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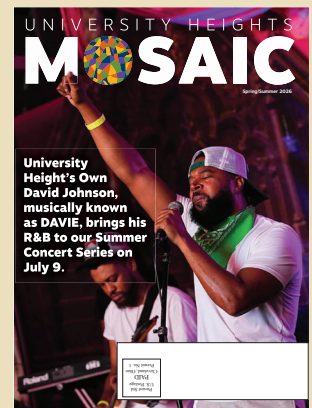
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On the Cover

Davie promises his “Night of Inspiration” will be energetic and will “Take Off” when he performs one of his latest songs.

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Mayor Michele Weiss

Dear Residents of University Heights,

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I write to you as the Mayor of University Heights. I am honored to serve a community known for its vibrant spirit, beautiful neighborhoods, and exceptional quality of life.

University Heights truly shines as a place where people of all ages and walks of life can feel at home. Our motto, “So much more than home,” encapsulates charming architecture and well-kept residential streets that reflect the care and pride our neighbors take in where we live.

University Heights is centrally located only 10 minutes from University Circle and 20 minutes to the heart of downtown Cleveland. As one of the three longest-running Tree City USA cities in Cuyahoga County, our tree-lined streets and urban canopy have been recognized as leading the region for almost 50 years.

Our community is defined by its exceptional amenities and opportunities for connection. Residents enjoy multiple parks including Purvis Park with tennis courts and a municipal pool, Walter Stinson Community Park with playgrounds, pathways, and gathering spaces, and multiple pocket parks offering places to play, relax, and gather with friends and family.

With miles of sidewalks, bike-friendly routes, and easy access to local shops and services, many of our neighbors enjoy walking or biking throughout the city. We have partnerships with Cleveland Heights and the Community Partnership on Aging for our senior residents to enjoy various activities throughout the week.

We are also home to John Carroll University; a nationally respected Jesuit university whose campus enriches our cultural and intellectual life. The university’s

presence brings energy, academic events, athletic traditions, and opportunities for engagement that enhance our community every day.

We share a public school system with the city of Cleveland Heights and have one elementary school in the city. We have many private schools within the vicinity where our residents have the option of attending as well.

Our diversity amongst our residents is one of the attributes of our city which makes us unique and thrive. It is our strength.

Throughout the year, we celebrate traditions and shared experiences that bring us together from our long-standing Memorial Day Parade to summer concerts in the park and other seasonal gatherings that foster neighborly connection.

As your mayor, I am committed to nurturing a welcoming and inclusive future for all residents. We are advancing initiatives that will ensure University Heights remains a place to live, work, grow and be a home to all.

Whether you are new to our city or a long-time neighbor, I invite you to explore all that University Heights offers, participate in community life, and take pride in the city we share.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. Together, we will continue building a community that reflects our values and our aspirations for the future.

Your Mayor,

Michele Weiss





Music's in the Air: Join Us for Summer Nights of Live Music



Summertime is coming. Really, it is. And it will be a musical one here in University Heights, with some new and some familiar bands and singers gracing our stage at the Walter Stinson Community Park, known affectionately as The Walt.

Of course, Carlos Jones and the Peace Love Unity Syndicate (PLUS) band will be back to entertain. He is closing the Summer Concert Series on Thursday, August 13 and we know there will be a crowd.

Our very own University Heights Symphonic Band plays twice at John Carroll University, its summer home. To enjoy their collection of film scores, Broadway tunes and other music, join us on July 2 and July 30.

All concerts are from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Two Summer Concerts performers have close ties to University Heights. Blue Lunch's leader, Peter London, has lived in the city for 58 of his almost 70 years. Davie Johnson, known professionally as Davie F.P., grew up on Silsby near Taylor. Both are proud products of the CH-UH School system.

Bringing his "Night of Inspiration" on Thursday, July 9, Davie is excited to have been invited to perform at The Walt, on the premises of the former Northwood Elementary School, where he played as a child.

Typically a solo artist, Davie has Black Vitaminz and B.B. King's granddaughter, Val B. King, joining him on The Walt stage. "I have a lot of inspirational songs I'll be performing. Summer is a time when everyone feels empowered and we hit the ground running here in Cleveland."

He also will perform his original song "Meant for Me," which he wrote for a friend and sang at the wedding

Carlos Jones performs August 13 at The Walt.

in Dubai. King will be covering her grandfather's song "The Thrill is Gone."

He said his music is distributed internationally under his former artistic name Mr. Freedom Papers. The name dates to pre-Civil War times when blacks had to prove that they had legal status as free people. "Freedom Papers Music represents a brand of a people that wake of every day and fight passionately for their freedom, through their dreams, their gifts and goals."

He promises to get the crowd involved. His second album, titled "Take Off," will be released later this year. "It's like the point when an airplane takes off, where you're launching. Fasten your seatbelts passengers as we prepare for takeoff, we're going on a musical journey."

Playing a mean harmonica, London started his band in November of 1984 with four other band members. As the

only remaining original, he accepts that he is the de facto leader of what is now a nine-piece band. The group has several vocalists, three-piece horn section, bass and drums. "We're sort of hard to categorize. We play American, Blues, southern soul, jazz, New Orleans, and R&B like Etta James, Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Freddie King," London said.

When they play at The Walt on Thursday, July 23, they will also have just released their 9th CD, "Get Lit." The band plays some original music and covers other bands on the CD. They will be playing a repertoire of all their music. London said he is excited to be returning to the UH Summer Concert Series.

You can catch Blue Lunch at Wade Oval Wednesdays, Tri-C Jazz fest, Beachwood summer concert series, the Bop Stop, and other locations. For more information, look up <http://www.bluelunch.com>.



Blue Lunch



Summer Band Listings:



July 2 and July 30 - University Heights Symphonic Band

UHSB performs at its summer home, John Carroll University. The band performs a repertoire of film scores, Broadway selections, and popular music at concert halls, amphitheaters, music festivals and of course at our summer concerts.

July 9 - DAVIE with the Black Vitaminz

David Johnson, who goes by Davie F.B. professionally, brings his R&B, soul and pop music to the UH concert series for the first time. Usually a solo artist, he has incorporated Black Vitaminz for this outdoor event. He will be covering well-known artists as well as debuting a new song he wrote for his second album called "Keep Dreaming."



July 23 - Blue Lunch

Like its name, the nine-piece Blue Lunch plays the blues, southern soul, jazz and New Orleans rhythm and blues. Now marking its 41st year, band leader Peter London is the sole remaining original member. You may also see them at covering singers like Etta James, Muddy Waters, and Freddie King at Wade Oval Wednesdays, Tri-C Jazz Fest, and the Beachwood summer concert series.

August 6 - Da Land Brass Band

Featuring a modern take on New Orleans street bands with a high energy funk sound, they are bridging the gap between musical tradition and a vision for the future. Boasting original tunes, funky adaptations of classic songs, and true roots New Orleans music, they have the versatility to satisfy any audience.



August 13 - Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band

Would it still be summer in University Heights without Carlos Jones and the Peace Love Unity Syndicate (PLUS) band? The band's soulful rhythms and heartfelt vocals have made it the must-see band every summer at The Walt. This year brings some new original music, including one called "Light Warriors." In addition to coming to UH, the band plays at Wade Oval, Edgewater Beach, Reggae Fest and will be returning to the Goodtime III.

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Celebrate Juneteenth With Us – Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future

For our fifth year, we will be celebrating and honoring Juneteenth, the national holiday commemorating when the last slaves were notified of their freedom on Friday, June 19, 1865. It was more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring all slaves to be free that the news reached Galveston, Texas.

“While Juneteenth did not immediately end slavery in the United States – as Africans were still held as perpetual property in Kentucky, Delaware, and Missouri until the ratification of the 13th Amendment – it signifies something far greater,” said Councilman Vincent E. Stokes II. “It represents the unfolding of the American experiment in democracy: the enduring belief that all people are endowed by the creator with the unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Councilwoman Threse Marshall said, “University Heights is a diverse community with a large African American population. Although Juneteenth has been celebrated by African Americans since the 1800s and became a national holiday in 2021, African Americans continue to fight for equality and justice today. By celebrating and commemorating Juneteenth annually, we demonstrate our commitment to inclusion, equity, and justice for all.”

Darvio Morrow is once again partnering with University Heights to make our Juneteenth celebration all that it can be. Included in his many years of experience are: he started a record label at 16. By 19, he created First Class Broadcasting which 19 years later has four radio stations, a podcast network and a publishing deal with Sony Records. And, as if all of that isn't enough, he was one of Cleveland Magazine's Most Interesting People in 2024.

There will be something for everyone at Walter Stinson Community Park at 2301 Fenwick Road. The festivities will run from 5 to 9 p.m.

Some of the highlights for this year's event include headliner Hubbs Groove. The Cleveland-based ensemble led by drummer and music educator Robert Hubbard is returning with its blends of soul, R&B and high-energy gospel to get the crowds going.

Aaron Malik is a songwriter and recording artist known for his thoughtful lyricism and strong presence in Northeast Ohio's independent music scene. Gospel Artist Connie Morrow brings her disciplined vocals and four decades of singing experience to the stage.

The community stage will host a talent show for residents, entertainment by Nova Performing Arts Dancers and a question and answer session with members of Divine 9 Greek Organizations.

Karamu House, the oldest Black Theatre in the



As always Juneteenth promises to be a lively affair. Come out and have fun.

United States, will offer educational pieces between performances. There will be a magician, food trucks, artisans, and Black-owned businesses will line the park.

“While we are celebrating freedom, we are also celebrating black culture. It's okay to be proud of your culture and heritage. Many groups celebrate their culture every year and we should do the same,” said Alicia Sloan, a member of the Juneteenth committee since its inception.

She added, “I celebrate because I and many others are products of the struggle. We are still here. We have accomplished so much and that is an excellent reason to celebrate. Though there is still work to do, I hope we've made and continue to make our ancestors proud.”

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We ARE Kindland – Share Your Stories, too

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Chris Tunison, Josh and Grayson Boggs, outside with the snowblower.

This is the tale of two of the many kindnesses happening every day in University Heights. Neighbors are living the Values-in-Action mission, helping each other, being there for each other, appreciating each other.

Bonnye Klein's husband wasn't well. Jerry had been living with multiple myeloma for 10 years. Twice a week she took him to the hospital for treatment. As the illness progressed, Jerry was often too exhausted to get himself into their Baintree Road home.

Bonnye would have to help him get into the house, then upstairs to recover from the cancer treatments. "He was always exhausted and dehydrated," she said of her husband who passed away in October.

One Friday last spring, Bonnye, 77, was helping Jerry up the stairs when he lost his balance. He tumbled down, knocking her down. She ended up with a concussion and broken arm, requiring surgery. She scooted on her butt from the bottom of the stairs to the dining room to call 911. Two ambulances were sent. One for her. Another for Jerry.

The following week, after Bonnye and Jerry were

released from the hospital, their daughter, Rochelle, drove them both to the hospital for Jerry's treatment. Upon their return home, Jerry couldn't move. They sat with him for almost four hours. He still didn't have the strength to exit the car.

Enter the kind neighbor, Grant Gulden. "I've known Grant since he was born. He was always wanting to help," Bonnye said. Grant, who had just arrived home from work, and her son, Joel, both came to the rescue. Together, they carried Jerry up the three stairs from the side entrance. Then they carried him the closest chair in the living room. Then to another chair en route to the end destination – the sofa. All of these stops stretched a total of about 15 feet.

Grant, now living in his grandparents' house next door to Bonnye, and having grown up across the street, said it's his pleasure to help the woman he has known all his life. "I think anything that helps promote people being kind to one another is a great thing," Grant said. "We should all try to make where we live a better place by helping neighbors. I hope someone would do the same for me one day."

The second story also imbues the mission of Kindland, the Values-in-Action organization University Heights joined in January.

This winter offered many opportunities to show how University Heights residents embody the Kindland's goal to "establish a unified sense of compassion, empathy and understanding, countering division and negativity."

On a wintry day in January, Chris Tunison awoke to see almost 10 inches of snow outside her bedroom window. Also outside were her neighbors, Josh Boggs and his 9-year-old son, Grayson, pushing their snowblower to clear the sidewalks on Traymore Road. "The windchill was at least -15 degrees below zero. That didn't stop them."

Chris has lived on Traymore for 34 years. The Boggs joined the neighborhood 14 years ago. "We have a very tight-knit neighborhood. I liked that it was a father-son team, paying it forward."

Josh said he and Grayson have been a snowblowing team for years.

"It's a routine thing he and I like to do. We know it's our responsibility to do our sidewalk. Some of our neighbors can't do this so we do it for them," Josh said.

Josh is a structural engineer. His wife, Betsy Garratt, is a physician.

"We are both in professions to help people," he said, recognizing that their neighborhood has many altruistic



Neighbors Bonnie Klein and Grant Gulden have known each other since Grant was born.

people. We are a great group of people. We don't live here for the house, we live here for the neighbors."

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Memorial Day is our opportunity to honor our military who died in service to our country. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the City of University Heights commemorating this special day with a parade through our streets.

The theme "250th: United We Stand" will be integrated throughout the parade and the events of the day.

And, our Grand Marshal this year will be University Heights resident Micah Williams, who won a silver medal with her Special Olympics team recently.

"The City of University Heights is proud to celebrate the 60th anniversary of its Memorial Day Parade, a cherished community tradition and the longest consecutively running parade in the eastern suburbs," Mayor Michele Weiss said. "For six decades, residents, families, veterans, and local organizations have come together each Memorial Day to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. This milestone anniversary is a testament to the city's deep respect for its history, its veterans, and the enduring spirit of patriotism that unites the community year after year."

This year's theme recognizes the more than 1.3 million men and women who died in service to our country since the Revolutionary War, according to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The highest losses were in the Civil War with more than 600,000 deaths and World War II with more than 400,000. Of the total, 650,000 died in combat and about 540,000 were non-combat deaths.

The 2026 parade will start at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 25 on Silsby Road, between Ashurst and Canterbury roads and culminate at Gearity Professional Development School.

"What began as a meaningful tribute has grown into a beloved annual event that brings neighbors together in remembrance and celebration. From marching bands and community groups to veterans' organizations and local leaders, the parade reflects the pride and unity that define University Heights," Weiss said. "As the city marks 60 consecutive years of this important tradition, it not only honors those who served but also celebrates the strength, continuity, and shared values that make University Heights such a special place to call home."

This year's theme complements the city partnering with the Values-In-Action organization's Kindland initiative. Our goal is to document 250 acts of kindness in honor of the country's 250th anniversary.



Celebrating our 60th annual Memorial Day Parade, the longest running parade on Cleveland's eastside.

PARADE ROUTE:

The parade will start at 11 a.m. on Silsby Road, between Ashurst and Canterbury roads, culminating at Gearity Professional Development School. Residents are invited to remain at Gearity to enjoy food and beverages from local food trucks, children's activities, including a bounce house, bubbles with Dr. U.R. Awesome, face painting and balloons. A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the school gymnasium with a performance by the University Heights Symphonic Band.

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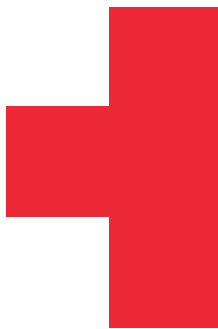
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University Heights Police and Special Olympics athletes prepare for the 2025 Torch Run.

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University Heights has a strong connection with the Special Olympics. Some of our officers participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) for Special Olympics every year. Our officers partner with athletes from the Special Olympics and 100,000 other law enforcement officers throughout the world to carry and pass the Flame of Hope. Since its inception in 1981, LETR has raised more than \$1 billion for local Special Olympics programs.

“Every day I look forward to participating in the Torch Run®,” said Corporal Michael Ferraro, a 12-year veteran of the UH Police Department. This will be the fifth year that University Heights Police have been raising money for Special Olympics. “I love interacting with the kids. They’re running with police officers, something they wouldn’t do typically, like they’re one of us. They get really excited about it.”

Patrolman Ryan Randall echoed Ferraro’s enthusiasm for running with the athletes and supporting the cause. He described that as they run down Cedar and Warrensville Center roads, they are followed by a Special Olympics bus with huge graphics. “It’s fun to get there and be a part of the public, they look forward to the run

just like we do. And everybody driving by knows what we’re doing and as they drive past us they’re honking, yelling, waving.”

Both officers said they feel privileged to interact with the athletes and see their huge smiles, get their bear hugs and just do something good for the community.

Special Olympics dates to the 1960s when Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a camp in her backyard for people with intellectual disabilities. In July 1968, the first Special Olympics was held in Chicago with more than 200 events.

Sixty-two years later in 2030, Cleveland will host the Special Olympics. Today, more than 5 million athletes will participate across 172 countries. It is anticipated there will be 4,500 athletes, their families, coaches and staff coming to our communities. University Heights police will be supporting that national event. It is one of 70 of more than 800 Ohio police departments that participate in the LETR.

This year represents the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics in Ohio, said Libby Schafer Northeast Regional Director. There are many ways for people to participate in the Special Olympics. Athletes are always invited to participate in the 18 sports programs available in our area. Additionally, people may volunteer, coach or participate on teams that include typically developing people of all ages.

Opportunities to financially support the organization



include the annual Polar Plunge at Edgewater Park and the Plane Pull, in which a team of 15 people raises a minimum of \$1,200 and get the chance to pull a Boeing 737 at Cleveland Hopkins International. The contest pits all the teams against one another pulling the plane, weighing more than 62,000 pounds, to determine who crossed the finish line fastest. Start to finish – 12 feet!

“LETR is not just fundraising,” Shafer said. “It’s really about allowing the officers and first responders to spend time and get to know these athletes. They learn how to communicate best with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Of the money raised in Northeast Ohio, 80 percent stays in our communities to support programming. “We offer competitive sports to our athletes, and our Healthy Athletes program has seven medical disciplines that offer health screenings,” said Haley Melcher, Law LETR Director. Its goal is to improve the health and well-being of Special Olympics athletes. All screenings are free of charge and include dental checkups, hearing tests, podiatry examinations, and optometry. There is no cost to athletes for anything.

To learn more about the Special Olympics, please visit www.soo.org.

Seniors: Connect with Us

University Heights offers a variety of programs, services, and activities for older adults, and the best way to stay informed is by joining the City’s email list. By filling out the online newsletter signup form, residents can receive updates about senior activities, community events, and opportunities to participate in surveys that help shape local services.



To get started, simply complete the City of University Heights Newsletter Signup Form, available on the City’s website. Once you sign up, you’ll automatically begin receiving important announcements, including notices about senior programming, field trips, wellness resources, and other offerings designed for older adult residents.

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Micah Williams wins Silver in Special Olympics

Micah Williams is quite the athlete. She plays basketball, runs track, bowls, and she plans to start shot put this year for the statewide Special Olympics in Columbus in June.

Her team, the Mayfield Lancers, won the silver medal for basketball on February 7, she proudly reported from her home on Silsby in University Heights. They competed against 13 other teams. "I just went out there to be a team player and to win. It is really awesome," said the woman who plays center. "It's been a way for me to get out there and show everyone what a great athlete I am. And it's great exercise to practice with my team once a week."

Micah joined the Special Olympics team about five years ago and made good friends through her various sport activities. When she's not competing in basketball, she runs the 400x100 relay and the 100-meter run. "I'm a pretty fast runner," Micah said. She also works several days a week as a runner at Topgolf in Independence.

She has lived in University Heights for all her 26 years, noting that the annual Memorial Day Parade is her favorite aspect of living in the city.

Her coach, Jeff Klein, praised Micah's tenacity and friendliness. Fifteen years ago, a former colleague at Gilmour Academy asked if would substitute as a coach for a relative's Special Olympics team. "I thought it was going to be a one-time thing. Now, 15 years later, our high school students serve as coaches. They have a lot of fun, it's just awesome."

Klein is a teacher and coach for both basketball and track and field at Gilmour and for the Special Olympics in northeast Ohio. "These athletes are fierce competitors just like the Gilmour athletes I work with on JV and Varsity," he said. He continues coaching because he



Micah Williams is wearing her silver medal after her team competed against 13 other basketball teams. | Photo courtesy of Jeff Klein

benefits from interacting with the athletes.

"It's about the relationships you build with the athletes, some of them have been with me for all 15 years. One young man who lives in East Cleveland, he runs with me and my daughter in the summer. Not only do you learn how to interact with somebody who is nonverbal, maybe can't run as fast as you. It gives you a real appreciation for the gifts they have."



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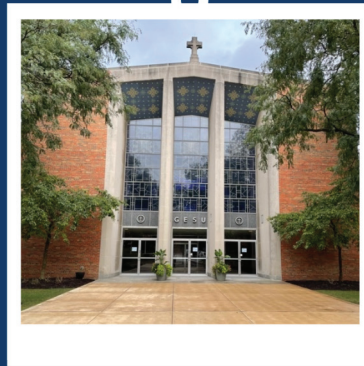


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Greg “G-man” Bell, The Man, The Myth, The Legend

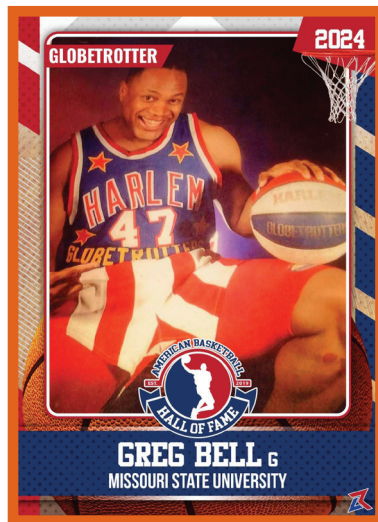
**Greg Bell. The G-man.
American Basketball Hall of Famer.
University Heights resident since 1995.**

As a product of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority, the former professional basketball player and member of the Harlem Globetrotters always planned on giving back. “It’s about helping people, helping communities,” said Greg Bell. “I’m dedicated to helping youth to become the greatest person they can become.”

Often that commitment comes in the form of basketball, a skill and love he developed in fifth grade when he first picked up the orange globe. Bell spent much of his youth playing at the downtown YMCA. After graduating from Shaw High School, where he played small forward, Bell attended and played basketball for Southeast Community College in Vermont and then transferred to Southwest Missouri State University. He earned a degree in Recreation with a public relations minor.

When his tryout at the Sacramento Kings didn’t result in a contract, Bell became a European professional basketball player for the national team in Amsterdam. After three years, he decided to return to the United States, accepting a tryout invitation from the venerable Harlem Globetrotters.

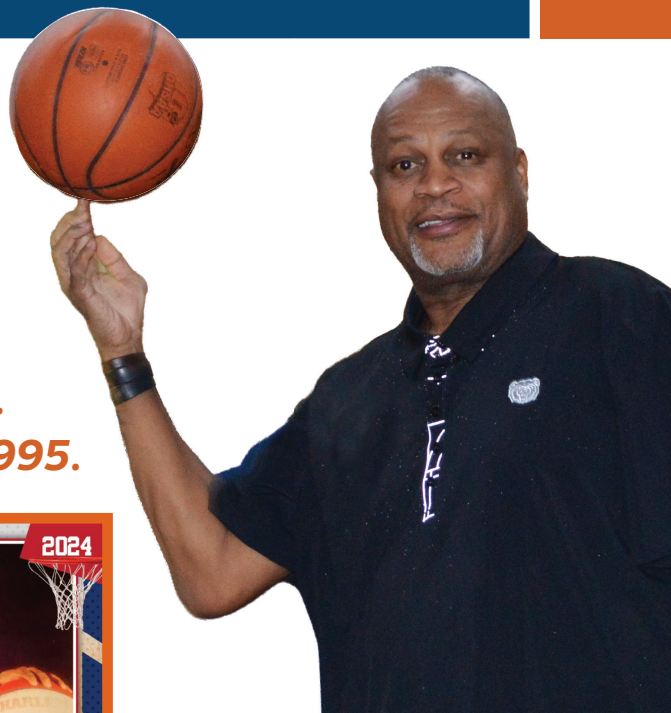
After joining the Globetrotters, he not only demonstrated his performance skills and theatrical shots – spinning ball on one finger – he also embraced his commitment to social action. Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, the



Globetrotters literally travel the globe to impact communities by bringing their all-Black teams to break racial barriers, play a role in cultural diplomacy, and introduce the sport to audiences.

He traveled for two years with teammates such as “Sweet” Lou Dunbar, Matthew “Showbiz” Jackson, Tyrone “Hollywood” Brown, Michael “Memphis” Douglas and many other greats, Bell said he chose to come home to where it all began. His first job was back at the YMCA of Greater Cleveland where he served as the youth program director and he was the assistant basketball coach for both boys’ and girls’ teams for eight years at Shaw High School, his alma mater.

He moved on to work in recreation for the City of East Cleveland and since 2011 has served as the assistant prevention manager and program coordinator for the



Greg Bell is a member of the American Basketball Hall of Fame and a former Globetrotter.

Northern Ohio Recovery Association.

Lifelong friend and former Shaw High basketball teammate, Michael Tucker, described Bell as a humble man who is dedicated to making the world a little better. “He uses his basketball skills, both physical and mental, to help young people be the best they can be. He downplays his success and gives more of himself to the children he trains in the craft he perfected.”

Bell received many honors over the years. He was the 1983 State of Ohio AAA Player of the Year, Southwest Missouri State Hall of Famer, and when still in high school he was recipient of the high school Nate Thurman Award, a national award recognizing people for their achievements both in sports and community service. “For all of his accolades he received, Greg never speaks of them.”

Bell now has his own business, FUNDamental Basketball Skills with G. Bell LLC, through which he teaches hoops, humility, helpfulness and honesty. He works with ages 5 through adults with the goal of improving basketball skills, “care for others, respect and responsibility.”

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Pool Information 2026 POOL PASS REGISTRATION AND FEES

Renewal. To renew last year’s pass, bring a valid proof of residency along with a utility bill that was issued within the last 60 days to the pool. Adults registering their children must provide a copy of the school transcript for children over 6 years old. All people 18 years old or older are considered adults.

New passes: Registration is online only.

<https://community.accessgrantedsystems.net/community/purvis>

Payment can be made at the pool during regular hours. Passes will be mailed to residents within 10 days. To swim prior to receiving your pass, please present a confirmation email to pool staff.

Only residents of University Heights may purchase season passes.

POOL PASS FEES

Family Season Pass: \$165 (per family of three.

Includes a maximum of two adults over 19, and children 6 or older who reside in the same household. Children 5 and under are free.)

\$20 extra per additional member up to a maximum of \$225 (six members).

Individual Season Pass: \$65 per season

Senior Season Pass (62-plus): \$25 per season

Day Pass: \$10

Must complete the online application here to register or bring a valid ID and current utility bill to the pool. Parents/guardians must complete registration process for minors.

Guest Pass: \$10

Adult season pass holders may purchase only one guest pass each day. Pass holders must accompany guests and are responsible for them. Guest admission may be restricted by pool staff based on capacity.

Women’s Night and Men’s Night Entry: Limited to season pass holders, registered day pass holders, or a guest accompanied by a University Heights resident.

There is a \$5 charge for a replacement pass.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

Opening Weekend: Saturday, May 23-Monday, May 25.

Closed: May 26-May 29

Evening Pass and Swimming Lesson

Registration: May 27 and May 28: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pool Opens: Saturday, May 30 through Monday, September 7.

Morning lap swim, swimming lessons, and men’s night all begin on Monday, June 8. No lap swim or lessons on June 19 and July 4.

Men’s nights are on Mondays beginning June 8 and Women’s nights are on Tuesdays beginning June 9.

Toddler pool is open during swimming lesson hours, pool pass required.

SWIMMING LESSONS

- Must have a 2026 Pool Pass to register, please make sure you have purchased your pool pass prior to registering.
- Swimmers 6 and older must have their own pass and swimmers 5 and under will be signed up under their parent/guardian.
- Cost: \$40 per session
- **Session 1:** June 8-July 2 - Monday/Wednesday Class or Tuesday/Thursday
- **Session 2:** July 6-July 30 - Monday/Wednesday Class or Tuesday/Thursday Class

Class Times:

9:30-10:15: Levels 1,2,3,4,5,6

10:15-11 Levels 1,2,3,4, and diving

11:15-11:45: Preschool

Adult Exer-Swim - Open Swim: Cost: \$40 per season
Monday-Thursday: 10-11; and Friday: 9-10

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

Levels: Ages 4 and up (Placement is based on previous swimming experience and ability)

Level 1: Introduction to water skills, pool safety

Level 2: Fundamental aquatic skills

Level 3: Stroke development - guided practice

Level 4: Stroke improvement - develop confidence

Level 5: Stroke refinement and further coordination

Level 6: Swimming and skill proficiency (fitness swimming)

Preschool: Ages 3-5: Swimmers must be over 3 years old, no parents in water. Getting comfortable in water, smaller teacher to student ratio.

We will attempt to reschedule canceled classes due to inclement weather. However, if we are not able to reschedule or make up the class, refunds will not be issued.

Pool rules and regulations are available at the Purvis Park Pool and by visiting www.universityheights.com/departments/recreation/purvispark/



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2026 Pool Schedule

- Admission for Residents
- Recreation passes are sold only to University Heights Residents and are non-transferable.
- Anyone entering the pool area is required to have a valid Recreation ID, be swimming with a resident on a guest pass, or pre-register and pay the daily admission rate, whether swimming or not.



For more information visit www.universityheights.com/departments/recreation/purvispark/ or call (216) 381-4720. Purvis Park Pool is located at 2198 Wrenford Road, at the corner of Wrenford and Cedar roads.

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18	19 Pool Registration 5:30-7:30	20 Pool Registration 5:30-7:30	21	22	23 Open Swim 1:00 - 7:30
24 Open Swim 1:00 - 7:30	25 Memorial Day Hours 12-6	26 Pool Closed	27 Pool Closed	28 Pool Closed	29 Pool Closed	30 Open Swim 1:00 - 7:30
31 Adults Only: 10:30-12:30 Open Swim 1:00 - 7:30						

**Schedule subject to change based on staffing and capacity limits.*

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2026 Pool Schedule

JULY



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JUMP IN - City Pool Launches Inclusive Swim Evenings

For the first time, the Beryl E. Rothschild Municipal Pool at Purvis Park will be hosting two evenings for our residents and their guests with special needs.

"A few years ago, I was working in the evening and noticed some of the children enjoying the pool had special needs," said Christine Kletecka, pool manager. When she spoke with one of several mothers, she learned that quite a few children with special needs love to swim however aren't always comfortable at the public pool.

"Her son loved to swim, but was afraid to go swimming," Kletecka said. "Several families decided to come to our pool together to make it more comfortable for their children. I would like to promote our pool and community as a safe space."

In addition to encouraging families to join in pool fun, there will be activities such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles and other crafts.

Lifeguards will only blow their whistles in case of an emergency, recognizing that high-pitched noises may be difficult for some people.

Children with special needs do participate in swimming lessons. "We want them to feel included," Kletecka said. "Lifeguards have had in-service training specifically to meet the needs of all our residents."

No registration is required for the two nights that are scheduled for:

Thursday, July 9, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday, August 6, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Let's Serve Up Some Tennis Fun!

Grab a racquet and join in the summer fun. Tennis registration will be in the Purvis Park pavilion on: Wednesday, June 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

TENNIS LESSONS

Beginner Youth: \$45

One 9-Week Session

Tuesday, June 9-Thursday, August 6

5 p.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Youth: \$40 per session

Two 4 1/2- Week Sessions Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Session I Monday, June 8-Wednesday, July 8

Session II Friday, July 10-Friday, August 7

Beginner 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Beginner 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Advanced 11 a.m.-Noon

Adults: \$60

One 9-Week Session

Tuesday, June 9-Thursday, August 6

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

(No Lessons on June 19 and July 3)

Youth Tennis Team: \$60

One 9-Week Session

Tuesday, June 19-Thursday, August 6

1p.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Round Robin for Women

(No registration required. Just come on the first day.)

Wednesday, June 17-Wednesday, July 15

6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Participants must bring their own racquets and an unopened can of tennis balls for each session. (Penn and Wilson preferred).



To learn about cancellations for tennis lessons, please download the REMIND APP on your cell phone. Go to add a class. Join existing class and enter the code purvispark. Follow all steps after joining the class.

Pickleball

Pickleball equipment is available at the pool office.

Arts and Crafts in the Park

Children Only Ages 3 and Up

Thursday, June 1-Tuesday, August 4

1 p.m.-3 p.m. (Tuesday and Thursday)

If have questions about tennis or pickleball please contact Melissa Canowitz @ mcanowitz@universityheights.com.



What's New at Heights Libraries

2026 NEA BIG READ: "BITE INTO BOOKS"

This spring, Heights Libraries is leading "BITE INTO BOOKS," a county-wide celebration of food and community made possible by a Big Read grant from National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Join eight participating public library systems throughout Cuyahoga County to read Aimee Nezhukumatathil's essay collection *Bite by Bite: Nourishments & Jamborees*, attend special programs, and share your own food story!

Readers can meet Aimee at two special events: a free tasting and writing workshop Wednesday, April 29, at Cleveland Public Library's Main Branch, followed by a forum discussion the next morning, Thursday, April 30, with The City Club of Cleveland. Residents can learn more and dig in at cuyahogareads.org.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Gale Koritansky recently started in her role as Heights



Gale Koritansky, New director the Heights libraries.

Libraries' new Executive Director following Nancy Levin's retirement. Gale brings over two decades of public library experience, most recently leading the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library through major construction projects, strategic planning, the launch of a bookmobile service and more. Originally from Chardon, Gale currently resides in Shaker Heights.

On stepping into her new role, Gale shared, "Heights Libraries is one of the best library systems—a fabulous and welcoming place with an incredible community and staff. It's an honor to continue the library's work to provide wonderful programs, important services, and quality materials that showcase our diverse community and ensure free access to information for all."

SERVICE CHANGES

As of March 2026, Heights Libraries' three branch locations, including University Heights, will be open from Noon to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Hours at Lee Road will not change.

Starting in May, daily free printing allowances will be reduced by half, to \$2.50 with a library card and .50 with a guest pass.



Here for You, Wherever You Are

Spring Programs at the University Heights Branch

For more programs, details, and registration, visit events.heightslibrary.org or call (216) 321-4700.

Storytimes

Baby Rhyme Time Drop In (0-12 months):

Fridays, 9 a.m.

Story Stop (Preschoolers):

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Outdoor Storytime @ The Walt (0-6 years):

Fridays starting April 10, 11 a.m.

Taste a Story (3-6 years):

Wednesday, April 8 and May 13, 3:30 p.m.

Free Afternoon Snacks

Monday-Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy free snacks provided with support from the Children's Hunger Alliance. (Ages 18 and under.)

Parent and Me Hair Care Series

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Join Styled Profile Barber & Beauty LLC to strengthen your hair-care knowledge while fostering meaningful bonding. (Ages 3 to 8 with an adult.)

Apr 2: Introduction to Hair Care & Hair Health

Apr 9: Basic Styling for Natural Hair

Apr 16: Introduction to Braiding

Topic Tuesday

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

Meet neighbors, share ideas, and learn new things with a different speaker, activity, or discussion topic each week. (Adults)

Sits n' Wiggles Dog Training Series

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Join Valarie Ross-Smith, certified Dog Behavior Consultant and owner of Sits n Wiggles Dog Training, for educational sessions you can apply to your own dog training. (Adults)

Apr 23: Enrichment Is Not Optional: Meeting Dogs' Needs in the Real World

May 21: Dogs & Kids: Preventing Bites Through Understanding, Not Obedience

Taste of Ohio

Make, taste, and celebrate Ohio foods! (Adults)

Monday, April 20, 6 p.m. - Pierogi

Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. - Buckeyes

Summer Reading Program

“Unearth a Story” May 31-August 10

Heights Libraries’ 2026 Summer Reading program is here with free books, fun prizes, and exciting activities for all ages. The best part? You can read whatever you like!

Pre-registration begins Tuesday, May 26. Visit us in-person at any branch, online at heightslibrary.beanstack.org, or via the Beanstack mobile app to sign up. Site name: Heights Libraries (OH).

Summer Reading kicks off Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m. at Coventry Peace Park with entertainment and activities for all ages.

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SUMMER READING

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Pre-Registration Opens May 26

Join Heights Libraries this summer to read books, complete challenges, and win prizes! Don't miss the **Kickoff Event at Coventry Peace Park** on Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m.



UNEARTH A STORY™

Pre-register at any branch, online at heightslibrary.beanstack.org, or via the Beanstack mobile app. Site name: Heights Libraries (OH)



John Carroll University names Carolyn Noll Sorg 27th President

By Sage Verdi

After a national search, the Board of Directors of John Carroll University (JCU) selected Carolyn Noll Sorg to serve as its next president. She will succeed President Alan R. Miciak, who will retire in June 2026 after serving as JCU's president since 2021.

"Carolyn is a leader who inspires a shared vision, models the way, and promotes excellence," Miciak said. "With the support of our faculty and staff, she has the talent and commitment to direct the promise of a John Carroll education onward. I have full faith and confidence in her as the next Director of the Work."

Noll Sorg's appointment follows an eight-month national search that began in April 2025. A 12-person presidential search committee, including representatives from the faculty, staff, student body, and members of JCU's Board of Directors, presided over the comprehensive search process with support from WittKieffer, a global executive firm.

"The John Carroll University Board has significant ambitions for the institution. We wanted a leader capable of realizing this vision. Throughout the search process, Carolyn Noll Sorg stood out for her strategic thinking, her understanding of our community, and her commitment to our Jesuit Catholic mission," said Bill Donnelly '83, Co-Chair of the JCU Board of Directors and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. "In her time at John Carroll, she has been central to the development, implementation, and execution of our Inspired Futures strategy. This strategy has transformed the institution and provided us with strong, positive momentum at a time when many other institutions are struggling. As a Board, we have no doubt that her extraordinary leadership will continue the momentum and help us reach new heights."

Noll Sorg will be the first woman and third lay person to serve as president in John Carroll's 139-year history. During her tenure at John Carroll, her work has touched all corners of campus. Her accomplishments include engaging with donors to secure funding for JCU's Go National strategy, increasing John Carroll's out-of-state enrollment while simultaneously increasing selectivity, and spearheading the upcoming Onward project in collaboration with academic leadership, which will transform the way John Carroll prepares students to connect their passion, purpose, and career. Under her leadership, the university saw its largest increase in first-year enrollment this century.

Noll Sorg joined John Carroll in 2023. By 2024, she



Carolyn Noll Sorg

was promoted to Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing, undertaking the reorganization of a newly combined division.

"I am honored to be selected as the 27th president of John Carroll University," said Noll Sorg. "I would not be here without the outstanding work of President Miciak, who put our foundation into place and ensured that John Carroll is poised to grow and thrive. As president, I see tremendous opportunity to expand John Carroll's reach, making our university, and Cleveland, a true national destination for students. I believe that work continues by empowering and trusting our team, continuing to raise the standard of excellence, removing barriers that stand in the way of innovation and success, and leaning into our Jesuit Catholic mission."


Noll Sorg earned a Master of Arts in Higher Education from Columbia University and a Master of Fine Arts in Experience Design from Miami University, the terminal degree in the visual arts. A Northeast Ohio native, she attended Independence High School and graduated summa cum laude from Baldwin Wallace University with a degree in English.

As John Carroll's next leader, Noll Sorg will join the Board of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), a distinguished network of 28 institutions across the United States, 35 percent of which are led by women and 14 percent by members of the Society of Jesus.

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Heights High Turns 100 – Legacy Lives Here



The Heights 100 includes a 3-day weekend of festivities.

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We're having a party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the current Heights High. Actually, it will be three days of parties to commemorate the venerable building that has seen more than 50,000 graduates walk its halls.

As the Heights100 website states, this is a once-in-a-century celebration “of our school’s legacy, spirit, and impact.” The goal is to reach \$1 million in donations to support the Heights Schools Foundation’s scholarships, teacher initiatives, innovation grants, programming, and Hall of Fame for the next 100 years.

“We hope to honor our past with these events and secure our future with the fundraising efforts that are taking place so we may continue to provide scholarships and grants for our students and our staff,” said Laura Schwartz Loebel, executive director of the CH-UH Schools Foundation. Last year, the foundation awarded more than \$88,000 in scholarship to graduating seniors and more than \$25,000 in grants to educators.

Dominating the corner of Lee and Cedar roads, the Heights High campus will be showcased for the three days of celebrations. The June 19 Kickoff Celebration will be on the football field and will include programming to honor Juneteenth. There will be reunions for all classes, bands, games, and live performances by bands, student and community performers, and disc jockeys. Graduation alumni classes and community groups may rent tents

that will be located around the track. The center of the field will have a large stage for performances.

Saturday night’s Centennial Gala will be held in various locations throughout the high school. The night will include a cocktail reception, a program in the Dina Rees Evans Center for the Performing Arts highlighting current high school talents and the history of the school building. Dinner and dancing will be in the Cappelletti Competition gym,

“This is truly the gathering of alumni from the last eight decades,” said Foundation Board Chair Susan Carver. “The excitement of gathering a multitude of alumni to honor the legacy of our high school is building. It really is something special when you bring together Heights alumni of all ages, stages of life, and cultural backgrounds.”

On Sunday, Taste of Heights will transform the football field and track into a family-friendly food festival while also honoring Father’s Day. Six “legend” restaurants, that have served the CH-UH communities for more than 50 years each, will be serving food. Those restaurants are: Geraci’s, Mitchell’s Chocolates, Tommy’s, Grum’s, Irv’s, Mr. Brisket, and Bialy’s Bagels.

Additionally, food trucks will circle the football field and there will be many activities for children. A “Dad Lounge” will be festooned with sofas, TVs, gifts for Dad and complementary haircuts!

For more information about how you may participate please visit www.heights100.com.



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Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools Update

What's happening in your neighborhood schools

By: Cathan Cavanaugh



Seniors Named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists.
L - R Gabriel Mallamad, Lev McFarland, Eleanor Lubbers

Seniors Named National Merit Scholars

Heights High seniors Eleanor Lubbers, Gabriel Mallamad, and Lev McFarland have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Eleanor, Gabriel, and Lev have the opportunity to advance to the finalist level and qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Around 16,000 total semifinalists were named, representing less than 1% of U.S. high school students.

More than 1.3 million students entered the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in the fall of their junior year.

Hodgkiss-Lilly, Howard-Primes Join Board of Education

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District has welcomed two new members to its Board of Education, Thomas Hodgkiss-Lilly and Kathi Howard-Primes.

Mr. Hodgkiss-Lilly, a realtor with Howard Hanna and real estate attorney, is a lifelong Heights resident and 2004 Heights High School graduate. His four children, ages 7 through 13, attend CH-UH schools.

"After receiving the benefit of a Heights education, and my children receiving that benefit, it was clear to me that it was my time to contribute what I could," said Mr. Hodgkiss-Lilly.

Ms. Howard-Primes, who has lived in Cleveland Heights for

31 years, is the Chief Executive Officer for Momentum, LLC, which provides educational support services to school districts. She is also a children's book author. Both of her now adult children attended Gearity Elementary School, and her oldest attended Roxboro Middle School.

"I believe every student deserves access to a high-quality, equitable education – one that prepares them not just for graduation, but for a thriving future," said Ms. Howard-Primes.

Fifth Graders Build Schoolwide STEM Carnival

The students of Gearity Professional Development School enjoyed a STEM Carnival the week before Winter Break. But the science activities and games they played were not the inventions of their teachers – they were created and managed by the fifth grade members of the Student Council.

The students selected a science or technology concept from either Life Sciences, Earth and Space Sciences, or Physical Sciences, and then created a game or activity to demonstrate that concept. From the Planetary Toss to a Nanobot Obstacle Course, the students enjoyed the hands-on opportunities for engagement and exploration.

Now Enrolling New Tigers

Registration for incoming kindergarten students opens in March in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools. Kindergarten in CH-UH is tuition-free and full day. Specials include Music, Art, Spanish, Physical Education, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Visit chuh.org/district/registration or scan the QR code for details on how to enroll your child. We look forward to welcoming our newest Tigers!

Visit CHUH.org to read more about these news stories and many others.



Cathan Cavanaugh is the Supervisor of Communications for the CH-UH City School District.



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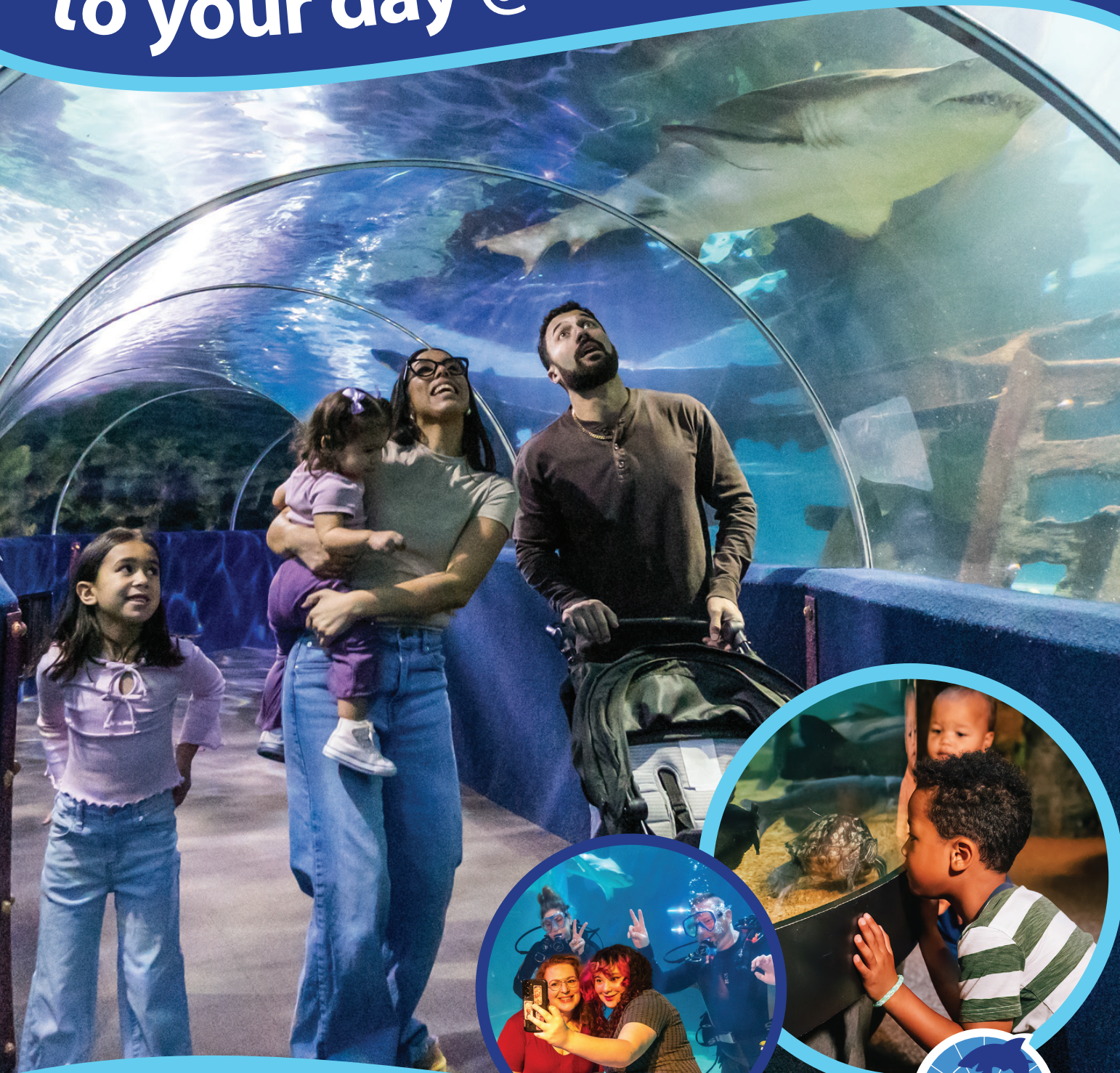
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