

# COVENTRY VILLAGE

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...from the editor

...Our thanks to Mr. Tony Granata of the Cleveland Musicians' Union who was the speaker for our September Program Meeting. Those present participated in a diversified and valuable discussion of the future plans for the Musicians' Tower on Lancashire Road. Though no specific plans appear to be pending for community involvement, public rooms in the building are to be made available for use by area residents as well as building tenants. A mini-bus service for tenants of the Tower is planned and the question of extending its use to community residents was raised, but the prospect seemed doubtful.... Monday, October 8 marked Coventry Neighbors annual meeting and the election of Trustees. Prior to the election, members present voted unanimously to remove the geographical restriction on eligibility for Board membership. It was also decided that major Constitutional revision was necessary, but that time for some study of the matter was needed and that revisions will be made at a subsequent meeting. Trustees elected for the '73-'74 term are: Dennis Niermann, Pres.; Ellen Gardiner, V.P./Treasurer; Karen Lind, Secretary; Ann Hunter; Al Rappoport; and Bob Archer. We're happy to have Dennis back on the Board after a year's absence, and we welcome our new Trustee, Bob Archer....Our next meeting will be on October 24, which is a Wednesday, and will be a Candidates' Night. See separate column for details, and come and bring as many friends and neighbors as you can. This should be our most valuable Program Meeting so far, and the better the turnout, the more interesting the meeting will be.

## MEETINGS I

Wednesday, October 24 8:00 P.M.

### CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Co-sponsored by the Social Action  
Committee of the Unitarian Society

Monday, November 12 7:30 P.M.

### Steering Committee

General Business Meeting follows  
(Approximately 8:30 P.M.)

Both meetings at the Unitarian Society  
2728 Lancashire Road

## BOND ISSUES

At our October 8 meeting members voted to support the Library Bond Issue and the Bond Issue for Street Repaving. Coventry Neighbors cannot support the Parking Bond Issue at this time because of the lack of long-range planning for the use of the bond money and the lack of citizen input in decisions regarding off-street parking sites. We all agree on the need for more off-street parking, but building parking lots requires the displacement of whatever or whomever occupies such sites presently. We are unwilling to give free rein (and 3.5 million dollars) to a city government deaf to its citizens' priorities on site development. We therefore urge your "NO" vote on the Parking Bond Issue.

## COME TO MEETINGS!

Now that the vacation season is over, we'd like to increase meeting attendance. Please come to meetings, and bring a friend.

### CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The next meeting in our Program Series will be a Candidates' Night for all Cleveland Heights city council candidates. It will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at 8:00 PM at the Unitarian Society Building. Please note this is a Wednesday, not Monday as usual. All candidates have accepted our invitation to participate. Each will give a short presentation, after which there will be ample time for questions from the audience. The program will be moderated by Dr. Ronald Busch of C.S.U.'s political science faculty. This should be a valuable exposure to the candidates for all area voters, and particularly to new residents. Be sure to come and invite neighbors, especially new ones. This meeting will include council candidates only. The P.T.A. is sponsoring a candidates night for school board candidates on Wednesday, October 17, at 8:00 P.M. at Coventry Elementary School. Many of our readers may want to attend both.

### LANDLORD/TENANT WORKSHOP

The Rental Practices subcommittee of the Housing Task Force of Heights Community Congress will sponsor a landlord/tenant workshop on Saturday, November 10 at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. An all-day event with morning and afternoon sessions and a lunch is planned. All Cleveland Heights landlords and tenants are welcome. Contact the Congress office at Cedar and Lee Roads (321-6775) for information and/or watch for details in the Sun Press and other local publicity. Coventry Neighbors is a member of Heights Community Congress, and several of our members are active on its committees.

### PERSONALS

A few more aspiring gourmets are welcome in the Coventry Gourmet Club. Call Ann or Ellen if you're interested...Doris Goist is the undisputed winner of the Great L'Eggs Pantyhose Egg Contest. Her suggestion is a large, safe cat toy. Place a few Cat Chows in one of the large plastic eggs and seal with glue or tape. This makes a nice rattle-type toy which rolls in unpredictable directions due to the egg-shape, plus a bonus--if the toy accidentally comes apart, the contents are a harmless and tasty treat for your pet! (Unfortunately, Doris declined to relieve me of my vast collection of plastic eggs.)...As the tennis season, alas, is over, we can turn our attention to winter sports. Anyone got any ideas they want to share through this column for group sports? Call Ann at 932-8729 and I'll print them in next month's NEWS. A.H.

### FUND RAISING

As all our readers no doubt know, Coventry Neighbors is a non-profit organization. It is now also rather poor, and without money, we are pretty limited in what we can do for the community. In addition to donations, which we can always use, we desperately need some good fund raising ideas, and the manpower to implement them. If anyone has had previous experience with successful fund-raising, please share your ideas and knowledge. Contact Ellen Gardiner, Treasurer, at 932-8729. We need your help.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

It gets kind of lonely being a newsletter without response. Please keep in touch. We really want your comments and suggestions.

