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University Heights resident Dontty Lakina will be back at Fall Fest on October 15 at The Walt.

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS **FALL FEST** **10.15.2023**

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Support from Ohio Arts Council, Dollar Bank to make Fall Fest 2023 bigger and better

Generous financial support from the Ohio Arts Council, as well as Dollar Bank, will result in more live entertainment at this year's University Heights Fall Fest.

The fourth annual festival returns to Walter Stinson Community Park on Sunday, October 15 from noon to 5 p.m.

Award-winning singer and songwriter Jason Patrick Meyers will headline Fall Fest this year. Heights Poet Laureate Siaara Freeman will perform.

Robin VanLear from Artful Cleveland will present an original theatrical production called "This Art is for the Birds." The interactive, outdoor theater piece was created in the tradition of Greek comedies, complete with its own chorus, and backed up by the reggae band No Bad Days.

"This Art is for the Birds is a comic but meaningful parable about the birds of the world banding together to figure out how to save Mother Earth after the Canary



Dr. U.R. Awesome will bring his amazing bubble show back to Fall Fest on October 15.



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in the Coal Mine dies,” VanLear said. “Costumes, props and some of the text was created through a series of summer camps for youth and workshops for adults.

“We are so excited to be able to present this community work at University Heights Fall Fest.”

Dr. U.R. Awesome will be back this year to present his interactive bubble show, as will crowd favorites Blake Parhamovich of Balloons by Blake, and magician Richard McClendon.

But as is the case every year, the stars of Fall Fest are the artists who set up shop in the park. Last year, over 75 artists attended, and there should be even more this year. Artists attending this year include Dontty Lakina, Anthena’s Request, Art by Jackie, Mr. Crisp Pickles, Mystic Sone by Katelyn, Nanette Reilly, Piece Love Pastry, A Good Turn, and Barb’s Bunny Hutch.

As is the case every year, you should come to Fall Fest on an empty stomach. Food trucks scheduled to appear on October 15 include Yum Village, Twisted Grill ‘n’ Grind, Sopranos Authentic Italian, and Pop Culture CLE.

“Fall Fest has become a great way for our residents and nearby communities to enjoy a day of wonderful entertainment and shop local vendors,” said Council Member Christopher Cooney. “I’m really looking forward to seeing everyone there.”

John Carroll University’s radio station, WJCU 88.7 FM, is also a sponsor of this event. WJCU will broadcast live from Fall Fest, and will distribute promotional items.

With his gritty vocals and acoustic guitar stylings, Jason Patrick Meyers captures the spirit of the blue-collar worker in this music. Meyers connects to his fans with a well-crafted lyrical adventure of honestly lurking in every song. A 24-year veteran of the Cleveland music scene, Meyers spends his days as Program Coordinator in the Music Therapy department at University Hospitals.

Meyers has shared the stage with such acts as Leon Russell, The Gaslight Anthem, Seven Mary Three, and Macy Playground. He was named the 2020 Scene Magazine singer-songwriter of the year.

Heights Poet Laureate Siaara Freeman is the current Lake Erie Siren and a teaching artist for Center For Arts Inspired Learning and The Sisterhood Project. She is a 2021 Premier Playwright fellow recipient with Cleveland



Public Theater. Her work appears in The Offing, BOAAT, Tinderbox, and Josephine Quarterly.

Fall Fest is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC).

The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically.

Chris Juchno, Branch Manager at the University Heights Dollar Bank, says he is proud to work with University Heights to support Fall Fest. “Dollar Bank is a community bank. That means we can focus on empowering the communities we serve to do the things they hold dearest,” Juchno said.

“Building a sense of community through events like the Juneteenth Celebration and Fall Fest is important to residents of University Heights, and that’s why it’s important to us.”

“If you’re not moving forward, if you’re not constantly improving, you’re moving backwards,” said Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan. “Fall Fest is getting bigger and better each year. The event is moving forward, and a big part of that is due to the financial backing from Dollar Bank and the Ohio Arts Council.”

The complete Fall Fest schedule and list of vendors is available at universityheights.com.



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Public officials honor Holocaust Survivors

Significance of Kol Israel Foundation memorial is “astounding”



University Heights Council Member Sheri R. Sax leaves a city pin at the Holocaust Memorial at Zion Memorial Park cemetery in Bedford Heights.



On August 21, local elected officials attended the third annual Kol Israel Foundation Public Official Open House. From left to right, Memorial Chair Mark Frank, Bedford Heights Mayor Fletcher Berger, Council Member Sheri R. Sax and Foundation Board Member Anne Lukas.

A national, historic gem is in our midst, just a 21-minute drive from University Heights. The Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial at Zion Memorial Park cemetery was designated a National Monument last year. The memorial is believed to be the first Holocaust Memorial in the United States to receive such designation.

On August 21, local elected officials attended the third annual Kol Israel Foundation Public Official Open House. University Heights City Council Member Sheri R. Sax attended to learn of the local efforts to preserve the memories of Holocaust Martyrs and Survivors.

For Sax, the national historic monument has personal significance.

“As a daughter of a Holocaust survivor as well as a close relative of numerous family members who were martyred at the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp, it was very moving and meaningful for me to set a traditional stone on the monument in addition to leaving my University Heights pin together with other elected officials,” Sax said.

“The significance was astounding,” she said. “One the one hand, to ‘Never Forget’ the horrific oppression, slavery, and genocide that took place over 75 years ago to now being honored to engage in public service to give back to our beautiful, free country.”

Sax said the work of Kol Israel Foundation leadership and Bedford Heights Mayor Fletcher Berger was

“inspirational.”

The memorial was created in 1961 by Northeast Ohio Holocaust survivors, and is considered the oldest such memorial in the country, according to the foundation, which has maintained the site since it was established.

The ashes of Jewish victims are buried at the memorial’s base, as well as artifacts from three different concentration camps. The low walls surrounding the memorial display the names of victims and survivors who have since died.

A nonprofit organization that was founded in 1959 by Holocaust survivors who settled in Cleveland, Kol Israel Foundation initially functioned as a social community and extended family for the survivors, many of whom were the sole survivors of their families. Kol Israel Foundation now works to honor the lives of Holocaust survivors and engages their descendants, families, and supporters to preserve the legacy and lessons of the Holocaust.

The memorial also offers a place for families to honor loved ones who have no known resting place or who didn’t receive a proper burial.

Families who wish to have the names of Holocaust victims or survivors engraved on the monument can contact the Kol Israel Foundation through their website, kifcle.org.

Zion Memorial Park cemetery is located at 5461 Northfield Road in Bedford Heights.

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Remember the 21st night of September

Carlos Jones to headline inaugural Back to School concert at JCU

University Heights City Hall and John Carroll University are separated by only a few blocks. But sometimes, the distance can feel like miles. City Hall staff and DJs at the campus radio station are looking to do something about that – with a little help from a group of Cleveland reggae legends.

Carlos Jones and the PLUS Band will perform at the inaugural University Heights Back to School Concert on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. on the JCU campus. Weather permitting, the show will be held outside at the Hamlin Quad.

All are welcome.

“With this concert, we’re looking to bridge the gap between JCU students and their city government, as well as the rest of University Heights,” Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan said.

Representatives from the city will host information tables at the event. The Police Department will present information on community policing and parking, while the Fire Department will share materials on fire safety.

The Service Department will promote recycling, while Economic Development will help share materials from local businesses – including coupons, menus, and more.

The first 200 students at the event will receive University Heights promotional items from the newly restocked Swaginet.

When July’s Summer Concert Series show with Carlos Jones and the PLUS Band was rained out, City Hall staff decided to turn lemons into lemonade.

“We were disappointed that our July concert with Carlos was rained out,” explained Deanna Bremer Fisher, the city’s Executive Assistant to the Mayor on Special Projects. “But this gave us the opportunity to host a concert on campus after the fall semester began.

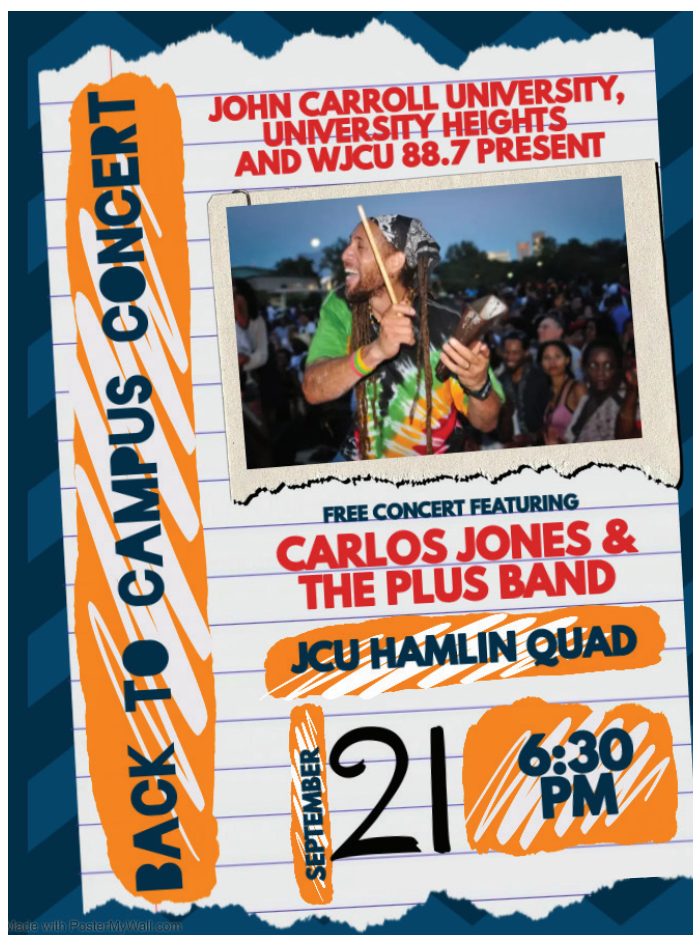
“This is our first ‘Town and Gown’ event, and I think students and the entire University Heights community will benefit from it.”

Not only is Carlos Jones and the PLUS Band popular among concert goers in Northeast Ohio, they are darlings of music critics as well. Sirius XM Reggae DJ Dermont Hussy says, “Carlos Jones is a great band, one of the best in America.”

Cleveland Scene Magazine reports, “With Jones at the forefront of the scene for more than 25 years, this city’s reggae following was practically built on his back. The band’s soulful rhythms and heartfelt vocals have made it one of Cleveland’s top draws.”



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New signs installed at city entrances, JCU, and The Walt



New monument and street signs were installed this summer across University Heights.

For years, University Heights was known as “The City of Beautiful Homes.” While a rebranding campaign in 2018 updated the door knocker logo and city motto, University Heights still has beautiful homes, and now it has beautiful welcome signs to match.

This summer, new welcome signs were installed across University Heights, with more to come soon.

“The new signs were a long time coming, and now that they’re finally being installed, they exceed my expectations,” said University Heights Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan. “More importantly, the response from University Heights residents has been overwhelmingly positive.”

The signs feature the new University Heights city logo and colors. The four colors of the logo are made with transparent plastic, creating a stained-glass appearance that allows sunlight to pass through the signs.

“Mayors from other cities have reached out to me, asking how their cities can have such beautiful signs,” Brennan said.

Seven signs were installed the first week of July, with eight more to go up soon. In addition to the welcome signs, a new sign was installed at Walter Stinson Community Park.

The city logo and the new signs were designed by Guide Studio. Design consultant Kevin Fromet said he is

thrilled with the finished product. “The University Heights brand represents the community mosaic,” Fromet said, “and it is great to see that come to life in the physical environment.”

“Translating the brand into signage provided an opportunity to create a more dynamic brand experience,” he said. “The transparent colors in the signage are meant to mimic stained glass, allowing light and scenery to show through in various ways depending on time of day, location, and the viewer’s vantage point.”

Phase II of the sign program will include the installation of signs at Purvis Park and University Heights City Hall.



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Sprinkles the Fire Dog illustrator Paul Combs to headline UHFD Open House on October 8

Paul Combs, the illustrator of the Sprinkles the Fire Dog book series, will read and sign books at the 2023 University Heights Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 8.

The Open House runs from noon to 3 p.m. at the Fire Department, attached to City Hall. Combs will read the book to attendees at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. The books “Sprinkles the Fire Dog,” and “Sprinkles the Fire Dog 2 – Making a Difference” will be available for purchase at the event.

The theme of National Fire Prevention Week for 2023 is “Cooking safety starts with YOU.” At the Open House, attendees will learn about fire safety in the kitchen and at outside grills.

Come for the safety tips, stay for the fun. Celebrate Fire Prevention Week with station tours, food, and fun activities for the entire family.

Sprinkles the Fire Dog is an inspirational story about a little puppy from a big city who dreams of one day becoming a fire dog. To achieve that dream, Sprinkles must overcome his physical limitations, the critical corner mutts, and his own self-doubt. This is a wonderful story about setting goals, putting in the work, and turning dreams into reality.

Combs is an illustrator, retired firefighter, and author of three books. He is also a USO volunteer entertainer, leadership advisor, and keynote speaker.

The reading and book signing by Combs is presented in partnership with Fire Engineering Magazine.



Meet illustrator Paul Combs at the Fire Department Open House.



The annual UHFD Open House will feature fun for the entire family.

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By Cooper the Chicken



Since I came to life at City Hall back in 2019, I have been dreaming of this moment. Thanks to my new friends at Primo's Pizza. I now have a pizza named after me.

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FutureHeights, the nonprofit community development corporation that serves both cities, offers a multidisciplinary neighborhood leadership development program for residents who want to make a difference in their community. The program, consisting of five workshops on Sunday afternoons, is available at no cost to residents.

“Participants not only develop leadership skills and gain knowledge and tools to help make their community strong, safe and vibrant, they also build life-long relationships with other members of their cohort,” said Sarah Wolf, Community-Building Programs Manager for FutureHeights.

In Session One, participants learn about their own strengths and how to create “welcoming spaces.” Session Two explores the history of Heights neighborhoods and the legacy of grassroots organizing on issues such as racial integration.

In Session Three, participants learn about Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) and how to use a strengths-based approach to issues in their own neighborhoods. Session Four delves into

leveraging assets and action-oriented conversations, and introduces participants to the FutureHeights Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program.

The fifth and final session features a discussion panel with city officials and other local leaders.

The five sessions will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. on January 28, February 11 and 25, March 10 and 24 at Coventry PEACE Campus, 2843 Washington Blvd. in Cleveland Heights.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. The application deadline will end on January 12, or when the program is full.

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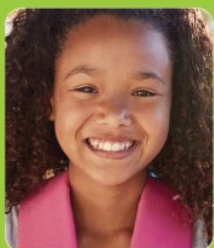
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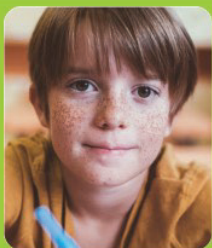
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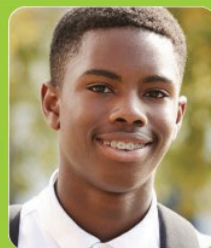
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Fall back in fall, then visit service department

City collects hazardous waste and shreds paper like clockwork

Twice a year, on the weekend when the clocks change, University Heights participates in the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's annual collection program. We "fall back in fall" during the first weekend of November, so that's when the Service Department will be open to collect hazardous waste, as well as paper for shredding.

The Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Paper Shred Event will take place on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., drop-off only; and on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., drop off and paper shredding on site at the University Heights Service Department, 2300 Warrensville Center Road.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the spring event will take place on March 8 and 9, 2024.

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AI company plans to hire additional workers in Northeast Ohio

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Wherible’s proprietary technology centers on wearable devices and sensors that continually update family and caregivers. The platform provides data and text alerts on the status, location and activities of loved ones aging at home or at facilities. The company’s solutions are inexpensive and easy to deploy but provide breakthrough AI algorithms critical to the future of providing safety to the world’s aging populations.

Wherible plans to hire additional workers in Northeast Ohio as it adds research analysts, product assembly and support, as well as sales and distribution functions in the area.

The Company’s technology revolves around cellular and Bluetooth technology and has tapped Ali Amini to run its US based operation out of University Heights.

Amini has spent over 25 years creating and consulting wireless solutions for major cellular carriers all over the United States.

“The unique dynamics of the area’s healthcare and research focus, medical device expertise and tight knit communities providing home care in Northeast Ohio make it the perfect launchpad for this exciting technology,” Amini said. “The affordability and versatility of the platform provide opportunities for public/private partnerships and trials.”

Wherible plans to grow its Northeast Ohio operations as the nation’s baby boomer population adds 10,000 people hitting 65 every day. With over 90% of retirees wanting to age at home, technology that aids family and caregivers is becoming an absolute necessity.



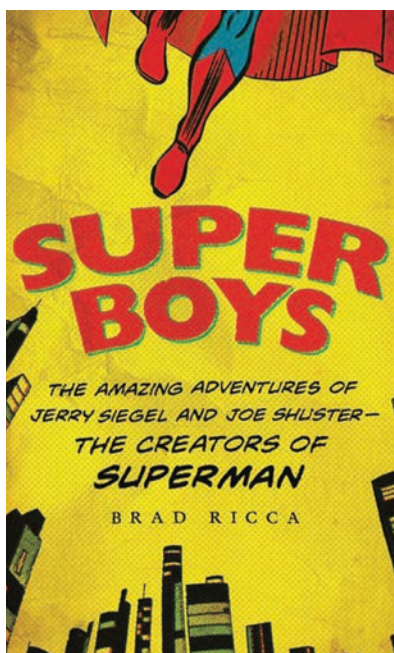
Northeast Ohio celebrates Superman’s local roots

Superman is from the planet Krypton. Everyone knows that. The creators of the Superman comic, Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel, grew up in Cleveland – most people in Northeast Ohio know that.

But did you know that Shuster and Siegel briefly lived right here in University Heights?

Shuster and Siegel created Superman when they were high school students in Cleveland’s Glenville neighborhood in 1933. In 1938, their Superman story was chosen for the cover feature of National’s Action Comics No. 1. In January 1939, Siegel and Shuster initiated a daily newspaper comic strip. A separate Sunday strip was added in November 1939. By 1941, the McClure Newspaper Syndicate had placed the strip in hundreds of newspapers.

In December 1941, the Shuster family purchased the perhaps unfinished house being constructed at 3866 Tyndall Road. Jerry Siegel and his wife, Bella purchased a lot at 2402 Glendon Road in February 1940, as that neighborhood was being developed. Tax records indicate that they were the ones who built the house.



This fall, Northeast Ohio is celebrating the local legacy of Superman. Now through November 2, “Superman’s Cleveland” will host book discussions, comics-making workshops, and live interviews with creators.

The University Heights library will celebrate The Man of Steel with a display of Superman books.

The display will include the book “Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster” written by University Heights resident Brad Ricca. His book is the first comprehensive literary biography of the creators of Superman.

The Shusters lived in the University Heights house only until September 1943. In June

1943, Siegel, who was 28 years old, was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Hawaii. His wife and son continued to live in the house until he and Bella divorced in 1948. The property was placed in a trust and was purchased by Herbert Rebman, a photographer, in November of that year.

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Allen Pennington is new UH Service Director

Allen Pennington has taken his talents to University Heights.

After being employed by the City of Mentor for 22 years, Pennington has been hired as the new Service Director for University Heights. Pennington brings 29 years of experience to his new position.

University Heights Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan made the announcement of Pennington's hiring at the June 20 City Council meeting.

"In our next Service Director, I wanted someone who would share in and implement our City's vision of a modern public works department not only with modernized services and improved roads, but with year-round parks and recreation offerings," Brennan said. "Someone who will help lead in developing the new facilities needed to fulfil this vision. Someone who brings other relevant expertise to move the City forward, as we improve our infrastructure and neighborhoods."

"As a public engineer, Allen Pennington has demonstrated success in Mentor in roads and infrastructure, and through his service on the NOACA Bicycling Subcommittee. He is up for his next career challenge. He will succeed, because he's smart, he works hard, and he gets things done."

As a licensed professional engineer, Pennington has a well-rounded background in capital projects and street maintenance. He managed Mentor's Road Repair Program for the last 17 years. Pennington has 22 years



Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan welcomed Allen Pennington to University Heights this summer.

of experience in public project administration, design, and inspection.

In addition, Pennington has served on NOACA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council since 2021.

Prior to starting in Mentor, Pennington's previous work experience includes stints with CT Consultants, and Gleason Construction. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as well as the American Society of Highway Engineers.

"I have every confidence that Allen will do an exceptional job running our Service Department and serving the residents of University Heights," Brennan said.

Pennington replaces Jeff Pokorny, who retired on April 1 of this year.

His first day of service in University Heights was July 3.

Health Kids Running Series comes to University Heights

The Health Kids Running Series was founded in 2009 to provide children with a fun introduction to the sport of running in an environment that builds confidence and self-esteem. The program encourages kids to adopt a "Get Up and Go" attitude.

The HKRS now up and running (pun intended) in University Heights.

"We are thrilled to launch the Healthy Kids Running Series to the University Heights community" said Tara Tonsetic, HKRS Community Coordinator and University Heights resident. "The vision, mission, and values the organization has set shine light on having kids engage in a running program that provides a fun environment, gets kids moving, and builds self-esteem."

The program will be held this fall at Walter Stinson Community Park on the following Sundays at 2 p.m.: September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22, and October 29.

HKRS is a national, community-based nonprofit that provides a fun, inclusive five-week running series for ages 2 to 14, designed for kids to get active, feel accomplished and lay the foundation for a healthy lifestyle.

To register, visit HealthyKidsRunningSeries.org.

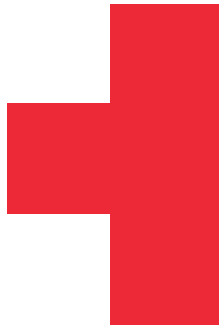
"It's a safe, healthy environment for kids to become interested in running and realize how fun being active really can be," says Tamara Conan, Vice President of Healthy

Kids Running Series. "Healthy Kids is designed for children who have no background in running whatsoever. You can have a child that has never run before or has no experience in racing, they come and try this for the first time and fall in love with it. That's the best part about it."

Aligning with one of their values of kindness, Healthy Kids Running Series is one of the most inclusive running organizations in the nation and takes pride in its Challenger Division which gives children living with disabilities the opportunity to participate in all of the wonderful benefits that Healthy Kids Running Series offers.

In addition to being a wonderful opportunity for children, Healthy Kids Running Series expands to creating a healthy lifestyle for the entire family – including parents and caregivers.





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Sunday, October 29 and November 19, 1 p.m.

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Reading & Rescues

Sunday, Nov 12, 2 p.m.

Looking for a new best friend? How about a great new book? The Library and City Dogs are partnering up to bring you both! Come for an afternoon of stories, crafts, and dogs looking for a home of their own.

TEENS

Dollar Store Drag

Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m.

This is drag on a dime! Release your inner king or queen with the help of local performer and makeup aficionado, Pineapple Honeydew-Delight. Registration begins October 5 at HeightsLibrary.org.

ADULTS

Movie Night

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

October 3: *The Lost City* (2022, 92 min, PG-13)

When an eccentric billionaire (Daniel Radcliffe) kidnaps introverted novelist Loretta Sage (Sandra Bullock) to locate the ancient city featured in her latest book, Loretta's charming yet vapid cover model, Alan (Channing Tatum), vows to prove his real-life heroism matches his fictional alter-ego and embarks on a harebrained mission to rescue Loretta.

November 14: *Jerry & Marge Go Large* (2022, 96 min, PG-13)

The remarkable true story of how retiree Jerry Selbee (Bryan Cranston) discovers a mathematical loophole in the Massachusetts lottery and, with the help of his wife, Marge (Annette Bening), wins \$27 million dollars and uses the money to revive their small Michigan town.

Dog Training Information Series

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Dog Body Language

Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

Does a wagging tail always mean a dog is happy? Learn more about what body language dogs use when relaxed, what subtle things they may display when they are uncomfortable, and signs that may even lead to aggression. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Monday September 25 at HeightsLibrary.org.

Dog Bite Prevention

Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the warning signs of dog bites and how to prevent you and your loved ones from getting bitten. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Monday, October 30 at HeightsLibrary.org.

Reduce Food Waste

Thursday, October 18, 6 p.m.

Did you know that the average American throws away approximately one pound of food per day? When food is sent to the landfill, it has an impact on your wallet and the environment. Join us to learn how to shop smarter, plan meals, and learn creative uses for food scraps you might normally throw away. Presented by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and the UH Green Team.

How to Buy a Car

Monday, October 23, 7 p.m.

You can save money and reduce stress if you have a better understanding of the process of buying a car. This session will cover such topics as: learning how to figure (and get) a fair price, common tactics used by car dealers and how to respond to them, deciding what to buy, when to buy, whether to buy or lease, whether to buy new or used, how to handle a trade-in, and where to find more information. We will also discuss the pros and cons of hybrids and battery.

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John Carroll University to maintain beauty, thanks to generous gift from Class of 1983

At John Carroll University, students benefit from a transformational Jesuit education, robust experiences outside the classroom, a vibrant student life ... all against the backdrop of a picturesque suburban campus.

Lisa (Amato) Reid '83 summed up a commonly held feeling, saying, "Our bucolic campus is a literal oasis within the bustling outer ring of University Heights."

Bill Donnelly '83, Chairman of JCU's Board of Directors, and his classmates want to keep it that way. That's why they started the Campus Beautification Fund.

Donnelly started by inviting landscape architect Jayson DeGreeter to JCU. "Our campus can be an important strategic asset," he said. "But we needed a vision for the future, and we needed a plan to invest in it."

DeGreeter spent time walking the grounds and interviewing faculty, staff, and board members. He observed how students used the space and reflected on how to improve the campus.

"It's obvious the campus is a special place for alumni and students," he said. "I felt a great responsibility to deliver a plan that presents how to tend to this campus appropriately for today's students and for the next generation."

An equally important step for the future was securing funding. With the Class of '83's 40th reunion coming up, Donnelly turned to his former roommate Tom Burke to lead the reunion class gift.

"I was happy to take on the role, but I needed a purpose the class could rally around," Burke said. "Campus beautification was the perfect focus."

Burke reached out to classmate Jim Brown.

"I remember my mom saying if the school is this intent on keeping up the grounds, I bet they're just as focused on educating their students. I told Tom to sign me up. I was ready to help," he said.

Burke enlisted Class of '83 volunteers to assist in fundraising and match donations. He also orchestrated a big push for participation around JCU's Giving Day in April.

"Tom was a master at getting our class rallied around this opportunity," said Sandra Ryan '83. "With the Campus Beautification Fund, we found a way to impact the greatest number of people at the University."

To date, the fund has grown to \$130,000. As an endowment, the assets can be invested with the proceeds available to fund future projects.



JCU is beautiful today, and will be beautiful 100 years from now.

Jeremiah Swetel, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Auxiliary Services, commented that the University is fortunate to have the Class of 1983 take on this project.

"It's important to sustain the beautiful aesthetics of the campus," he said. "An endowment like this lets us maintain and improve our campus, allowing our operating budget to focus on educating students."

Burke wants to offer every 40-year reunion class the opportunity to make the Campus Beautification Fund the focus of its reunion gift, though everyone is welcome to contribute. "We all thought this campus was beautiful when we first visited 45 years ago," he said. "It's beautiful today and, if we stick to the plan, it will be beautiful 100 years from now."



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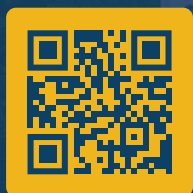
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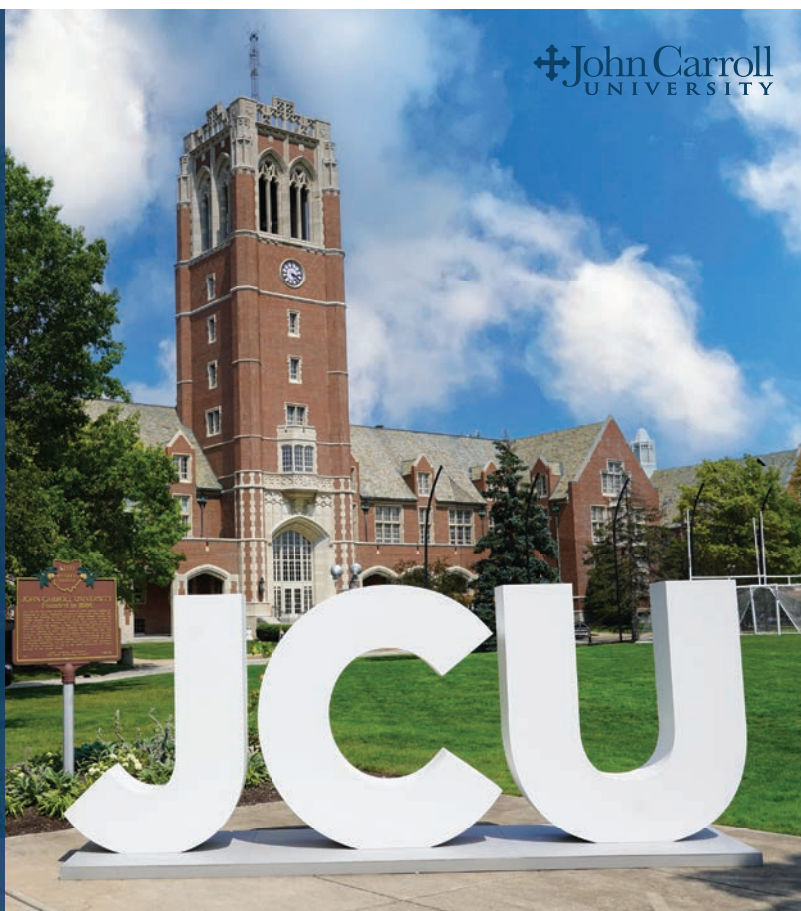
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19 News reporter, JCU grad Rachel Vadaj to return home to host Civic Awards

As an afternoon traffic anchor, host of the Emmy-Nominated Cleveland Now, and roving reporter for Friday Night Football Frenzy Game of the Week, Rachel Vadaj of 19 News is indeed everywhere.

The John Carroll University grad will return to campus on Wednesday, November 15 to host the 2023 University Heights Civic Awards. A reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the award ceremony starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Jardine Room.

"University Heights will always be a home in my heart. While I was a student here, I prayed to be where I am today," Vadaj said. "To be welcomed back by my college town as your host is one of my highest honors."

Each year, the Civic Awards honor those who are working hard to make our University Heights an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

This year's event will honor the Citizen of the Year, as well volunteers, educators, and "good neighbors."

"After a long absence, we brought back the Civic Awards in 2019," said Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan. "It's important to honor the people who are making a difference in our community."

"We're known for our beautiful homes, and that's important. But what's even more important are the kind, beautiful people who make University Heights such a special community."

Prior to joining the 19 News team, Vadaj graduated from JCU in 2017 with Cum Laude honors, and as a member of the National Communications Honor Society Lambda Pi Eta and the National Jesuit Honor Society Alpha Sigma Nu.

At college, she was a Reporter, Host, Entertainment Producer, the first female Sports Director/Producer, and the first female President of the campus news organization, JCTV.

"John Carroll University was the only college I toured and applied for. From the moment I stepped on campus, I knew I was meant to be a Blue Streak," Vadaj said.



Rachel Vadaj

Outside of the studio, she was a multiple-award winning journalist for Odyssey and the student newspaper The Carroll News.

"Who you know will teach you what you know, and who you know will help you show what you know. JCU housed the connections I needed to manifest my dream of being a TV news reporter for my hometown I've had since I was 13," Vadaj said.

Aside from reporting, Vadaj's other love is for dance. Her first job was as a ballerina for Ballet San Jose's The Nutcracker before dancing with the Radio City Rockettes for three years at Radio City Music Hall. Vadaj took her dance career's final bow as the Captain of the John Carroll University Dance Team.

Vadaj is also creating a foundation called Rachel's Rescues to promote the care, safety, and protection of all companion animals, and especially the adoption of companion pets by working with animal advocacy groups, shelters, and humane societies.



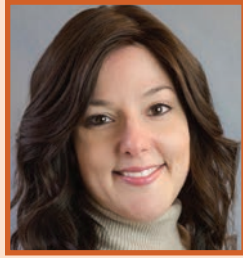
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By: Cathan Cavanaugh



Back to School

The CH-UH City School District welcomed K-12 students back for a new school year on August 23. The school district's theme for the year is - once again - Believe.

"When I did my annual temperature check to get some inspiration for the 23-24 theme, what I found surprised me. The Believe theme had resonated so strongly [in the 22-23 school year] that the consensus was to keep it the same. This year, I want us to focus on the great power of our collective efficacy," said Kirby. "Studies have shown that when teachers and staff believe that through their collective effort they can accomplish a goal, they tend to accomplish it. And when

we believe in our students - and they know that we believe in them - they accomplish their goals, too.

Gearity Elementary Teachers Embrace Visible Learning

"It's a lot harder to get where you're going if you don't know the target." That's what Gearity Professional Development School's Instructional Coach Karlene Sa'ad had to say about her building's approach to teacher clarity and visible learning.

Gearity uses departmentalization in its classrooms, meaning that one teacher in each grade teaches math and science to both groups, while the other teaches English Language Arts and social studies. This allows teachers to focus greater attention on creating lessons and to really become experts in their subject areas. It also allows teachers in a single subject area to meet weekly with those from other grade levels to create long-term instructional plans and ensure that what is taught in one grade level builds upon what was taught in the last.

According to Ms. Sa'ad, students have become adept at understanding and communicating where they are in the learning process. They have portfolios to showcase their work over time and are able to identify both how much they have learned and what they need to do to continue that progress in both math and literacy.

"It also gives us the chance to celebrate all that students have

accomplished," said Ms. Sa'ad, which is a key part of their learning plan.



Heights High Swim Teams Earn National Academic Awards

Three Cleveland Heights swimming seniors ('23) were named Academic All-Americans: Emma Adamo, Kathryn Braverman and Clare Dolan. This is a national award for graduating seniors who are varsity level and who achieve academic excellence.

The Girls and Boys Varsity Teams were also honored as All-American Scholar Teams, a national award bestowed upon teams with twelve or more members earning one of the highest combined GPAs in the country. The Girls Team was recognized in the Gold tier, meaning fewer than two dozen teams across the country posted higher academic accomplishments than they did.

The Class of 2023, as a student body, earned about \$14.5 million in scholarship offers.



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