

# “At Your Service”



## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents:

The winter holidays are here and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. The hustle and bustle of the holidays can sometimes present opportunities for thieves, so I would like to share some crime-prevention safety tips from the University Heights police.

- Remember to unload holiday shopping bags from your car; remove or stow valuable items so that they are not visible; and lock the car doors.
- When shopping, keep your purse or pocketbook closed. Do not put your handbag into a shopping cart in order to avoid accidentally leaving it behind.
- Be aware of your surroundings when sharing credit card information over the phone so that the billing information remains private.
- If you observe unusual activity on your street, please notify the University Heights police at 932-1800.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine warns Ohio residents to beware of scam charities this holiday season. When a charitable organization calls you to seek a donation, the caller must provide the name of the charity and the location of its principal place of business. Ohio law requires charitable organizations and professional solicitors operating in Ohio to register with the Attorney General's office. You can check the Attorney General's Office database of charities to determine if the charity is registered. If you want additional information about a charity or want to file a complaint about a questionable charity, contact the Attorney General's Office at (800)282-1515 or [www.AttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.AttorneyGeneral.gov). The Attorney General advises that certain warning signs may indicate a fraudulent charitable request.

- The charity's name is similar to a well-known, nationally recognized charity.
- The caller uses high-pressure tactics to request immediate donations.
- The caller offers prizes in return for a donation.
- The caller requests that checks be made payable to a person instead of the charity.

The 2013 Citizen of the Year is Robert Walton, who serves as the Volunteer Magistrate for the City's Juvenile Diversion program. This program offers counseling to non-violent first offender youth in an effort to redirect them away from unlawful activity toward a future path of good citizenship. Robert Walton's guidance to these youth and their parents has directly impacted their lives and improved our community. We are happy to recognize his efforts to improve the lives of these community members and are very grateful for his service to the City.

The 2013 Public Servant of the Year is Councilwoman and Vice-Mayor Frankie Goldberg. Frankie has served the community for 12 years as an elected official with a record of advocacy on behalf of residents and community issues. She is leaving City Council because of term limits. We are grateful for her service to the community and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

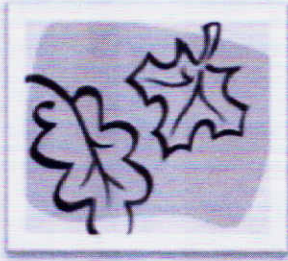
Sincerely,

Susan Infeld  
Mayor



## Loose leaf pickup is ending December 15

The same trucks that vacuum leaf piles are used for snowplowing. As a result, the loose leaf pickup program will end for the year on December 15. Please put leaves into kraft bags and place the kraft bags on the tree lawn for recycling on garbage day.



## 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.

## Cleveland Heights High School will move to the Wiley Middle School site in fall, 2015

Our schools will undergo significant change in the coming years, particularly in University Heights. The CH-UH School District will close Wiley Middle School in June, 2014 and then invest \$8-\$10M in renovations to the building. In August, 2015, Cleveland Heights High School will move to the Wiley site for two years while the current high school is rebuilt. The high school will return to its new facility at Cedar/Lee in fall, 2017. Monticello and Roxboro Middle Schools will then relocate to the Wiley site for two years while new schools are built at their sites in Cleveland Heights.

The sixth and seventh grade students currently attending Wiley Middle School will be sent to either Monticello or Roxboro Middle School next year. The School District is in process of deciding new attendance boundaries for middle school students. If you would like to provide input on this topic, please contact the School Board members with your suggestions and ideas. Their contact information is available on the District website at [www.chuh.org](http://www.chuh.org) under the *Our District* tab.

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## Oath of Office for Mayor and Council Members on January 6

The swearing-in of Mayor Susan Infeld and City Council Members Phillip Ertel, Susan Pardee and Mark Wiseman will take place at the City Council meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014. Please join us for the celebration, beginning with cookies and punch at 7 p.m., and meet Councilwoman Nancy English who was sworn-in earlier this month at the Shaker Heights Court by Judge K.J. Montgomery. Councilwoman English was elected to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Thomas Cozzens who passed away last year

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## Tips to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health encourages residents to be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible gas created when fuels such as coal, gasoline, natural gas, wood, propane or methane do not completely burn. It can cause serious illness and even death. Warning signs include shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea, and headache.

The Board of Health suggests these actions to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Schedule annual inspections of your furnace and chimney.
- Install both a CO detector and a smoke alarm in your home.
- Install a CO detector near your sleeping area.
- Do not use an outdoor grill to cook food inside your home.
- Do not use the stove to heat your home.

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## JCU News

John Carroll University offers University Heights residents a short-term, winter membership to its recreation facilities during the semester break. The facilities include the RecPlex gym, racquetball courts, swimming pool, diving well, Corbo fitness room, suspended jogging track, and men's/women's locker rooms. The membership cost is \$30/individual, \$45/individual + 1, and \$70/family. The membership period is from December 21 – January 12. For further information, please visit the Recreation Desk in the RecPlex, or call 397-1610 (desk) or 397-3092 (office).



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