Cleveland Magazine "Rating the Suburbs"

University Heights was recognized in the 2010 Rankings of Suburbs as being one of the Cleveland area's "most walkable suburbs." They said, "John Carroll University's Gothic brick buildings and 60 acres of manicured lawns coexist beautifully with the city's stately homes. An impressive shopping area with a Whole Foods, Target and Macy's is less than a mile's walk from campus."

John Carroll University News

Congratulations to John Carroll University for again being recognized by national publications ranking colleges nationwide. This year it received mention from *U.S. News*, *Forbes* and *The Princeton Review* for: Schools with a Strong Commitment to Teaching; Great Schools, Great Prices; America's Best Colleges list; One of the Best Colleges in the Midwest.

Upcoming campus events:

- September 23-25 – Homecoming
- October 9 – Blue Gold Community Day, Fair Trade Expo & Marketplace
- October 22-23 – Parent & Family Weekend
- October 23 – Door-to-Door Food Drive

Development News: Update on University Square

The Mayor went to Chicago at the end of June and met with representatives from Inland US Management LLC, the company that owns University Square. The Mayor brought a business plan for a proposed tenant to the meeting and explained that the City Administration has been approached by businesses wanting to get information about available space. Mayor Infeld left the meeting with new contact information for Inland that has been shared with interested prospective tenants. Hopefully, we will see an uptick in occupancy soon.

Senior Adult Network

Walter Stinson, formerly the City's Community Coordinator, has agreed to end his retirement and return as the City's part-time Senior Services Manager. He will meet with seniors for weekly programs on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. at the UH Library branch building on Cedar Road. The October programs are:

- October 7 – "America's Finance Crisis", a lecture by Frank Navratil, PhD, Professor of Economics and Finance and Former Dean of the Boler School of Business, John Carroll University
- October 14 – "Third-World Outreach in Uganda", a lecture by Fr. Donald Dunson, Center for Pastoral Leadership
- October 21 – "Native American Folklore in NE Ohio", a lecture by Karen Lakus, Cultural Historian, Cleveland Metroparks
- October 28 @ 4:00 p.m. – "Education Success", a lecture by Natalie Wester, Ohio 2010 Teacher of the Year and 3rd grade teacher at Gearity School **(Please note the time change)**

Please check the City website (www.universityheights.com) for the monthly calendar of senior adult activities.



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