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CNI SUPPORTS YOUTH CENTER REQUEST FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

On September 15 the Coventry Youth Center celebrated its first anniversary. At that time Co-chairman June Wortman announced the receipt of grant monies which will enable the center to reopen with a much more extensive program. She also announced that much of the funding was contingent on the continued participation of the City of Cleveland Heights. It was decided to request additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the City. At the time the award was made in 1982, Council stressed that it was a one-time grant, and that the center could not expect it to be renewed.

That was a very wise political move. It serves nobody to approve a project in perpetuity. The Center and its programs must be closely evaluated regularly. Its goals must address the problem, be realistic attainable and affordable before any public money should go into it.

The reasons for a Youth Center have been detailed in this publication many times. Mainly it was started to provide recreational opportunities for young people who cannot find jobs and can't afford to participate in the activities offered by the City Recreation Department, schools, the Y's, or other similar groups. These young people, found in larger numbers in Coventry than in any other part of the City, have nothing constructive to do with themselves and their energies. As records show, they usually find something--and that something is not always beneficial to the community.

Young people learn only the lessons they are taught. If they are taught the world is a hostile place where you have got to get what you can, when you can, however you can, you can be sure the lesson will be learned well. If on the other hand you learn that people are willing to help you work to help yourself--that you and the problems you face matter--maybe there's a chance for us to start solving some of the many problems facing our young people: jobs, crime, drugs, alcohol.

Cleveland Heights has a traditional commitment to its youth as evidenced by its fine parks, pools, and recreation programs. It is time for Cleveland Heights to extend its commitment to all of the youth of Cleveland Heights, not those who can afford to pay. There is growing pressure in Coventry and in all of Cleveland Heights for City Council to extend the CDBG funding for another year until the program is established, and to find ways to include in the existing Recreation Department budget a grant that will assure the continuance of the Youth Center for as long as it can demonstrate that it can meet the needs of the specific population it serves.

--Bobbie Littell

SECOND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

by Bruce Hennes, Chair

The Second Annual Coventry Village Halloween Party will take place in front of Coventryard Mall on Saturday, October 29, from 8:00 PM to midnight. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, and music will be provided by the Echoes. No admission will be charged.

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CNI MEETING NOTES

September Regular Meeting

The following nominations were received for for 1983-1984 officers:

President, Bruce Hennes; Vice President, Kathryn Young; Secretary, Larry Beam; Treasurer, Diana Cyganovich and Dennis Coughlin.

Other actions taken by CNI included:

- Endorsement of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights 6-mil school levy;
- Endorsement of the Coventry Youth Center second application for Block Grant funds;
- Support the Youth Center's request to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the use of space at Coventry Library;
- Request that the City enforce the laws regarding the prohibition of bicycle riding on the sidewalks in the commercial district by erecting appropriate signage and that such signage use the international sign standards;
- To make application to the city for plants, as necessary;
- To apply for CDBG funds for a proposal for signs, redoing sidewalks, the mini-park by Metro Savings, benches, drinking fountains, etc., using the Phil Hart plan. This should also include cleanup summer and winter.
- Approved these people, who live outside the Coventry area, for membership: Jean Harper, Charles and Elaine Mathews, Helen Hertz, Mark and Clair Long, Robyn and Joe Wisnieski and Dan Grey.

NOTICE

Three of the banners used to advertise this year's Street Fair were stolen the week before the Fair. The stolen banners measure 24 x 36 inches. They were intended for reuse, and represent a considerable investment. If you know their whereabouts, please contact Kathryn Young or Bob Shields.

CNI ELECTIONS: OCTOBER 11

Coventry Neighbors, Inc., will hold its annual elections on Tuesday, October 11.

Several offices, including the Presidency, are presently uncontested. Further nominations will be in order at the meeting on October 11. The vote will be taken that evening. Only persons who have been dues-paid members for at least thirty days may vote.

Here are brief statements from the persons nominated at the September meeting:

Bruce Hennes, candidate for President

I have served as an officer of CNI for the past six years, and as Vice President for five years. I have worked on the last six Street Fairs, and was Chairman of the 1982 Street Fair. I currently serve as CNI's public Relations Director, and am Chairman of the Crime Prevention Task Force. I have also produced a number of video programs for CNI, including a documentary on the 1981 Coventry Village Street Fair.

I am currently the Executive Director of the Temple on the Heights in Pepper Pike.

I am a member of the Cleveland Heights Cable Television Commission and am an elected Precinct Committeeman for the Democratic Party. I have also served on the campaign staffs of Mayor Rapoport, Councilman Horowitz, and Congressman Eckart.

I am married to another Coventry activist, Lonnie; we have two sons and own a home at 2910 Hampshire Road.

Kathryn Young, Candidate of Vice President

I was was Chairman of this year's Street Fair, and have worked on the Fair Committee for the past five years. For two years I was Sanitation Chair, for two years Booth Allocations Chair, and have served as Committee Secretary for the past three years.

I have served CNI as as Secretary for the past year, and was a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee which recommended revisions adopted in 1981. I was the Summer Youth Employment Supervisor of the Clean Up Coventry Neighborhood Program for two years, and served the Merchants Association in the same capacity for two more years. I have been co-chairman of the Membership Committee, and have worked on other such CNI projects as the Anniversary Celebration and the Halloween Party.

After graduation from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, I earned a Nursing Home Administration License, and am a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. I have for the past seven years been the owner of a home at 2504 Kenilworth Road, where I live with five children: Jay (19), Joel (16), Gwyn (15), Jamie (13), and Judson (5).

Larry Beam, candidate for Secretary

Five years of employment with the City government severely limited my involvement in Coventry Neighbors. Now I am free to devote substantial energies to the organization. Even while working for the City I maintained close ties with CNI—handling the Street Fair's relations with the City, acting as a liaison with the City,

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Larry Beam, continued

in many matters, and doing clean-up during and after each Street Fair for seven years.

I wrote and developed the the City's storefront renovation program, known as the Cleveland Heights Local Development Corporation (LDC). I worked with merchants and neighbors in the development of plans for commercial area improvements in the Cedar-Lee, Cedar-Fairmount, Nobel-Monticello, Taylor Road, and Coventry areas.

Mayor Rapoport's recent announcement that the City will proceed with plans to build a parking lot on the vacant land at the intersection of Lancashire and Euclid Heights Boulevard is only the the beginning of substantial changes the city is likely ot bring to Coventry in the coming years. My extensive involvement in the development of the City's plans for this neighborhood will serve CNI well as those plans move toward implementation.

Thanks to a history of good leadership and a strong tradition of involvement in the neighborhood, Coventry Neighbors, Inc., is far stronger and more active than any other neighborhood organization in Cleveland Heights. It is because of this strength, and because of my belief that CNI can do still far more, that I hope to become its Secretary.

Diana Cyganovich, candidate for treasurer

As treasurer of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., I will provide sound record-keeping, with regular financial reporting to the Board of Trustees and membership. After over two years of membership, I am looking forward to the opportunity to the opportunity to participate, as a Board member of the organization in policy and planning decisions.

I have a concern, as a member of the residential area of Coventry Village, that the organization represent the entire population, as well as the core area. It is important that the organization be visible and easily accessible to the neighborhood. Consistent and open communication with residents and businesses alike would be facilitated by an office. I am also committed to the organization maintaining a viable working relationship with other community organizations and with the City government.

I am a Foster Parent through the Ohio Department of Youth, and am a board member of the Free Clinic and Safe Space Station.

Dennis Coughlin, candidate for treasurer

I an currently Treasurer of CNI, and have been an active member of the Crime Prevention Task Force and the Planning and Zoning Committee. A life-long resident of Cleveland Heights, I have lived in the Coventry area for more than eight years. I am Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, through which I was responsible for writing CNI's fiscal policy. I was Vice Chairman of the 1982 Street Fair, and Treasurer and Booth Allocations Chairman this year. Additionally, I was Treasurer of the Coventry Village Action Committee, which led the successful local option campaign last year. I hold a two-year seat on

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Dennis Coughlin,

the the board of the City's Apartment Improvement Program. Holder of a management degree from John Carroll University, I worked for more than three years as a business credit analyst with Dunn & Bradstreet, and for the past five years have been a staffing coordinator in the Nursing Administration office at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital. My wife Beverly Drane Coughlin and I live at 2759 Hampshire Road. I am a candidate for Cleveland Heights City Council, and will resign my CNI office should I win a Council seat.

Charles Owen, candidate for Trustee-at-large

I am a former three-term President of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., founder and former Chairman of the Environmental Concerns Committee, and a former Treasurer of CNI and of the Coventry Village Street Fair.

My community service extends outside Coventry as well. I am the founder present Chairman of the Cleveland Heights Heritage Center. I am Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Architecture Committee of the Cleveland Heights Local Development Corporation, and am a former two-term Coventry representative to the Cleveland Heights Citizens Advisory Committee.

I have lived at 2745 Hampshire Road for 11 years, and in Cleveland Heights since 1963. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies at Cleveland State University, and am presently employed as Manager of the Storefront Renovation Program of the Broadway Development Corporation (Cleveland). Before taking that job, I worked as a as a Neighborhood Planner/Consultant with the United Area Citizens Agency (Cleveland).

Bob Shields, candidate for Trustee-at-large

I would like to see CNI work with small groups of concerned citizens who are trying to deal with localized neighborhood issues and problems that do not effect the community as a whole. I feel that with CNI's assistance, such groups could effectively organize themselves and make their presentations to the appropriate authorities.

I am interested in the development of the commercial area in a manner that has human scale rather than automotive scale. While parking and repaving are necessary to the economic health of the community, it is also necessary to improve the sidewalks, Mini Parks, and other areas used by all the walking residents of Coventry Village. The City has sunk hundreds of thousands of dollars into commercial areas that have less pedestrian traffic on Saturday afternoon that Coventry has on any week night. Any increase in the parking is only going to make the sidewalk more crowded. I feel that it is time that the City paid some attention to this rather than punishing us for our success.

I have lived in Cleveland Heights since I was three. I was educated at Lea College in Almet Lea, Minnesota. I am currently employed as Director of Court Services, Probate-Juvenile Courts, Geauga County.

PARKING PLANS TO GO FORWARD

by Larry Beam

The City will proceed with plans to build a parking lot on the now-vacant point of land formed by the intersection of Euclid Heights Boulevard and Lancashire Road. Mayor Alan Rapoport said in announcing the plans that federal jobs bill money would be used to pay for the project. Rules governing those funds require that the money be spent quite swiftly; work on the project is likely to begin next summer, possibly as soon as the weather allows.

Serious planning for the project began this past spring, after the Coventry Merchants Association, which has long campaigned for more parking in the area, announced that the proposed site was acceptable to its membership. Marcia Polevoi, President of the merchant Association and proprietor of High Tide/Rock Bottom, says she is "delighted" with the plan. "Much of the credit goes to Ellie Strong, who spearheaded our campaign for added parking," Polevoi said.

Present plans call for a lot having about 30 spaces; that capacity figure assumes that the project follows exactly the City's requirements for set-backs, yards, and the like. Howard Maier, the City's Director of Planning and development, said that the City may seek a variance in these regulations so as to allow a few more spaces. Consideration is also being given to designing the facility so that a deck—a second level—could be added later.

There is apparently some likelihood that regulations governing on-street parking in the vicinity of the project may be tightened when the lot is finished.

The next step in the development of plans for this parking lot is for the City to hire an architectural firm to design it. Talks will be held with the Unitarian Society, whose own parking lot, on Lancashire Road, is just to the east of the proposed site. Combining the lots may allow the more efficient use of available land, permitting a few more spaces to be fit in.

The Merchant Association will continue its campaign for more parking, Polevoi said. "The City says it has big plans for the Pick-n-Pay area. Yet year after year nothing happens. Meanwhile the growth and development of Coventry are stifled because the City refuses to add parking in the heart of the business district until Pick-n-Pay plans are settled."

Rapoport said that the City is now "quite close" to reaching agreements which would allow major improvements to be made on the southwest corner of Mayfield and Coventry, around the Open Pantry-Revco parking lot. Extensive landscaping and redesign of that lot were proposed several years ago by architect Phil Hart in a study he conducted in cooperation with the Coventry Merchants Association, the Cleveland Heights Local Development Corporation, and the City of Cleveland Heights. Implementation of Hart's plans for this corner have been delayed for several years by strong opposition from Paul Kane, owner of Open Pantry.

COMMITTEE REPORT

STREET FAIR COMMITTEE

Catherine Young

I must apologize for not having this report to you sooner. Thank you everyone for your concerns during my recent illness. I appreciate the thoughtfulness, but now it is time to work on the projects ahead.

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Candidates Night: October 19

by Bruce Hennes and Larry Beam

Coventry Neighbors, Inc., will host its traditional Candidates Night on Wednesday, October 19, at 7:30 PM.

The event will be held at Coventry Elementary School, and the public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. The event is wheelchair-accessible.

Invited to participate are all candidates for Cleveland Heights City Council and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education. Each candidate was asked to give the *CVN* a brief biographical or political statement; these appear below.

The moderator will be Arnold Rosenberg, Editor of the *Sun Press*.

Each candidate will give a brief statement, and there will be questions from the audience.

The entire event will be video-taped for presentation on Viacom's Community Access Channel 27. Broadcast dates will be October 22 (8:00 to 9:30 PM), October 24 (6:00 to 7:30 PM), October 26 (10:30 PM to midnight) and November 6 (10:30 PM to midnight).

Chairman of the event is Bruce Hennes. Co-producers for CNI are Bruce Hennes and Larry Beam. Sarah Rapoport is director.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

Robert Asman

As a twenty year resident of Cleveland Heights, and a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the last eight years, I voted to keep tax dollars and jobs in Cleveland Heights. I am enthusiastic about our city and share the civic pride of so many of our residents. There have been many improvements in past years. The business districts are looking better and some have been redesigned. Competition to take better care of our homes is evident. I'm proud of Cleveland Heights' tradition of excellence.

I want to keep the good things and the example they provide and expand on them, and rebuild the zones which are in disrepair or which have been ignored. I will be supportive of new or better ways to do things, especially in encouraging imaginative financing to save taxation. We are especially fortunate in Cleveland Heights in having interesting and creative people in residence, and while I would encourage strong, clever management to get the job done, I would insist that any and all tasks be undertaken with respect for individual rights and aspirations.

Barbara Boyd

My candidacy offers another dimension to Cleveland Heights City Council. I am concerned not only with the infrastructure, but I would like also to focus more attention on such issues as a youth services program for youngsters outside of the current structures. The diversity of life-styles in our community now mandates that we look beyond what we now have in place.

Communication between the City administration and neighborhood communities must be improved so that so that residents will feel that their input is important

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Barbara Boyd continued

and vital to the wellbeing of the community. Our Community Relations Department has the capabilities of insuring open communication between the administration, council, and residents. This area of our City government must be utilized to their fullest capabilities by being informed of projects or programs that may be forthcoming alleviating misinformation and apprehension.

If my concerns are similar to yours, or if you have concerns that I have not addressed, please contact me. Our campaign is about people, and I would like to hear from you.

Dennis Coughlin

I have been a resident of Cleveland Heights all of my life and have been active as as a neighborhood leader for several years as Treasurer and Board member of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., and of the *Coventry Village News*, as Treasurer and Vice Chairman of the Coventry Village Street Fair and as Chairman of Coventry Neighbors Membership and Finance Committees. In addition to my neighborhood experience, I have four years of work experience as a business credit analyst and five years in hospital administration active in staffing, personnel, and finance areas. I have a B.S. in Business Administration from John Carroll University.

As a seven year renter and a current Board member of the Apartment Improvement Program which is a joint effort of the City, lenders, landlords, and tenants to upgrade the quality of rental housing, I am concerned with rental property which houses one third of the residents of Cleveland Heights. I am committed to maintain the quality safety forces that are necessary to keep a city in which we all feel comfortable living and raising our families. Also necessary are well maintained and accessible parks and recreation facilities and a mix of good retail and service stores in our neighborhoods. The City must also encourage, through its support and guidance, programs developed within the neighborhoods for our youth and elderly residents. I feel that I represent what Cleveland Heights needs on Council, a mature individual, having experience, energy and commitment with the ability to analyze data and reach informed decisions in the best interest of the long-term well being of the City.

Michael Edelstein

I feel that there is much room for improvement in Cleveland Heights city government and that more can be done for the positive growth and development in this community through my personal involvement. I have 7 years experience in all aspects of community organizing and community development skills including leadership development, organizing and supervising volunteers, public relations and consulting to various community groups in program development. I would work towards strengthening Cleveland Heights by reducing the vacancy rate in both commercial and residential properties thereby helping to stabilize our tax base, improve relations between our residents and the municipal government workers, bring consistency to inspectional services, develop nonviable areas and help the established and new business person secure state and federal loans for development and improvement of businesses. This would be done with an appointed city staff member who would be in charge of and work with city council and the city manager for specific city improvements.

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Jack Kolesar

Cleveland Heights is a good city with a rich tradition of fine municipal services and an openness which I want to see continue. Yet, during these times of shrinking resources we need people on council who understand fiscal responsibility, effective citizen involvement, and who can offer real leadership. Through a grass-roots campaign, community meetings and debates, and by personally seeking the views of our neighbors, I think our residents will see that I can continue our traditions and build upon them.

I bring an extensive background of community service, educational and business experience to the campaign. I have a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, and am presently Assistant Vice President, Development and Finance, at AmeriTrust. My community activities include my current responsibilities as Chairman of the Cleveland Heights Citizens Advisory Committee which monitors Block Grant funding to the city. I have also served on the Lay Finance Committee of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education. In addition, prior to assuming my present job position, I was a county government administrator for ten years.

Joanne O'Brien

The experience I have gained in my 4 years on City Council equips me to deal with the problems which will face the new Council. Financially there will be hard decisions to make with the city beginning to live out of its carry-over fund in 1984 and with the steady reduction in Community Development Block Grant funds we are experiencing. Changes in the Inspectional Services Department, which I have been instrumental in bringing about, will need strong Council support if they are to be successful. We must place our emphasis on dealing with problem properties, the vacant, foreclosed, and run down. Rentals have proven to be the best feeder system for our real estate market. I support rehabilitation and parking programs to keep these areas viable. I will continue to support the type of efficiency measures which held the city inflation rate to 5% last year and the programs which attracted new development and encouraged reinvestment in our city during the past four years totalling \$40,000,000. I will continue emphasis on capital improvement programs such as street rebuilding, sewer replacement and renovation of recreational facilities. I will strive to maintain the contacts I made as a neighborhood leader, before serving on Council, as they are invaluable to me in gaining citizen input.

Alan Rapoport

My community involvement began in Coventry. As a member of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., I developed plans to plant trees on the commercial strip, edited the *Coventry Village News* for five years, and helped start the Coventry Street Fair. Later I became President of Coventry Neighbors, and a three-time chair of the Street Fair Committee. Coventry activity brought me in contact with City officials, and with people from other parts of Cleveland Heights. I discovered that other

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neighborhood leaders shared my concerns about housing inspection, commercial development and courtesy at City Hall. This discovery motivated me to run for City Council in 1977—when I lost by 65 votes—and again in 1979.

Since my election in 1979 I helped re-write laws on housing inspection. I also directed successful election campaigns for the Streets and Sewers Bond Issue and for amendments to the City Charter. I have helped numerous residents resolve personal problems with City Hall. I have served for two years as Council President, with the title of Mayor. I now have four years' experience on Council, ten years' experience in neighborhood affairs, and a proven record of achievement.

I would like to continue serving on Council as an advocate for Coventry and for the continued betterment of the City of Cleveland Heights.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Saul Isler

The CH/UH school system has served me and my children well, so I have long had the desire to serve the system. Now, with my five year old daughter entering the system, it is time for me to re-enter.

Our system answered the call for excellence in education years before the call was made. Our curriculum far surpasses the minimums urged by the National Commission on Excellence in Education. But even ours will remain a "System at Risk" until we fully recognize the importance of the teacher. Promoting excellence in teaching and preventing strikes are the areas in which I would work the hardest. I would also stress a "back to basics" approach and passage of the much needed 6-mil levy.

Donalene Poduska

During the eighteen years of my residency in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, I have been active in the schools and community. I currently serve on the CH-UH Board of Education; I was president in 1982. For the fourth year I serve as the Board's legislative liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association. For 1983 I am President of the Association of School Boards in Cuyahoga County. I have been active in PTA since 1965; I have been president of units at Oxford and Monticello, and of the CH-UH PTA Council. For Ohio PTA, I serve as Education Chairman on the Board of Managers. This involvement of the local, state, and national levels has given me much experience and knowledge of the many areas of education and the challenges facing public education.

Our school district has worked hard to provide education for the children of our community. We must continue to recognize and to meet the educational needs of our students with their varying abilities, interests, and maturity. I have a proven record of commitment to educational excellence.

Maureen Weigand

The strength of our neighborhoods is directly related to the health of our schools. We must raise standards of education, motivating our children to reach for the highest goals of which they are capable and not dilute our curriculum so that the standards are easier to meet. We must demand competency at every level, testing for skill mastery and remediating, if necessary, until skills are mastered. We must

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improve discipline, enforcing regulations regulations universally. An in-school suspension system and closing the Heights High School campus would be a good foundation for more effective discipline.

I am a teacher by professional training, having spent nearly ten years in the classroom. This board needs a person who has a thorough understanding of educational programming in order to balance its present experience in business and law. I have been active in positions of leadership in the community, educational and child advocacy organizations. This board needs a person who is willing and able to function as an advocate for the stated concerns of the people of the community, both parents and those who have no children in the system.

Educational Excellence must be more than a catch phrase. We must recognize the problems and deal with them realistically and honestly. Only then will the school system have earned the right to claim educational excellence, and the consequent support of the people of the community.

STREET TALK

In case you had not noticed CVN space is at a premium this month. A lot of things will be tossed, willy-nilly into Street Talk just to get them mentioned. The ones not printed were received too late.

Dobama opens its first production, *A Clearing in the Woods* by Arthur Laurents, October 6. This is a play with a special appeal to women, dealing with one woman's journey toward self-realization and acceptance. They are planning a special pre-theater evening on Oct. 20 featuring Prill Golthwait counselor from Renew & Renew Associates conducting a brief discussion of "The Stages of Women's Lives." A box lunch supper from Tommy's will be served. For further information call 932-6836.

Congratulations to Suzanne Matricardi of Central Bank in Coventry on her recent promotion to Safe Deposit Customer Service Assist. She informs me that manager Joe Barnoski has been transferred to Collinwood, a promotion for him. The new manager is Carl Scalabrino. Welcome back to Marie Zingale after a 5 month absence. She had a heart attack and double by-pass surgery.

"Focus on the Heights," was the name chosen for the City's venture into TV production on channel 27. The first show due to be aired Oct. 22-24 will feature the Cain Park Arts Festival. Check your program schedule for times. The show is produced by Coventryite Justine Gallagher. . . . Application for enrollment is now being accepted for children 2-12 at the Little Strawberry Shortcake Day Care Center located in Noble School (formerly in Coventry School). Hours are from 7:30 AM - 6 PM, Mon. - Fri. Two snacks and one hot meal are served. Children may attend for a full day or after school. For further information call 851-2877 or 481-5512.

Congressman Louis Stokes opened an office in the Douglas Bldg., 2140 Le Road, in July. Office hours are from 9 - 5:30, Mon.-Fri. Phone 522-4907. The staff is ready to help you with any dealings you have with federal programs.

Coventry Pre-School PTA is planning a Halloween Party, Fri, October 28 from 9:30 - 11 in the Coventry School All Purpose room. Age 2-5, infants are welcome. For information call Abby Grant, 321-5973. . . . Turkey Ridge has a full schedule . . .

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COUNCIL TO REVISE HOUSING CODE

by Barbara M. Littell

On Monday, September 19 Cleveland Heights City Council heard the first reading of the proposed changes in the Housing Code. The legislation was introduced by Joanne O'Brien, Chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee.

That committee has been working on this revision since shortly after it was organized in January, 1982. It has met with a staff committee and with many community groups. It has heard the complaints about Inspectional Services, reviewed the existing code very carefully and has recommended changes it believes will make the code more easily understood. The revisions are intended to set forth comprehensive inspectional standards and procedures, remove vague language and establish a mechanism for dealing with questionable situations, O'Brien says. We have tried to place the emphasis on health and safety violations rather than on the cosmetic, she said.

The most significant changes are in the proposals for uniform inspection of both single- and multi-family rental property, and to exempt totally owner-occupied multi-family units from systematic interior inspection.

Copies of the proposed code revisions are available at City Hall and O'Brien invites additional written comments from residents. This legislation has not yet been scheduled for the second reading necessary for passage.

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live music coming up during October. The Tom Letezia Group will alternate with Souleyes on Sunday nights; Tuesday's will see Mel Baron Jazz Quartet, Luxury Liner, and Just Dave & Skyline; The Class of '69 will be featured every Thursday; The Surprise Band, the Echoes, and Little Willie and the Allstars entertain on Fridays with Mike Reid, Little Willie, and the Land Sharks doing the honors on Saturdays. Mondays are reserved for football fans and on Wednesday there is dancing.

We're coming up on Cleveland Height's semi-annual councilmanic race. Here in Coventry we have a unique opportunity presented by having two CNI activists standing for office. That they represent differing political philosophies is immaterial in this instance. The uniqueness come because it is not often you have the opportunity to consider two men you have worked with and who's potential you are able to evaluate on the basis of your experience.

We can't afford to waste the opportunity. Listen very carefully to what these candidates say and how they feel they are equipped to guide the future of the city. Read their literature critically and remember. You've worked with them. How well do they facilitate planning? Do they contribute to the solutions of the problems? Have they the ability to learn, to grow and change their mind and/or their position if they were misinformed?

Both Dennis Coughlin and Alan Rapoport are nice men. They are both hard workers. I feel I can call them friends. But friendship is not a criterion for election to public office. We need to choose the men who best represent our values and who have the skill and maturity to work for all of the people of CH.

Go to the polls on election day and vote for the candidate you feel best represents you.

--Bobbie Littell

RENTERS FACE "THIRD DEGREE" UNDER PROPOSED CODE

by David R. Burwasser

Apartment and duplex tenants in Coventry and elsewhere in Cleveland Heights will be giving significantly more information to the City about their living arrangements, if legislation currently before Council is enacted.

The new draft requires City registration of the names of all residents in any rental dwelling unit; their telephone number; and the "relationships" of the dwellers. The avowed purpose of this data-gathering is to assure that all pertinent laws, regulations and ordinances are being obeyed by renters and their landlords.

If there is any doubt as to which laws, etc., are intended for tighter enforcement, the Cleveland Heights "Definition of Family" is incorporated into the draft as part of a "Definitions" section.

The family definition has been controversial in the past. In the early 1970's, the City attempted to register every roommate in the Coventry apartment area in order to extract a "roomer permit fee" from every such household, as provided by that law. The City backed off from this effort under citizen pressure, and later liberalized the definition subsequent to a Supreme Court decision restricting the power of municipalities to regulate household composition.

Councilmember Joanne O'Brien, who introduced the measure, claimed that the organized property owners of the City requested that all information gathered by inspectors be specifically described in the Code. However, representatives of property owners who have been meeting with Council about the Code, denied any interest in having the City gather this type of personal information.

The new Housing Code draft, prepared after exhaustive review and consultation by Council's Public Safety & Health Committee, chaired by Councilmember O'Brien, was introduced on first reading at Council's regular session on September 19. It represents Council's avowed attempt to respond to home- and apartment-owner complaints about both Code provisions and enforcement practices. The draft has been presented for public comment. Whatever its shortcomings--upon which there was some public comment at the September 19 meeting--it represents a monumental effort.

Other major changes in the draft include liberation of owner-occupied double- and multiple-family units from regular interior inspection. If a two- or multi-family unit is owned in common by residents of its several units, or if the owner lives in one unit and tenants in others, the entire building is treated similarly to a single-family residence--regular exterior and point-of-sale interior inspections. The typical household affected by this change will probably be the owner of a two-family who lives in one of the units and rents the other.

In another change, single-family residences that are rented out will be subject to the same regular interior inspections as a normal apartment unit. Together with the preceding change, this will bring all owner-occupied residential buildings under very similar inspectional procedures, and all buildings occupied exclusively by renters under another distinct set of procedures.

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We saw over 80,000 people enjoy themselves on Coventry Road. All of this is due to a lot of hard work by many people. To all been possible without cooperative effort. We give a special thanks you to Gary Wells, Music Chairman, for his work with the radio broadcast and in accomplishing a very difficult task and coordinating everything. Also special thanks to Lee Baldorf, Panfare/Masquerade chairman, for putting together the Daffy Dan Coventry Village Kazoo Band and Chorus and the and the costume contest on Sunday. A job extremely well done by both of these men.

The Anniversary Celebration/Reception was a great success. About 100 people were in attendance and enjoyed a variety of good-tasting food. We have some excellent cooks in Coventry Village. We were able to renew friendships and talk about the years past. We all enjoyed the slide presentation by Joe Polevoi. We'll have to do this again some time; maybe we won't have to wait for another ten-year anniversary.

We printed some thank-yous in the Street Fair guide. Because the guide is printed long before the Fair, there are always people who get left out. Without all of the help we got, the job never could have got done.

These are some of the people we'd like to thank:

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHDOG: A question for YOU

Over the past years I have observed an increasing, but un-focused, interest from parents in getting together about their teenaged offspring. The school system, led by Dr. Al Abramovitz, has spearheaded the cooperative efforts of suburban school systems to take action on problems of substance abuse--through Project Care. Cleveland Heights-University Heights citizens have been slower to organize themselves. Perhaps more emphasis should be placed on prevention and support to "straight" young people.

A small group called Community Aware has been working for three years to involve more citizens and parents in a mutually helpful organization. One of their

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goals is a networking structure through which parents can learn from other parents about what goes on at parties. Working with Project Care staff, Community Aware is about to mail out permission slips which parents can return to the Project Care office giving permission for their names, addresses, and phone numbers to be listed in a directory. In so doing, they express their willingness to be called by other parents searching for information. Why should this be necessary? Because parents of teenagers, while still legally and morally responsible, have lost the effective means for keeping track of their children's whereabouts, associates, activities. They may know little about the family at whose house a party takes place. Once young people can drive or have friends who drive, and once they get to junior high school, their field of movement, the number and variety of their friends, and their ability to conceal activities increases astronomically. It is very possible for a youth to develop a serious problem with drugs, alcohol, or sexual-acting out, and in collusion with friends, effectively hide it. Parents have difficulty getting information about parties that move from house to house, about parents who permit and even encourage drinking in their homes, or about parents who are supposedly "at home," but who hole-up on the third floor, never appearing or checking on a party. Lacking information, parents find it hard to say "No" with authority when their children need protection.

Besides networking, Community Aware is interested in promoting legislation to back up parental efforts. Examples: 1) legislation requiring licensing and inspection of drug paraphernalia stores; 2) legislation (sometimes called the "keg" law) making it illegal for parents knowingly to serve or permit the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors, other than their own children, in their homes; 3) additional training for police in techniques for recognizing and intervening in substance abuse problems before they become full-blown.

The "keg" law in Shaker Heights, according to Terry Brennen of that city's law department, is a direct result of efforts of Shaker Parents Aware. Since enactment last year there has been one conviction. The law has a deterrent effect on parents whose frequent calls to the law department indicate a sudden awareness of their legal responsibility--and of the maximum penalty of six months in jail and \$1000 fine. Complaints from students indicate that keg parties are drying up. Such results help re-inforce youth who have not become involved with substance abuse.

Community Aware in Cleveland Heights-University Heights, to achieve similar effectiveness, must become larger group, sharing the work and communicating the message. Their goals and methods, still being clarified, will depend on the number of workers available and the consensus of what is desirable, necessary, and possible in our community. Shaker Parents Aware provides evidence that a few people can make a big difference. If you want to be part of that difference call Ginny Bell, 381-3416, or Gloria Smith, 291-3854. Asking "Why don't they..." will not make anything happen. The question, if you are concerned, is "Why don't YOU...?"

--June Wortman

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