

The Fifth Annual Coventry Street Fair Lives!

If you loved it the first four times, you are sure to love it the fifth time. So say the organizers of the Fifth Annual Coventry Street Fair, to be held on Saturday, July 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Fair attracted an estimated 40,000 people last year, and weather permitting, it is expected that a similar crowd will attend this year's festivities.

Permission to hold the Fair was granted by a unanimous vote of the Cleveland Heights Board of Zoning Appeals on June 21, 1978. Under the terms of the special permit issued by the Board to Coventry Neighbors, Inc., the entire length of Coventry Road from Euclid Heights Boulevard to Mayfield Road will be cut off to vehicular traffic. Booths and stages will then be set on and along the sidewalks. People will be able to walk right down the middle of Coventry Road, which in effect will be converted into one gigantic outdoor mall.

Fair organizers are planning a first-rate craft fair, featuring Coventry merchants, nationally known artisans, and many of the creative people who live in and around Coventry. It is expected that there will be more and better art for sale and show than at any of the previous street fairs, thanks to Cuyahoga Artisans, a guild of working craft people which is arranging this aspect of the Street Fair.

Items for sale will include pottery, glassware, paintings, stained glass, jewelry, and leather goods. In addition, vendors will offer pastries, ribs, hot dogs, tacos, and other delights. Entertainment will be present in the form of Alex Bevan, Gusti, Michael Spiro, the Mr. Stress Blues Band, Cindy McKay, and an assortment of groups performing jazz, country rock, and folk music. There will also be shows for children on Sunday afternoon, as well as jugglers, mimes, and fire eaters.

The emphasis this year is on proving that Coventry is still alive, still vibrant, and as exciting a place as ever. Mass advertising has been kept at a minimum, so do spread the word -- Coventry is having a show and a party and everyone is cordially invited.

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*Anyone desiring information about the Fifth Annual Coventry Street Fair should contact one of the following people:*

Elvie Zell (crafts): 321-1108  
David Budin (entertainment): 932-3741 (home); 248-6455 (office)  
Alan Rapoport (food and information): 932-1144 (home); 696-0600 (office)

*Persons who desire to set up booths at the Fair will need to apply for a permit from one of the above people, who should be contacted as much in advance of the Fair as possible.*

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BZA APPROVES COVENTRYARD COMPROMISE

*Editor's Note: On June 21, the Cleveland Heights Board of Zoning Appeals amended Adjudication Order No. 1978-6 (ordering demolition of Coventryard) to incorporate and reflect a written agreement signed by the City and Lewis Zipkin. We reproduce below in text of that written agreement.*

*Two other City adjudication orders are mentioned in the agreement. Order No. 1978-1 demanded demolition of the third-story front part of Coventryard, which demolition was carried out by the City. Order No. 1978-5 demanded a temporary boarding of Coventryard, pending further decisions by City Building Commissioner Jack Travis.*

WHEREAS, Fenton Investment Company is the legal owner of the premises located at 2785 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, known as Coventryard Shopping Mall, and further known as Permanent Parcel No. 685-11-15 on the maps and records of Cuyahoga County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, as the result of a fire that occurred on or about February 5, 1978, the Coventryard Shopping Mall suffered significant damage; and

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to Adjudication Order No. 1978-1, issued by the Building Commissioner on February 9, 1978, did order and cause certain portions of the Coventryard Shopping Mall to be demolished; and

WHEREAS, absent full compliance with Adjudication Order No. 1978-5, issued by the Building Commissioner on April 17, 1978, and compliance with certain other health and safety requirements ordered by the City, the Coventryard Shopping Mall, in its present condition, could constitute an immediate hazard to human life and health as stated in Adjudication Order No. 1978-6, issued by the Building Commissioner on April 17, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Fenton Investment Company is presently in compliance with said Adjudication Order No. 1978-5 and is presently in compliance with the other City health and safety requirements relating to the immediate protection of human life and health, the Coventryard Shopping Mall does not constitute an immediate public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the entering into of this Agreement and Power of Attorney would be in the best interests of the city and would serve to protect the public health, welfare and safety;

THEREFORE, the City and Fenton Investment Company do agree as follows:

1) That all of the statements contained in the preamble of this Agreement and Power of Attorney are true, are incorporated herein by reference and may be relied upon by the Board of Zoning Appeals in deciding Calendar No. 1104, the appeal of Fenton Investment Company.

2) That Fenton Investment Company shall continue its present compliance with Adjudication Order 1978-5 and with all other reasonable and proper health and safety orders of the City, and particularly including all reasonable and proper orders of the Building Department, Fire Department and Health Department.

3) That within thirty (30) days of the date of the signing of this Agreement and Power of Attorney, Fenton Investment Company shall complete the  
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BZA/Coventryard Compromise (continued)

selective demolition of the portions of the Coventryard Shopping Mall that could presently constitute a reasonable hazard to the health and safety of persons within and/or without said structure.

4) That on or before October 2, 1978, the Fenton Investment Company, its legal successor or assign shall have either completed the total demolition of the structure known as Coventryard Shopping Mall and shall have filled and graded the site, all in accordance with law, or shall have made application to the Building Commissioner for a building permit to reconstruct the Coventryard Shopping Mall, said application to have been made in compliance with and in the manner prescribed by the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights and the reasonable and proper rules and regulations promulgated by the Building Department pursuant thereto.

5) That if the City Manager shall determine that Fenton Investment Company, its legal successor or assign has not fully complied with provision 4 of this Agreement and Power of Attorney on or before October 2, 1978, then October 3, 1978 Fenton Investment Company does by this document hereby authorize and appoint the City Manager of the City of Cleveland Heights as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of effecting the total demolition of the structure known as Coventryard Shopping Mall, 2785 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and further known as being Permanent Parcel No. 685-11-15 on the maps and records of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, giving and granting unto said attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform every act and thing that is necessary or proper to be done in carrying out the purpose for which this power is granted as might or could have been done by Fenton Investment Company through an authorized officer or agent if personally present, and Fenton Investment Company does hereby ratify and confirm that which the City Manager of the City of Cleveland Heights, as its attorney-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by himself by virtue of the power conferred upon him herein. (A copy of the legal description of said premises is attached hereto, identified as Exhibit "A," and incorporated herein by reference.)

Said power of attorney shall include, but not be limited to, the retaining by the City Manager at a reasonable and prevailing rates of compensation, of a qualified professional engineer and the hiring of a qualified demolition contractor and such safety and other personnel as said attorney-in-fact shall determine are necessary, and the purchasing of such bonds and policies of insurance as the said attorney-in-fact shall determine are necessary in order to protect the City of Cleveland Heights and the general public.

6) That in consideration of the City entering into this Agreement and Power of Attorney, Fenton Investment Company agrees that said power of attorney shall not be revoked without the written approval of the City Manager, which written approval shall appear upon the document revoking said power of attorney.

7) That all of the terms of this Agreement and Power of Attorney shall be made a part of any agreement between the Fenton Investment Company and any other individual or business entity relating to the sale, exchange, or lease of said premises and shall be fully binding upon said successors or assigns.

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### HCC Seeks Oppressed Tenants

Do any of these problems sound familiar to you?

- no locks on front or back doors
- no window screens
- no heat in the winter
- leaky faucets and pipes
- poor hallway and outdoor lighting
- repairs that never get made
- constant rent increases

Tenants in several buildings on Euclid Heights Boulevard and Hampshire Road have begun to work together around complaints like these, and are finding that something can be done!

The Heights Community Congress wants to help tenants help themselves to better living conditions. If you are a tenant with similar concerns or want a safer and more attractive building, contact Patti Pap or Joyce Cohen at the Heights Community Congress (321-6775).

P.S. There will be a Tenant Safety Workshop on Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coventry Village Library

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### ROCK COURT HOMES POSTED FOR EVACUATION

Three frame houses on the west side of Rock Court, eviction of whose tenants has sparked a controversy in the Coventry community, have been condemned by the Cleveland Heights Building Department as unfit for habitation. Posted notices dated June 19 prohibit occupancy of any of the units--six in all, one upstairs and one down in each house--for any purpose whatsoever. At least some of the units were, to this reporter's personal observation, still occupied as of June 25.

A court case initiated by the tenants, contesting their eviction by landlord Margit Siegler, will come to trial early in July. The frank intention of the tenants has been to buy time through court proceedings; whether the posting will help or hinder their delaying tactics remains to be seen.

One of the objectives of buying time has been to develop community support. A snag in that process has developed with a new dispute over the accuracy with which the EXPRESS reported proceedings of a meeting of the Rock Court community with Cleveland Heights Planning Director Howard Maier. (EXPRESS is an alternative newspaper edited by tenant leader Lee Batdorff.) The issue was thoroughly vented at the June meeting of CoventryNeighbors, Inc.

Coventry Neighbors, already on record in opposition to the "depopulation and prospective demolition of the west side of Rock Court," has called for a meeting in the wake of the news story dispute--a meeting to include the tenants, the Sieglers, Pick-N-Pay, a City representative, and other neighbors. CNI Secretary Dave Burwasser agreed to try to initiate this action at City Hall. Further developments, if any, will be reported at the July 11 CNI meeting.

- Dave Burwasser

THANK YOU!

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Community-Wide Recycling - A Proposal for Cleveland Heights

Most Coventry residents are well aware that recycling municipal waste is one step towards a way of life that does not irretrievably deplete our resources. Many participate in voluntary recycling programs, but a community-wide effort as a regular part of municipal refuse collection would clearly be far more effective. A number of such efforts have begun in a handful of towns from Marblehead, Mass. to San Luis Obispo, California. Cleveland Heights, with a tree as its symbol and with its reputation for citizen activism, could also be one of the pioneers. The reasons are not only ecologic: Cleveland Heights now

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carries off to landfills refuse which is worth about \$130,000 a year on the local market. In addition, production of these materials involves cutting 60,000 trees, mining of Aluminum, and expensive energy usage. If only 50% of the marketable resources in garbage were recycled, annual proceeds would be about \$36,000 from newspaper, nearly \$12,000 from glass, and almost \$19,000 from Aluminum. The savings on landfill would amount to another \$10,000. These figures were computed assuming no change in labor costs whether garbage is dumped or recycled.

How does community-wide recycling work? There is little experience to draw on, and most is not truly comparable. However, in a successful six-month pilot program in Seattle, 60% of the community consistently separated glass, cans, and newspapers in marked bags. Once a month, there was a separate pickup of these items along with a supply of new bags. To produce this excellent participation, all that was required was an initial solicitation letter and a telephone follow-up of those that did not respond to the letter. In another community--Marblehead, Mass.--a recycling program similar to Seattle's was more than 50% successful in 1977, and it ended the year with a net financial gain. This is encouraging, because Marblehead and Cleveland Heights have similar types of population. Another appealing feature of the "source-separation" approach is its flexibility: it involves very little start-up costs, and the nature of materials recycled can be changed with experience, change in markets, or passage of a bottle bill.

If there was a successful program in Cleveland Heights, any money saved or earned could pay for ecologically related projects, such as distributing free biodegradable garbage bags (as soon as they are on the market) for unrecycled garbage, instead of the plastic bags now required. The program could also investigate composting of leaves, grass clippings, and shredded yard waste, instead of paying to have this valuable resource dumped in the landfill. Many gardeners here would love to have this compost--it works wonders on our clay soil and saves on fertilizer--and any left over could be sold. (It retails for about \$1.50 per 40 lb. bag.) Even if the source-separation program only broke even, it would still serve to give an entire community a sense of control and pride in preserving valuable resources. For some, it would be an educational experience.

What can be done to launch a source-separation program in Cleveland Heights? Already several Heights City Councilmen have lent a sympathetic ear to this proposal. What is needed is a citizens' task force to discuss the matter with neighborhood groups, to come up with ideas and proposals, and to generate popular support and enthusiasm. Heights Community Congress has agreed to sponsor such a task force if enough people volunteer. If you're interested, please call Norman Robbins (932-9077) and join in fostering grass-roots ecology.

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