

Disorderly Conduct Law Struck

Judge Sara Hunter of the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court ruled this past month that a local municipal ordinance which outlawed disorderly conduct was unconstitutional. In doing so, she dismissed the case against James A. Williams, 37, a Cleveland teacher. The case began when Williams was arrested at a party on Coventry Road near Mayfield after arguing with policemen.

The judge's ruling made unnecessary any consideration of whether the law had actually been violated in this instance. The ordinance defined disorderly conduct as quarreling, wrangling, or using obscene or profane language. In Judge Hunter's opinion, this ordinance was too vague and in violation of freedom of speech.

The incident which resulted in the arrest came after police responded to a landlord's complaint about a loud party. Witnesses say that Williams began arguing with the police about a parking ticket on his car for violating the 3:00-5:00 a.m. ordinance, and the arrest followed soon after.

OUR NEXT MEETING OF COVENTRY NEIGHBORS, INC. WILL BE ON TUESDAY,
MAY 11, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. AT THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY ON LANCASHIRE
ROAD. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

May 11, 1976: CNI Agenda

1. Guest Speaker: Re Proposed City Income Tax Increase
2. Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 1976 - Janet St. Clair
3. Financial Report - Ester Brodsky
4. 1976 Coventry Street Fair: Status Report
5. Council Report - David Burwasser
School Report - Mary Picken; School Levy Report - Ruth Miller
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting

GREAT KIWANIS GARAGE SALE

On Saturday, May 15, there will be an opportunity for three groups to get together at the Cleveland Heights Pavilion between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Under the supervision of the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland Heights, residents holding on to odds and ends, merchants with excess inventory, and bargain hunters fed up with driving all over Cleveland Heights will be able to get it all together at one big community garage sale.

Thousands of items will be displayed under one roof, including household goods, clothes, shoes, baby items, toys, furniture, appliances, records, books, jewelry, garden supplies, art work, fine china and silver, hand tools, sports equipment, and much more.

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Huge Turn-Out for Hampshire Road Day

Close to 200 Hampshire Road residents and building owners worked May 1st to green and clean the block, participating in what all agreed was a highly successful clean-up day. A party held the same evening, on the vacant lot between 2656 Hampshire and 2644 Hampshire, gave many of the participants a chance to relax together after the work was done.

Several said they wished that the city-owned lot would be cleaned and developed, so that everybody in the area could enjoy the open space regularly.

The clean-up day was sponsored by the Hampshire Road Association, an organization of residents and owners of property on Hampshire Road between Overlook and Coventry. From 8:00 a.m. to about 5:30 p.m., both owners and tenants were outside, hauling junk, planting greenery, and doing innumerable other clean-up and maintenance jobs.

Over 100 bushes were planted up and down the block. Bob Brigden and Frank Boldizar, owners of 2734 Hampshire, not only planted bushes, but also put grass seed down all around their property, and planted new trees on the tree lawn. They hauled away over one and a half tons of old coal that had been lying in their basement, and moved almost a truckload of dirt in the process of planting.

Across the street, the tenants of 2741 Hampshire, a building owned by Avram Bendoly, cut the grass, trimmed all the bushes and hedges, put railroad tie borders around the garden beds, raked all leaves from the lawn, picked papers up all around the building, washed windows and cleaned the fire escapes.

Charlie Spademan, a tenant at 2741, said "everybody came out and did work. It was a marvelous experience, working together." Janet St. Clair and Peter Kibbe, also tenants of 2741, said that they had a good time working. "It was real," said Kibbe. Susan Twinning, Keith Howlett, Randy Hersey, Bill Van Eys and Ed Van Eys, also worked hard at 2741.

Robert Bradley, owner of 2640-38 Hampshire, put in new front and back grass lawns, planted new privet bushes, and laid a new concrete front sidewalk and back patio.

But the above are just a few examples of the work done. All day, lawnmowers hummed along the block. Just about everybody put huge piles of junk on the tree lawns and a pick-up truck, provided especially for the clean-up day by the City of Cleveland Heights, rumbled up and down the block hauling away things discarded.

The City also provided a volley ball net, volley balls, frisbees, badmitten equipment and the equipment for many other games that were played at the evening's party.

At one point, residents participated in a game dubbed "badvolleymitten" by Hampshire Road resident Rick Lundquist. It's played by holding a badmitten racket in one hand, and trying to hit a volley ball with the other. After a while, a frisbee was being thrown back and forth also, so you just stood on your side of the net and hit, caught, or batted whatever came over.

Lundquist and Kermit Lind contributed the funds which made the party and other parts of the day possible. Sandra Levine and Jan St. Clair planned the party.

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Each resident brought his own hot dogs, hamburgers or chicken, which all cooked and shared. Unfortunately, rain which had been threatening all day, finally came at 9:00 p.m., cutting the party short. A band, led by Keith Howlett (who also helped plan the day's events) could not perform.

"I really got a chance to see the friendly spirit on this block," said Bob Brigden, referring to the fact that everybody was sharing tools and advice all day. At the end of the work, many people just stood outside their homes, looking at their accomplishments, satisfied grins on their faces.

"I got a bunch of @#\$%&!!! blisters on my hands," said Debe Levine, "from washing and sweeping my porch and cleaning my windows." Debe had also printed the signs to advertise the event.

Clean-Up Day Coordinator, Larry Rubin, presented a letter of thanks to the City Council for its cooperation.

Other people who made the day possible were Bart Woodward, Lisa Soule, Renee Fleckenstein, Derek Milliron, Mary Manning and Zoot.

- Larry Rubin

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HCC IS HAVING A PARTY.....AND YOU ARE INVITED!

Come and celebrate the recognition given to Cleveland Heights as an All-American City. The Heights Community Congress is sponsoring a party on Saturday, June 5th at the Cleveland Heights Pavilion from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There will be dancing to the music of Lou Elgart, beer, snacks, and fun. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Proceeds of this party will help the HCC raise some badly needed funds from the community to match foundation monies and ticket donations are tax-deductible. Moreover, if you have dinner at certain Cleveland Heights restaurants before the dance and turn your receipt over to the HCC, 10-15% of your bill will go to the HCC. Participating restaurants are:

- Au Province*
- Brown Derby*
- Earth by April*
- Out to Eat (Jayson's)*
- Light of Yoga*
- Michaelangelo's*

For ticket information and reservations, call 321-6775.

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The Annual Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library will be held Thursday, June 10th through Saturday, June 12th. For the first time, the Sale will be held at the Cleveland Heights Pavilion (Superior and Mayfield Roads) instead of at the Main Library. There will be many fine bargains for 50¢ and less, and all proceeds will be used to help support our fine library system. Please come, browse, and buy!

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WANTED: Someone to do lawn work and other light jobs. Call Mrs. Levin at 321-9161.

Housing Solicitation Ain't Just Bad...Sometimes It's Illegal

If you are a homeowner, you should be aware of Resolutions 26-1976 and 27-1976, passed March 15, 1976 by the Cleveland Heights City Council. Under these laws, you have protection against real estate agents who would harass you over your private telephone. But the protection does not work for you--or anyone else--unless you help.

A homeowner who does not wish to sell his home and who does not wish to be telephoned must sign a card stating this to be the case, if he is to be covered under the new law. Cards will be distributed throughout the community and are available at the Division of Community & Public Relations at City Hall. A list of persons who have sent cards to City Hall will, in turn, be distributed to the real estate industry.

If you have signed a card and are then solicited, your help becomes crucial. Your call to Community Relations (321-0100 Ext. 287) will alert the City and bring the enforcement mechanism of the new laws into play. Your silence may well encourage and promote blockbusting, racial steering, and other tactics which are undermining the stability of neighborhoods.

The new laws and the procedures they establish mark an honest attempt to