

“At Your Service”



Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

What a pleasure to see rain instead of snow! The warmer temperatures are nice, too. If you are ready to clean the winter mess from your yard, the city is ready to expedite the cleanup for you. As usual, the City will collect yard debris from tree lawns. However, for the month of April, you can dump the debris on your tree lawn and city crews will collect it. You do not have to bundle branches into 4 foot lengths, tie them with twine, or bag debris. After April, the normal collection rules will apply.

The park committee has continued meeting with the architects to fine-tune the park concept plan. If you haven't seen the plan yet, it is posted on the website (www.universityheights.com). We would appreciate hearing your comments and feedback! The next meeting with the architects will be Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

I am happy to report that the City has received a NOACA Technical Assistance Award for a Warrensville Center Road and Cedar Road Sidewalk Improvement Project. NOACA, the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency, is a regional agency managing federal transportation dollars for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. City staff will work with NOACA to assess potential improvements that will encourage pedestrian and bicycle use of the sidewalks on Cedar and Warrensville. I will keep you posted on the progress of the plan but want you to know that the planning process has begun!

This summer will be a busy construction season for the streets of University Heights. Belvoir Blvd will be completely repaved from Fairmount to Mayfield in a joint project with South Euclid. The project will include a pedestrian improvement on Belvoir in the John Carroll University area to improve street crossing for students. The timeframe for the Belvoir repaving project is from April – October. Other City streets scheduled for repaving are: Allison, Brockway, Charney (from Hillbrook-Meadowbrook), Conover, Fenwick (from Cedar-Silsby), Fenwick (from Meadowbrook-Traymore), Scholl, and Silsby (from Miramar-Belvoir). Please be cautious and alert while traveling on these streets during the construction.

Sincerely,

Susan Infeld

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Mayor

Wiley School Closing

Wiley Middle School will close at the end of the school year in June. The School District plans to relocate the high school to the Wiley site while the high school is being rebuilt in Cleveland Heights. In preparation for that, the Wiley site will undergo a renovation beginning in June 2014 and will reopen in August, 2015 as the temporary high school location. The School District anticipates that the high school will return to Cleveland Heights in August, 2017. After the high school returns to the Cedar Road location, the School District plans to relocate Roxboro and Monticello Middle Schools to the Wiley site while those school buildings are rebuilt in Cleveland Heights. The City has seen preliminary plans and the City Council and I, along with City Department directors, met with the School District to comment on the preliminary plans. It is our understanding that final plans will be submitted to the City sometime before summer. Once the City receives final plans we will begin neighborhood and community Town Hall meetings so that you are informed and can comment on the plans.

Adopt-a-Highway Program

The Ohio Department of Transportation is seeking groups of volunteers to assist in keeping Ohio roads attractive and litter free for the traveling public. Through their efforts, the Adopt-a-Highway volunteers are able to generate positive recognition for their group's community service activities. If you are interested in this effort to keep Ohio beautiful, please contact Lucille Micatrotto, the Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator, at Lucille.Micatrotto@dot.state.oh.us or at (216) 584-2156.

Summer Recreation Booklet

The Recreation Booklet is at the printer's and is posted online. You will receive your mailed copy in May.

City Newsletter & Important News from the Mayor is Available by Email

For residents who want to get the City newsletter and important messages via e-mail, sign-up is available by clicking the Newsletter link on the home page of the City website.

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Parade Planning

The Parade Committee is busily planning the events of Memorial Day in University Heights. If your street would like to have a unit in the parade, or if you know of a team or scout troop that would like to participate, please let us know! New units are welcome and can send inquiries to info@universityheights.com. The parade theme is *Remembering Those Who Serve*. This year's speaker is Belvoir Blvd resident and former Councilman, LTC (Ret) Peter Bernardo.

Voting Locations in University Heights

There is a primary election on May 6 and you are able to vote absentee right now. If you plan to vote on Election Day, please remember that the voting locations in University Heights are John Carroll University (enter at the Belvoir lot), the UH Library, and Gearity School. The voting location for those who formerly voted at Wiley School has been moved to Gearity School. Please remember to vote!



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