

CNI BEGINS A NEW YEAR

Coventry Neighbors, Inc. begins a new fiscal year with its annual election meeting this Monday, October 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society on Lancashire Road.

Offices to be filled include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Trusteeships. As usual, the meeting is open and all interested parties are urged to attend.

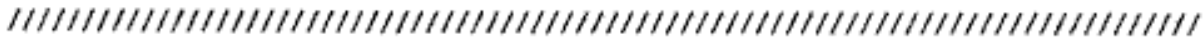
CNI dues are \$3.00 per year. Money raised by dues is used to pay for this newsletter, for community projects, and for donations to various activities which affect the Coventry area. In past years, CNI has supported a major desegregation lawsuit, the citizen's campaign for a city income tax increase, non-partisan candidates' nights at election time, tree planting on the commercial strip, and three Coventry Village Street Fairs. Our members have testified before courts, city council, and various administrative boards, and have lobbied both privately and publically for official action.

CNI needs your help if it is to continue functioning as an efficient, community-oriented organization. It needs your support through dues. (However, it is a non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible.) Most of all, it needs your support through attendance at our monthly meetings. A community group is nothing more than the vehicle by which like-minded persons find one another, establish common goals, and pool resources. We sincerely hope you, our readers, will drop in on a meeting sometime and give CNI a chance.

THE NEXT MEETING OF COVENTRY NEIGHBORS, INC. WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1976 AT 7:30 p.m. AT THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY ON LANCASHIRE ROAD. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD DURING THIS MEETING AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE ALL MEMBERS AND STREET ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

 CNI Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the September 14, 1976 Meeting
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Reports: School-Related
 Merchants' Activities
 Issue 20: 1/2% income tax increase
- 4) Old Business: C-Saw Cafe
 Proposed Laundromat
 Use of Community Development Block Grant
 funds for Coventry/Euclid Hts. Blvd. Street Work
- 5) New Business: Proposed Fondue Restaurant
- 6) Election of Officers
- 7) Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 1976, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Society



Editor's Note: *The following article was prompted by a question asked of the author by an elderly resident of Musicians' Tower concerning the author's thoughts on the subject of sex. The author has no exceptional qualifications as an authority on the subject--so far as we know, at least--but he feels that his response to the question seems as sane as any and more sane than most responses.*

IS SEX APPROPRIATE?

One or two of you have asked about the appropriateness of having sex. The question is usually prompted by some change in your life which reveals to you that the old urge is still there and that you feel warmly enough about someone to have that consideration rest lightly on your mind.

The word lightly can best describe that condition in which the thought passes quickly, giving you a mild chuckle, a risqué dream, or it can be as sticky as burned rice in a pot that--try as you might--won't get off your mind.

Because we humans are a defensive lot, we use our lives towards ends which we understand. We defend ourselves against buffoonery, often to the exclusion of sharing our genuine warmth, exuberance and creativity, many times from those who love us.

Unless you have chosen a life of celibacy, in which case you should lead no one asunder, then you are a candidate--at whatever age--for being a total human and sexual being. It is up to you to have the honesty to assess your desire and the depth of your relationships with others to know when and whether sex may be a part of your overall communication with someone else.

It is untrue and a waste to assume that people simply "hang-up" their interest in sex when they reach a certain age. Sex is part of your programming. It was put there in the first place as nature's insurance that the race would be propagated. It was and is founded on the pleasure principle to stimulate you to be receptive or aggressive as the case may be, and it has the characteristic of repetitiveness. We may satisfy the need for sleep or hunger for the moment, but tomorrow we'll have to sleep again.

The principle of self-sufficiency states that "The existence of something is sufficient reason for its existence." This is certainly true of your sexual interests, just as it is true of your existence.

Before the "Tower" becomes the hotbed of amorous advances and Bachanallian excess, keep these considerations in mind:

Sex is couched in fantasy. Be sure, as best you can, that your fantasy is appropriate. Sex springs from need. Does the other person need you? Alexander the Great made the comment that nothing made him feel more mortal than sex. Do you want to unmask your mortality (and your vulnerability) with the one you desire?

Finally, give consideration to questions of your health as well as your dignity. Sex is something you don't have to talk about. If it is appropriate, the signals will be flashed automatically. You won't have to figure out any codes or dramatic settings. Your posture should be that of making your loved one

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Should Issue 20 fail, there may be more cuts in police, fire, and sanitation services. Estimates are that \$50-100,000 will have to be sliced from the budget. Moreover, it can be expected that the City will have a lower municipal bond rating (which will cause future generations to incur larger costs paying off interest), that redlining by financial institutions will increase, and that federal funding which is based on the degree to which a city taxes itself will decrease.

If you want more information about Issue 20 and why it is needed, you have many options. CNI will discuss Issue 20 at its next meeting. A town hall meeting on Issue 20 will be held at Coventry Elementary School, in the all-purpose room, on Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Any group can get a free speaker on Issue 20 by calling Margaret Robinson at home (321-7735) or at work (368-4450).

A vote for Issue 20 is a vote for the continued vitality and viability of the City of Cleveland Heights. A vote against Issue 20 by those of you who hate parking tickets, dislike taxes, whatever their purpose, or just plain don't care for our present City officials, is a short-sighted act which will benefit nobody and hurt everybody.

Please vote "YES" on Issue 20 on Election Day.

- Alan Rapoport

In Passing.....

Late last Thursday, September 30, the C-Saw Cafe held a going-out-of-business party. The building is now dark and, presumably, unoccupied. Both friends and foes of the C-Saw will undoubtedly agree that the Coventry neighborhood just won't never be the same without it.

Coventry Area Residents Vie For Community Improvement Awards

A prestigious group of judges will announce its decisions when the Second Annual Community Improvement Awards are given at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. Nominees from the Coventry area outnumber nominees from any other single area in the City this year.

Judges for the program are James Floyd, James Heyer, Myrna Tatar, Walter Kirkham, and George McCann. Co-sponsors of the awards program are the City of Cleveland Heights and the Heights Community Congress. In presenting this program, the sponsors seek to "encourage and recognize individual and collective efforts to improve the City's physical environment and preserve its excellence."

In the "Individual Residence" category, the Coventry area nominees are: David Haberman (3010 East Overlook), David Christman (2968 Somerton), Mort Epstein (12621 Cedar), Stanley Altman (2934 East Derbyshire), Ro and Don Eugene (2469 Kenilworth), Joseph Edgar (2969 Somerton), V. J. Iannarelli/W. Ranson (2512 Kenilworth), Jeri Zauder (2380 Overlook), Ron Klimkowocz (1783 Cadwell), Kenneth Mackey (3078 Euclid Heights Boulevard), and Jan VanDerMeulen (2889 Washington).

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