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Newsletter of Coventry Neighbors, Inc.

COVENTRYARD IS STILL THERE!

Now this may not seem too unusual - after all, Coventryard has been there in its same condition since the February fire. But the October 2 deadline set by the City of Cleveland Heights has passed, and the City Manager has not yet asked permission to seek bids for its demolition. The play thus enters Act III, the first act being the fire, and the second the dramatic decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals to give developer Lewis A. Zipkin time to apply for a renovation permit.

City Manager Richard Robinson has stated that Mr. Zipkin has submitted detailed plans to the City. These plans then were referred to a consulting architect named Walter Wefel, and to Building Commissioner George Hills. The decision of Mr. Robinson not to request permission of City Council at its October 2 meeting for a go-ahead on demolition can only mean that the plans are detailed enough to merit consideration. The plans may yet be rejected for a number of reasons.

The largest hurdle faced by Mr. Zipkin is the often-stated reluctance of City Council to grant any more parking variances in Coventry until a City parking plan is unveiled. No such plan has been unveiled, and nobody at City Hall will commit himself or herself to a deadline on one.

Mr. Zipkin has written Coventry Neighbors, Inc. requesting an opportunity to discuss his plans with the membership. As President of CNI, I have informed Mr. Zipkin of the time, date, and place of our next meeting. I have also invited various City administrators to attend if they are able to clear their personal calendars. The October CNI meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend and hear more about the status and future of Coventryard.

Meanwhile, the residents of Coventry and the people of Greater Cleveland wait with much anticipation for Act IV and Act V.

Alan Papoport

THE NEXT MEETING OF COVENTRY NEIGHBORS, INC.....

Will be held on MONDAY, October 9, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.
at the Unitarian Society, 2728 Lancashire Road,
across from Musicians' Tower. PLEASE BE THERE!

SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings from the School-Community Program. My office is again at Roxboro Junior High School and I can be reached by dialing 371-7458 or 371-7238. We are beginning the third year of the School-Community Program and our objective continues to be the development of a sense of identification with the schools by members of the community while at the same time making the schools more responsive to the community. Emphasis in our program is placed on the utilization of the schools by the entire community, that is, families with school age children as well as families that have no connection whatsoever with the schools. Each year, our focus has broadened and this year is no exception! We will be helping to facilitate changes in our district. As you no doubt realize, Dr. A. J. Abramovitz, Superintendent, and the School Board recently announced the new elementary school boundaries which go into effect in September, 1979. The School-Community Program will be contacting every family and child who will be affected by the new boundary lines so that there is no question as to which school an individual child is assigned. Then, in early 1979, orientation programs will begin in order to familiarize each student with his/her new school--and to the many new friendly faces of peers, parents, and staff. The orientation program will be a joint effort of Coventry Elementary School, PTA, and School-Community Program.

The new boundary line for Coventry School includes that part of Boulevard School bounded by Lee and Superior. The redistricting will increase Coventry's school population by approximately thirty students.

The new redistricting lines for the junior high schools were approved on September 25, 1978. As a result, entire elementary schools will be redistricted to the same junior high. The new junior high redistricting plan reflects the new elementary redistricting that goes into effect in September, 1979 and is as follows:

COVENTRY		CANTERBURY		OXFORD	
FAIRFAX	ROXBORO JR.	NORTHWOOD	WILEY	NOBLE	MONTICELLO
ROXBORO ELE.		BELVOIR		BOULEVARD	
		TAYLOR			

Students who will be eighth or ninth graders in September, 1979, have the option of attending their "old" junior high or their "new" junior high in September, 1979.

Last year, the Coventry school gym was open to adults for co-ed volleyball and basketball on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you are interested in having the gym open again this year, please call me.

All in all, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting year and we invite you to be a part of it, too! Remember my number--371-7458 or 371-7238--for any questions, concerns or ideas that you might have about our school district. I am looking forward to seeing and talking with as many of you as possible. Please feel free to call me at any time.

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School-Community Program

AUTUMN LEAF TIME

Weather permitting, the Service Department of the City of Cleveland Heights will make two complete circuits of the City to pick up leaves. To facilitate this process, three leaf vacuum units plus a front-end loader with open trucks will be used.

Signs reading "LEAF COLLECTION TOMORROW" will be posted on each street, one day in advance of pick-up.

You can assure yourself of WEEKLY leaf pick-up by placing bagged leaves on your tree lawn on your regular waste pick-up day.

Many residents believe that you should recycle your leaves by mulching them with a lawn mower. This will provide rich organic matter for your vegetable garden or flower bed. (Take heed, Doug West!)

Should you opt to rake your leaves to the tree lawn, follow these suggestions from the Fire Warden and the City Forester:

1. NEVER PILE LEAVES IN THE STREET. Large piles of leaves on city streets are a safety hazard to motorists. They also attract children who love to play in leaf piles and are often hidden from the motorist's view.
2. PILE LEAVES 6' FROM TREES OR UTILITY POLES. It is recommended that leaves be raked into a series of small piles. This procedure will prevent a large leaf fire in front of your home. In the event of fire damage to public property, including trees, the resident will be financially responsible.
3. DAMPEN LEAVES. Using your garden hose, or other suitable apparatus, dampen all leaf piles. DO NOT SOAK. This precaution will help prevent fires.

In the event of a leaf fire, you might make a mental note that the telephone number of the Cleveland Heights Fire Department is 321-1212.

CHI TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Every year, Coventry Neighbors, Inc. must consider its origins, think of its future, and collectively resolve the crucial question of who will represent the organization for the next year. In accordance with long-standing tradition, this notice is being printed to remind everyone that the election of officers will be held at the November monthly meeting.

Candidates for office should live in the Coventry area and are generally expected to give a damn about the neighborhood. CHI will elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two Trustees.

ANNOUNCING: THE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, October 14th is a day to look at the history of this City. On that day, from noon till 5 P.M., a public reception will be held at the old Superior School House, near the corner of Euclid Heights Boulevard and Superior Road to kick off a new and exciting venture---a Cleveland Heights Historical Society to be located in that building

Refreshments will be served. In addition, signed copies of a 1979 Cleveland Heights calendar will be on sale for \$4.95 (with one dollar going to the neighborhood organization of your choice and fifty cents going to a fund for the securing, restoring, and preserving of historic artifacts.

If it rains, the event will be on Sunday, October 15. If it rains all that weekend, the event will be Saturday, October 21.

For more details about this new facility, contact Roberta Kern (381-4923).

HCC CONSIDERS NEIGHBORHOOD TRUSTEE PLAN

The Heights Community Congress Board of Trustees have recommended that Coventry Neighbors, Inc. and the other nine umbrella associations shall have the opportunity to each have one trustee apiece on the HCC Board of Trustees. This decision must be ratified by the general membership assembled at the HCC Annual meeting October 29th between 7:30-10:30 P.M. at Hope Lutheran Church located at the corner of Northvale and N. Taylor.

SIGNIFICANCE: This would make the Neighborhoods the largest interest block in the HCC. Ratification of this bylaw change could put the Neighborhood groups in the policy making drivers seat of the HCC. The Congress staff of nine the tens of thousands of dollars in operating funds, the offices, and equipment the HCC owns are all at the disposal of the Board of Trustees. The major question is whether Coventry and the other neighborhoods will take advantage of the power you can have within the new structure and make the changes within Cleveland Heights and the HCC itself that you might wish for

The first step toward neighborhood power: Coventry Neighbors might consider electing one of its numbers to the HCC Board. The formal election of trustees is to take place at the October 29th Annual meeting and Coventry should have a representative contingent that can convey this important decision

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Do you know that the parking meters in the Coventry area (including the municipal lot across from Tommy's) do not require any money after 6:00 P.M. seven days per week?
Do you know that there are 63 businesses on the Coventry "strip"?