

“At Your Service”



Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Summer is here! The pool is open on weekends and will open daily on June 7. New this year is the option to pay for pool passes and swim/tennis lessons with a credit card. For your convenience, pool passes are available for purchase at the pool during pool hours.

The park planning process is nearing completion. As I have reported in the past, architects from Braun & Steidl Architects have had several meetings with residents to gather input about desired features for the planned park. The park concept plan produced from those meetings is posted on the City's website (www.universityheights.com). The next step will be to request proposals from architects to provide detailed drawings for the park based on the concept plan. Once an architect is selected and produces detailed park drawings, the project will be bid for construction.

On June 2nd, I will present to the City Council the costs associated with development of the park concept plan. As of now it looks like the park construction costs may closely align with the costs of building the pool at Purvis Park twenty years ago. As you may remember, the pool construction was paid through a bond issue that added \$25 in property tax for each \$100,000 in home valuation. The pool bond issue will be fully paid off in December 2014. A new bond issue, to pay for park construction, would likely cost a homeowner the same \$25 in property tax for each \$100,000 home valuation. I will recommend to the City Council that a bond issue for park construction be put before voters on the November 2014 general election ballot.

Sincerely,

Susan Infeld
Mayor

Summertime Band Concerts

We hope to see you at the Thursday evening band concerts this summer. The location will change from the Wiley Middle School site to the patio area of the Grasselli Library at John Carroll University. June's lineup is the NorthCoast Jazz Collective, the UH Symponic Band and the Marilyn Holderfield Quintet. All band concerts will begin at 7 p.m. **Please note there is no band concert on June 12th.**

Gas line replacement on Cedar Road

Dominion East Ohio Gas Company will begin a gas line replacement project on Cedar Road beginning in June. Construction will begin just east of the Purvis Park driveway and continue east into Beachwood. The work will be done in the sidewalk area with the removal of the existing 26" line and the installation of a 30" line. Driveway aprons and sidewalks removed will be backfilled with stone until final restoration with concrete can be performed. The construction is scheduled to be completed by mid-September with restoration of driveway aprons, sidewalks and tree lawns scheduled for completion in mid-October.

Heritage Home Loan Program

The City has partnered with the Cleveland Restoration Society to offer the Heritage Home Program to residents. The program offers technical advice from housing preservation experts for eligible interior and exterior property improvements. Qualifying projects include basement waterproofing, landscaping, kitchen and bath remodels, painting, and wood floor refinishing. Technical advice includes such things as exterior color consultations and evaluating contractor estimates/bids. Low-interest, fixed rate loans (currently 1.85%) ranging from \$3,000-\$200,000 are available from KeyBank based on owner qualification and home equity. For more information, please call (216) 426-3106 or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

Pick-up Animal Waste

City ordinances require that dog and cat feces be removed from yard and tree lawn areas. Please be respectful of public spaces and your neighbor's yards when walking your pets.

Summer Block Parties

Have fun with your neighbors at a block party this summer! Plan a potluck meal, a group barbeque, a treasure hunt or water balloon toss. Contact us at City Hall at (216) 932-7800 ext. 205 to pick a date and schedule visits with the police officers and firemen.

JCU News

Renovation of the Murphy Hall dormitory is nearing completion. Please be aware that the delivery of new dormitory furniture will involve one or two delivery trucks parking on Washington Blvd. twice a day from June 16 – 21.

Wiley School Closing

Wiley Middle School is closing its doors June 6 and continuing students will attend Roxboro and Monticello Middle Schools next year. Although the School District has held meetings about its planned conversion of the current Wiley site into a temporary high school, the City has received no plans to date. Once those plans are submitted to the Building Commissioner, I will notify you of meeting dates surrounding the City's analysis of the plans.

