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## CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION CONSIDERS A VARIETY OF ISSUES

by  
Barbara M. Littell

The role of the Planning Commission and Affirmative Action were two items addressed by Cleveland Heights residents at the Charter Review Commission's Public Hearing, May 24. Five people attended the hearing.

Philmore J. Hart, architect of Essex Road, addressed the issue of City Planning. He observed that whereas the Planning Commission was established by Charter to make "recommendations to the Council and the City Manager on all matters affecting the physical development of the City," by ordinance it was charged with the administration of the zoning code. This resulted, he said, in the Planning Commission functioning as part of the zoning process administering a 60 year old plan without regard to future developments. "With buildings deteriorating; commercial areas in economic trouble; proper physical and economic planning can be an effective agent toward the orderly development, redevelopment and preservation of our City," he said.

He proposed the Planning Commission be charged with the establishment of goals and criteria for planning; developing a general plan for Cleveland Heights; that these goals and plans be reviewed periodically in terms of energy & conservation; housing patterns & rehabilitation; commercial development; transportation & parking; parks and recreation; and capital improvements. He suggested that zoning review be based on the planning process. He also addressed the City Manager's role in relationship to the Planning Commission and the terms of Planning Commissioners; and recommended that the Charter Review Commission review how planning is done in other communities similar to Cleveland Heights.

Harold Thomas of Goodnor Road, addressed the issue of Affirmative Action. He requested that the guarantees of Affirmative Action be mandated by Charter rather than administrative procedure and requested the Commission to consider such action.

Elaine Fortney, a Cleveland Heights resident, addressed the Commission by letter; she recommended that the procedures for placing a candidate for public office on the ballot be made less difficult, and that the Council President be elected directly by the voters. Currently, the Council President is elected by and from Council and holds the titular position of Mayor, although the City Manager--a professional appointed by Council--wields actual administrative power.

The May 24 Public Hearing was scheduled by the Commission at its initial meeting, April 28 and was announced in the May issue of CVN. No adequate notice of the meeting was carried by other newspapers of general circulation in Cleveland Heights, nor have the meetings been covered by the commercial press.

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STREET FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP

by

Bruce M. Hennes

1982 Coventry Village Street Fair, Chair

The 1982 Coventry Village Street Fair Committee has opened an office on the lower level of Coventryard. It will be open Tuesday thru Saturday from 1 PM until 5 PM. Please stop in, say hello, and get any information you might need. We are in need of about 150 volunteers for the two days of the Fair, so it is essential that we see you soon.

As of this writing, no one in the community has come forward to become our "Traffic and Safety Coordinator." Traffic must be directed away from the commercial district at four checkpoints and these barricades must be staffed by volunteers for the duration of the Fair.

Another still unfilled slot is the position of "Fine Arts Coordinator." Our previous coordinator has had to vacate her position due to a conflict with her job, so I am temporarily filling that slot myself. This position calls for a fine organizational mind and no artistic taste or ability is needed since the jurying will be done by professional artists and craftspeople.

Given final, formal approval by the City Manager the Fair will be held on Saturday, July 10 from 3 PM until 8 PM and Sunday, July 11 from noon until 7 PM.

For further information stop at our office or call:

- Bruce M. Hennes, General Information and Fine Arts 321-4670
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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Continued from pag

The Commission met three times in May, the 5, 13 and 24th. They have established three working committees to review the areas identified by Council in their charge.

The first, chaired by Russell Baron is considering Qualifications of Councilmen and Initiative/Referendum. Members of the committee are Jean Wynne, Thomas Lee, Lee Chilcote and Barbara Kuzma.

The Second Committee, chaired by Bernice (Continued on page 9)

CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE REPORT. . . . . Bruce M. Hennes, Chair

On May 5 a meeting was convened under the auspices of the Crime Prevention Task Force to discuss the situation at Irv's Delicatessen and Bar. In attendance were: Bruce Hennes, Chair; Nancy Hubbert, Community Relations Department; Philmore Hart, architect; Sgt. Kaminsky, Police Department; Marcia Polevoi and Ellen Strong, Coventry Merchant Association and Irv Gulko.

Although the Task Force convened a similar meeting in July, 1981 and a brief attempt was made to improve the situation, cold weather set in and many of the problems were abated temporarily.

The meeting began with a discussion of the problems surrounding Irv's, both actual and perceived. These problems included trash, loitering, alleged narcotics violations by customers, noise, blocked sidewalks, alleged prostitution, violence, and harassment of women. Throughout the meeting Mr. Gulko was openly solicitous of the group's views.

The meeting ended with a verbal agreement to the following:

Irv will erect new lights to brightly illuminate the side and rear of the building. Hopefully this will discourage undesirable loitering. An offer was made to Irv to provide a lighting consultant at no charge.

Irv will clean the planters and sidewalks more often. There are still beer cans every morning, but it is obvious that Irv's management is trying. Some days they try harder than others.

There will be more police surveillance. Although the police are reluctant to station a patrolman permanently in front of his establishment, they have promised to pay closer attention to Irv's.

There will be better management, particularly at night. Better bouncers, a no-nonsense approach, the willingness to call the police at the outset of trouble, and the unwillingness to serve known alcoholics and trouble-makers will go a long way toward correcting the situation.

The Task Force will attempt to move the bus stop in front of Irv's to another location nearby and will also move the trash container on the corner around the block a bit. Both of these actions are designated to reduce the physical crowding and narrowness of that corner.

It was the feeling of the group that the "seat" created by the planter that circles the building was in itself a cause for loitering. It is a receptacle for trash and it causes the sidewalk to be narrowed. Rather than place spikes on iron-work to make it difficult to sit, the group decided that it was perhaps best that the planter be eliminated. Whereas anyone sitting on the planter now is technically on private property and Irv's responsibility, the elimination of the planter puts loiterers directly on City property. To this end, Irv promised to go to the Architectural Board of Review immediately for a permit to remove the planter and everyone present at the meeting said they would monitor the situation and if it improved Mr. Gulko would not be requested to remove the planter.

On May 6, at the regular CNI officers meeting, this committee report was read and the report was informally thrown out in toto by the Board. The reason given for this action was that the Board felt that Gulko had made many promises in the past which were never kept and the situation had worsened to the point where the only thing CNI could say is "Clean up or else." This action by the Board was in no way binding upon the membership of Coventry Neighbors. (Continued on the next page)

CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE REPORT (Continued from the previous page)

At the regular May 11 CNI general meeting everything above was read aloud and the general consensus again was to reject the findings of the Crime Prevention Task Force.

A discussion followed wherein it was revealed that Mayor Alan Rapoport had already gone to the Board of Elections, taken out petitions to rescind Irv's permit to sell spiritous liquor by the drink, and was prepared to circulate these petitions in preparation for the November general election.

Coventry Neighbors was informed that it takes about 140 signatures to get a "local option" on the ballot, that two precincts must vote on a "local option," that options could be placed on the ballot that would eliminate the sale of beer and wine by the drink and/or sale of spiritous liquor by the drink (leaving a carryout license untouched), and that the passage of either or both options would positively not affect any other business in Coventry Village other than Irv's Delicatessen and Bar.

The membership decided to table further discussion of whether to "dry up" Irv's and it may be brought up again at the June 8 meeting.

In the meantime, please help Coventry Neighbors monitor the situation at Irv's. If you see illegal activity, call the police. You need not leave your name (even if the police insist on it) although unless the police witness a minor crime, prosecution will be impossible without witnesses. If the trash piles up, go in and complain. Or call and complain. If the situation improves, then let Irv know that you appreciate their efforts and patronize his restaurant.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT . . . . . Charles J. Owen, Chair

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 PM at 2922 Somerton Road. Those person interested in Coventry Village's physical environment are encouraged to attend. Please call 321-1268 or 932-8733 for details.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT . . . . . Charles J. Owen, Interim Chair

The P & Z Committee will meet on Tuesday evening, June 15 at 2745 Hampshire Road, No. 3. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Anyone living in the Coventry Village area that has an interest in City Planning is urged to attend. Please call 321-1268 for more information.

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STREET TALK

I was sitting at a window table in Coventryard the other day when I saw a little white haired lady get off the bus laden with two large grocery bags. She stopped, put her bags on the bench and proceeded to pick up the litter in the mini-park and put it into the trash bin. . . within my line of vision sat an adolescent girl with a large dog which was pawing the sod and digging up the grass. It surely was a contrast in awareness. Speaking of the mini-park I asked in the "Yard" who was responsible for the ropes and the "Keep Off the Grass" signs and was told that the management had put them up and would be reseeding the grass to get it ready for the Street Fair. So far the signs have been up for a week but I have yet so see any work being done on the grass. I suppose that after the Fair they will close it again to repair the damage. I suppose by mid-August the people will be able to sit again. (Continued on page 5)

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORT. . . . . . Bobbie Littell, Chair

On March 10 the Community Affairs Committee of CNI held a public meeting about parking. This meeting was called because some very articulate residents of Euclid Heights Boulevard were upset about not being able to park in front of their homes and came to a CNI meeting to request we address this issue. In addition, Councilman Richard Weigand expressed a wish to have an opportunity to publically review the rationale behind the current policy. This seemed an opportunity for CNI to do a public service--to provide a forum wherein issues of concern to residents of Coventry and/or other Cleveland Heights neighborhoods might be aired. CNI invited other neighborhoods to participate.

A number of people, mostly merchants, attended that meeting. They listened to what Councilman Weigand, City Manager Richard Robinson and Police Chief Martin Lentz had to say. Then those attending were provided with an opportunity to address their concerns to the Council members present--a question and answer period followed.

In the months since that meeting I have heard the meeting characterized as "political"--thus somehow not legitimate. It seems strange to me that political issues are not considered legitimate by some politicians.

I was under the impression that in a democracy conflicting concerns of members of the body politic were worked out through a "political process;" that the political process was the way in which minority interests were accomodated to the benefit of all. It disturbs me greatly that "political" has become a dirty word in the vocabulary of some politicians.

The merchants who perceive the lack of parking in their area hurts them economically, the residents who are bitter because their friends must not park on the street in front of their homes because it has been turned into a freeway, are in fact minorities. That does not mean that their concerns are not legitimate and therefore need not be considered.

On the evening of the meeting there were many "facts" bandied about. The most appropriate way to proceed from that meeting would be to sift fact from perception in an unemotional manner and, after all the facts are in, for everyone to sit down and see if there is not some way that the needs of the minorities can be accomodated. The City of Cleveland Heights has a planning department. It would seem a very legitimate activity for the planning department to work with the merchants and residents in this matter; to define the problems and seek possible solutions.

Cleveland Heights is a great City but it will not continue to be if citizens who take their problems to City Hall for help are told, "too bad, that's your problem, there is nothing we can do about it."

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MORE STREET TALK

There have been a lot of changes on the street. There is a new gift shop "Eclectic" on the lower level of Coventryard, and work is proceeding on the New England Clam House (or is it Chowder House?). There are rumors of a Mexican restaurant going in where the newsstand used to be. Lady & Co. had remodeled and looks great. There seems to be much more room. It is sad to note the passing of Bill Jones Leather shop. It has been on the street for a long time. Edwin "Crudley" Ritz will be moving to Shaker soon in order to be closer to his work at the Shaker Arabica. His friends are "making book" that it won't make much difference, and he will be on the street as frequently as usual. . .The Food Project has a nifty new sign and Carroll Drug has had a complete internal face lift. The counters have all been re-arranged, new doors and floor have been added. . . Sunshine II is moving across the street to where the Brass shop used to be and the A & J Discount Store has changed hands and is now called the S & H Discount Store. The window looks better but the sign doesn't (Continued on page 12)



BOOS & BRAVOS

**BRAVO:** U.S. Representative Dennis Eckart has been working to have the federal government take over the maintenance of the historic Garfield Monument in Lakeview Cemetery. As of late, the landmark has suffered from a lack of maintenance due to inadequate funding.

**BRAVO:** Once again, Coventryard has come to the rescue of Coventry Park by providing water, grass seed, and clean-up. Now if people would only stop leaving their coffee cups, ice cream wrappers, and cigarette butts in the park. . .

**BRAVO:** The City of Cleveland Heights Recycling Program celebrates a first year of successful operation by surpassing all expectations. The program is a first in Northeast Ohio.

**BRAVO:** As always, Peter Schliewen leads the way in improving the Coventry Village streetscape. Fresh paint, flowers, and a daily scrubbing of the sidewalk in front of Schliewen's Record Revolution is an example that other Coventry merchants would do well to follow.

**BOO:** When is the Food Project on Coventry going to repair or remove what is left of their storm damaged sign?

-- Charles J. Owen

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CNI MEETING NOTES. . . . . . David R. Burwasser, Secretary

At the May 6 meeting of the CNI Trustees, at the Hennes residence, the results of the Crime Prevention Task Force meeting with Irv were reviewed and critiqued. (See committee reports, this issue.) It was felt that moving the RTA stop was inappropriate, since transit riders were not the problem and onstreet parking would be lost. The Trustees agreed to ask permission at the May 11 CNI meeting to set up all preliminaries for a petition to dry up Irv's Bar to be circulated in CNI's name, but with the final decision to "go" to be held till the June or July meeting. This would give both Irv and the Crime Prevention Task Force time to address the problem by less drastic means. Two adjacent precincts must be affected in such a petition; it was decided to add a residential precinct to the West or North, so as not to pre-empt business decisions by non-offending merchants. Removal of Irv's planter was also opposed because Coventry needs all the greenery it can save.

At the May 11 CNI meeting, Vice Mayor Robert Arnold presented the case for the Streets & Sewers bond issues on the June ballot. CNI endorsed the Sewers issue unconditionally. The Streets issue received a conditional endorsement--if the City guarantee that further onstreet parking not be removed using this bond issue as a premise.

It was learned that the Mayor had taken out petitions to dry up Irv's of "spiritous liquors" (hard drinks). His petitions designated a commercial precinct, from Hampshire to Lancashire on the west side of Coventry, as the second precinct. Opposition was expressed on the grounds that all liquor service should be targeted; this would permit carry-out sales to continue (including Irv's). A motion to support the Mayor's petition drive was tabled until the June meeting. (Continued page 8)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: MORE COMMENTS ON "SITTING METERS"

It was incredible, ridiculous and yet, it seemed to woefully true. My squatters rights were in jeopardy. I was outraged. I had, as yet, to exercise my freedom to sit in my free time in the mini-park for free. Now that privilege was threatening to be reserved for the idle rich. I had visions of having to chose between a cup of coffee and an hour in the park. Suddenly I was confronted with an overwhelming desire to sit next to an expired meter. It was disquieting. I was baffled. Frustrated, I began to compose slogans, chants, picket signs and petitions. I planned demonstrations, marches, mayhem and, as a final "coup de grace," a more than apt sit-in.

I prudently delayed all further action until I was able to submit my home edition of the CNI Newsletter to a gruelling inspection. I tore to page 4 and read the undeniable truth. I balked. It was all there in black and white and then I saw the purported newspaper red. Frantically I turned to page 5 for solace. Again I was dismayed. The Mayor had joined a rock band and the Chief of Police was dabbling in poetry. It was all going to be broadcast live from Arabica on WLCV. WLCV? Obviously, it had to be a joke. Joke or no, I wasn't interested and decided not to go. I had more pressing matters to concern me.

I read on but it was all a blur. Then "Eureka," on the last page at the very bottom I found it; the clue, the disclaimer, the hint of chicanery. I had been duped. I effortlessly suppressed a chuckle. I felt betrayed and humiliated. I became skeptical of the other articles. Were they true? Was Pick-N-Pay really planning to build a new store?

Certainly this missive is an exaggeration, however slight, of the loud outcry in response to C.N.I.'s unfortunate attempt at humor. It was effective. It was too effective. It smacked of irresponsible journalism.

The strong reaction displayed by the community may seem ludicrous to some. We may seem gullible to others. I see it as a tribute all around. It is a tribute to C.N.I in that it revealed a well-earned trust of the populace in C.N.I. and its commendable efforts in the area. More importantly, it serves as a tribute to the people of Coventry who saw that an injustice was about to be implemented and chose to do something about it rather than stand idly by and allow it to happen. Let this be a warning to all future city legislation, planned or unplanned. We do, indeed, watch out for each other.

Seriously though, has anyone considered setting up loitering meters in front of Irv's? Never mind. Just joking.

-- Mary Gibson, Rock Court.

( Editor's Note: This letter was not received before the May deadline so it was not run in the May issue. We sincerely apologize to Ms. Gibson. bml)

AND YET MORE

I have read with interest the item on "Sitting Meters" in the April issue and the comments on that article in the May issue. It seems to me that the primary concern, Editorial Responsibility, was not addressed in any of the comments.

The Coventry Village News has become known for its effective work in countering rumor with fact which is a prime value to our community. CVN's reputation for the presentation of FACT is what mislead people about the story. The article helped to fuel residents' suspicions of city government where it was not warranted and as such did not serve our community well.

Lest any should think me humorless, let me assure you that I enjoy (and frequently initiate) jokes. At the same time we each realize our responsibility so that none of us in his/her right mind (as a joke) yells "fire" in a crowded public building.

-- J. Redford, Washington Blvd.

FROM HIZZHONORS DESK: Issues 5 and 5A Stressed

Nothing is as important to the future of Cleveland Heights as passage of the Streets and Sewers Bond Issues on Tuesday, June 8. The fate of Issues 5 and 5A will determine our ability to re-build our City for years to come.

The foregoing statements are not extreme. They represent a painful truth. Streets and sewers are as basic to the physical structure of the City as houses and other buildings. Lee, Taylor, Coventry, Superior, Monticello, and Cedar Hill need repair and reconstruction. Sewers built sixty or seventy years ago are not in good shape today. Hence my conclusion that the very future of our City is at stake.

The importance of these bond issues can be evaluated in other ways. Ask the elderly from Musicians Tower who trip over exposed trolley tracks on the Coventry Road crosswalk to Pick-N-Pay. Ask the people who drive through Cleveland Heights and judge our City based on how Coventry Road, Taylor Road or Lee Road looks. Ask the people on East Derbyshire about basements flooded with raw sewage. These problems affect all of us because they concern the quality of life in Cleveland Heights.

Some points about the bond issues must be stressed. There are no alternatives. No federal, state, or county money is available for such projects. If the bond issues fail, major repair will not be done and only minor maintenance would be undertaken. Council has placed the bond issues on the ballot to give you a chance to say that this major work should begin now.

There is, of course, a final question: cost. Financial cost in added real estate tax will average \$1.56 per week. What Cleveland Heights cannot afford is defeat of these bond issues. The resulting social cost we would pay for defeat would be too great. One new front end alignment will cost the average car owner far more than Issues 5 and 5A.

And so, I urge the readers of this newsletter to vote "Yes" for issues 5 and 5A. Vote "Yes" for good streets and sewers - and for a better City of Cleveland Heights.

-- Mayor Alan J. Rapoport

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CNI NOTES (Continued from page 6)

CNI resolved to oppose the removal of the Social Security Administration office from Severance Center; and to request that Cleveland Heights be a distribution center for the Federal cheese program.

The Crime Prevention Task Force's Rape Resistance workshop had to be cancelled because of a mixup over use of Coventry Elementary School on the night in question. This procedure will be clarified with the School Board to avoid further mishaps.

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S ! go to Bliss, the new restaurant on Coventry Road which was awarded a first place award in an interior design competition sponsored by Hospitality magazine, a major trade journal. The interior of Bliss was designed by Dan Tarantino, whose other local work includes recent improvements to the Coventry Elementary School playground.

COVENTRY VILLAGE . . . We Watch Out For Each Other



### JOIN THE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONGRESS!

That headline has to be a mistake, right? The Heights Community Congress's members are organizations, not people, right? Wrong!

Last year, the HCC changed all that. It opened up an individual membership category--so that people who support the HCC's goals and programs can join with the HCC directly, not only via their organizational affiliation.

The goals are maintaining an open, integrated community, and maintaining the quality of life in that community. The programs include monitoring the real estate industry (yes, they still need it!); conducting home repair workshops; sponsoring the annual Heights Heritage Tour and Community Improvement Awards; reviewing the Inspectional Services program of the City; and supporting neighborhood organizations in numerous ways, including publication of the COVENTRY VILLAGE NEWS.

With an individual membership, you will be supporting these enhancements to our community directly. You will have direct access to a HCC Trustee as an individual, as well as the access your church, or temple, neighborhood organization or business association now enjoys.

Best of all, if you respond to the membership telephone drive on June 10, and contribute a dollar or more over the level of support you choose to extend to the Congress, CNI gets that next dollar!

It has been demonstrated over the years that Cleveland Heights needs the Heights Community Congress. Now, the Congress needs the support of the people of Cleveland Heights. Don't give till it hurts; give till it feels good! You're supporting your community, your neighborhood and your lifestyle.



--Dave Burwasser  
Trustee for Coventry  
Vice President for Neighborhoods

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### CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Continued from page 2)

Lott, is considering Election and Petition Procedures and Interim Changes to Council's Salaries. Sitting on that committee are Carl Ubbelhode, Ralph Stark and Barbara Boyd.

The third committee is considering Non-Voted Millage Increase/Independent Audit/City Manager issues. It is chaired by Gerda Freedheim with David Burwasser, Alfred Connors, Dierdre Gross, and David Lipins.

In addition to hearing the public the Commission has requested a number of people to attend the meetings and review with them various points under consideration. So far they have heard testimony from Donald K. Barkley, Director of Law; Richard Robinson, City Manager; Howard Maier, Director of the Planning Department; David A. Williamson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney-Civil Division, Cuyahoga County; Jack Wymer, Director of Finance/Clerk of Council; Richard G Weigand, Chairman of the Council Finance Committee; William C. Lahman, Former City Manager; and John J. Boyle, Chairman of Council Planning and Development Committee.

In addition to the issues raised by Council the Commission will also consider other issues raised by residents, or that arise during their perusal of the Charter and the Charters of other cities they are reviewing.

Five meetings have been scheduled in June (1, 10, 15, 22 and 29). The meetings will be held at 7:30 PM in the Law Library at City Hall. They are open to the working press and to all Cleveland Heights residents. Concerned citizens are urged to attend.

\*\* COMMUNITY CALENDAR \*\*- BULLETIN BOARD -JUNELIBRARY NOTES

by

Debbie Graves

- 1 CH CHARTER REVIEW COMM.  
7:30 Law Library
- 3 CNI TRUSTEES - 7:30  
2910 Hampshire Road
- 5 PRIMAVERA DANCE CO.  
Concert - 8: PM Regina  
High School
- 7 CH COUNCIL - 7:30 - City  
Hall
- 8 CNI - General Meeting  
7:30 PM - Library
- 10 CH CHARTER REVIEW COMM.  
7:30 PM - Law Library
- 15 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
  
CH CHARTER REVIEW COMM.  
7:30 PM - Law Library
- 17 LIBRARY - Book Sidcussion  
7 PM - China Man by Max-  
ine Kingston
- 19 LIBRARY - Registration for  
Summer Reading Program  
1 PM.
- 20 FATHER'S DAY
- 21 CH COUNCIL - 7:30 PM  
City Hall
- 22 LIBRARY - School Age  
Storytime - 3 PM  
  
CNI - Environmental Con-  
cerns Comm - 2922 Somerton  
7:30 PM  
  
CH CHARTER REVIEW COMM  
7:30 PM - Law Library
- 23 TURTLE PARK - Storytelling  
10:30 AM  
  
LIBRARY - Preschool Story  
Time - 2:30 PM

A new telephone system is being installed throughout the Cleveland Hts-University Hts. Public Library System - all the branches will have a direct line for the first time!

COVENTRY 321-3400 NOBLE 291-5665  
UNIVERSITY HTS 321-4700 MAIN 932-3600

The Cleveland Museum of Art will soon be displaying its wares and its art in a display at Coventry Library. Also, the month of June will see CNI President Charles Owen's photos of early Coventry on view. Come see our Art works and take out lots and lots of books. We are experiencing a decrease which causes us great concern.

Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Sichertman have planned an exciting summer of children's programs, all beginning Saturday, June 19. On that day registration for the Summer Reading Club called "Find your own adventure," and the very special program called "Those were the days" will be kicked off with silhouette drawings by one of our staff and games and filmstrips from 1 - 4 PM. We hope all children in the Coventry area will join us.

This summer, children will be reading at least ten books for their summer reading club "adventure." "Those were the days" is a program to discover your family history through children's parents and grandparents, imagining how it was for them to grow up "in their day." Special projects, games and very special people will be featured in each two, five-week sessions that will take place on Tuesday nights at 7 beginning June 22.

School age Storytime will begin also on June 22 at 3 PM with stories and surprises of all kinds. Preschool Storytime will begin Wednesday, June 23 at 2:30 PM. Mrs. Bellamy will do a special storytime in Turtle Park on Wednesdays at 10:30. Toddler Storytime (for those 30-33 months) will begin July 14 at 9:30 AM at the Library.

Adult Programs have an exciting new feature that was requested at a Neighborhood Design 3 meeting by neighbors. It is being funded by the Friends of the Library - The Coventry Concerts on the Lawn. On the fourth Sunday of June, July and August, three excellent concerts are planned at 3 PM. A saxophone and guitar Jazz duo, Mark Vinci and Ed McEachen, will perform June 27. Ganassi, an early music ensemble with recorders and other instruments, will perform July 25 under the auspices of Young Audiences. A classical flute and string

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\*\*COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*\*

LIBRARY NOTES (Continued from previous page)

quartet will perform August 22. These programs will go inside only if it rains. Hope all Coventry neighbors will join us for these exciting concerts.

Our Book Discussions will continue with David Eisler and Debbie Graves discussing "China Men" by Maxine Kingston on June 17. Dave has some exciting ideas and ways to bring out the best and worst in a book, so come join us for a lively discussion.

PRIMAVERA SCHEDULES TWO CONCERTS

The Primavera Dance Company of Cleveland Music School Settlement is appearing in two concerts. On June 5 at 8 PM they will be at Regina High School, on Green Road. Tickets for adults are \$4 and for students are \$2. They will also appear on Tuesday, June 29 at 7 PM at Cain Park as part of a Festival of Modern Dance Series. Admission is free. Each Primavera Concert will feature different dances. The Company will also be filmed June 10 at 6 PM at Severance Center for later showing on Viacom. This talented group of teen-age modern dance choreographers and performers contains four dancers from Cleveland Heights, two of them (Margaret Amer and Becky Wortman) are from Coventry.

4TH ANNUAL KID'S PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL

The 4th Annual Marilyn Bianchi Kid's Playwriting Festival will sponsor free performances of five plays at Dobama during the first week in June.

On June 2 a bang-up bash Benefit performance will be held with the young playwrights in attendance. During the rest of that week the five winning plays will be performed. Curtains are:

- Thurs & Fri, June 3 & 4 at 8 PM
- Saturday, June 7 at 7 and 9:30 PM
- Sunday, June 6 at 2:30 and 7:30 PM.

The plays to be performed are "The Talking piano" by Julie Laidman (elementary); "And The Dish Ran Away With The Spoon" by Charan Deveaux (junior high); "Hester-Naethie" by Laura Neff (elementary); "Life's Picture," (junior high) by Julie Longacre; and "What" by Jeremy Halperin (senior high).

This is a great opportunity for a family outing.

JUNE

- 27 LIBRARY - Concert on The Lawn - Jazz Duo - 3 PM
- 29 LIBRARY - School age Storytime - 3 PM  
Those Were The Days - 7 PM
- CNI - Environmental Concerns Committee meets  
2922 Somerton - 7:30 PM
- CH CHARTER REVIEW COMM  
7:30 PM - Law Library
- PRIMAVERA Dance Concert  
7 PM - Cain Park
- 30 TURTLE PARK Storytelling  
10:30 AM  
LIBRARY - Preschool Story Time - 2:30 PM

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 8 CNI - Trustees Meeting  
7:30 - Location to be announced.
- 10 COVENTRY STREET FAIR -  
3 PM till 8 PM
- 11 COVENTRY STREET FAIR -  
Noon till 7 PM
- 13 CNI - General Meeting  
7:30 PM - Library

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COMMUNITY WATCH-DOG: THE NUCLEAR FREEZE

Readers acquainted with my column and my other community activities know of my interest in promoting the active participation of all citizens in all levels of government so as to correct any problem that effects them. Promoting this goal has consumed so much time and energy that I have left the larger issues to my spouse.

Mother's Day changed everything. The Nuclear Freeze Demonstration at Cumberland Park convinced me that all citizens must become active in demanding nuclear freeze, or there will be no life left on earth. At City Council Meeting, May 17, in support of Carol Edward's resolution favoring a nuclear freeze, I gave personal testimony, as a survivor of World War II in the Philippines, that there is no escape, for anyone, from war.

Our city, Baguio, was bombed on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, before we had learned of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I was twelve years old. In the weeks following, as the Japanese army invaded, panic set in. Masses of people in Manila tried to escape to the mountains. People in Baguio, in the mountains, tried to escape to Manila. They met in the middle. Roads were jammed. No one could move. Gasoline, food, and water supplies were used up. Sanitation problems were extreme. Much suffering resulted. So much for the chances of success of any civil defense plans for evacuating cities in the event of nuclear war.

Our family chose to remain in Baguio. We built a bomb shelter in the hillside. We stored up food supplies. Baguio was declared an Open City, meaning that the army left and we were undefended. As the Japanese army moved up the Mountain Trail we herded our families together at Brent School. We all ended up in a concentration camp. Our food stores were shared with others and exhausted. We all starved together, but learned how to survive by working together. But that was before the atomic bomb was invented.

Historically war was originally fought by soldiers. Civilians were not directly involved in fighting. As camp followers they cared for the army's needs for food, housekeeping, and sanitation. Their homes and food supplies might be temporarily taken over for army use. They might be taken as slaves, but not killed. In more recent wars have come the scorched earth policies, the defoliation, and the massive destruction of whole cities, even areas of no military significance. Now, even hospitals and churches, formerly sanctuaries, are bombed. There is no escape or safe place. In a nuclear attack, such wide areas would be destroyed, and the radioactive contamination would be so pervasive, that any survivors would die quickly.

When our children fight, experienced parents and teachers know the futility of asking who started it, or who is at fault. First, one must say "STOP FIGHTING - NOW!" Then one can think, talk, and settle things more sensibly. That is what we must all tell the leaders of nations "STOP NOW!" If only a few groups do so, it will be meaningless. All must say it.

On the wall at the Unitarian Society, in the Sunday School where I teach, is a lovely picture of a snow-clad Alaskan mountain peak. In inscription says "Let there be peace - and let it begin with me." If we all, individually, and in any group, act on that principal, nations will stop building nuclear bombs. Only that will ensure that life may continue on our fragile planet - the only one in the universe known to contain life as we know it.

What can one person do? In any group you have membership, move that the group send a Nuclear Freeze resolution to President Reagan and Congress. Write your own letter to the president and congress. Write your Christmas card list about the First Monday Candlelight Vigil at city hall from 7:30-8 PM. Urge them to start one in their town. Come with your candle to Cleveland Hts. City Hall at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month. I'll see you there.

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