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COVENTRY MEN NAMED TO CHARTER COMMISSION

by

Barbara M. Littell

Three Coventry men were among fifteen Cleveland Heights residents named by Council to conduct a regular review of the City Charter mandated by the present Charter. They are Thomas Lee of Hampshire Road, David R. Burwasser of Eddington and Carl Ubbelhode of Overlook.

Lee an attorney with the firm of Kelley, McCann and Livingston has lived in Cleveland Heights all of his life. His parents both taught at Cleveland Heights High School. He has been associated with Coventry Neighbors since 1977 and for the past three years has served as legal council for the Coventry Street Fair Committee. He is also a volunteer at the Free Clinic.

Burwasser has been a political activist in Cleveland Heights for ten years. During that time he has been a regular Council watcher and commentator. Professionally he is editor of "Technical Survey," an abstracting service published by Predicasts Inc. As an avocation he edits CVN. He is a vice president of the Heights Community Congress; secretary of the Local Development Corporation and Coventry Neighbors. He is a trustee of the Heights Democrats; is a member of the Cleveland Heights Cable Commission; and, is a past president of the Unitarian Society of Cleveland.

Ubbelhode is Chair of the History Dept of Case Western Reserve University. He and his wife, Mary, have been politically active in Cleveland Heights for the seventeen years they have lived here. They were involved in the founding of the Heights Community Congress and are active members of the Heights Democrats.

The present Cleveland Heights Charter, adopted in 1921, provides that at least once every ten years Council should determine if it should be reviewed, if so to appoint a Charter Review Commission. On Monday, April 19, Council voted to set up such a body, named the fifteen to serve and chartered them to review the Charter to ascertain whether any changes or modifications are needed or desirable. In its charge the Council stated its intentions to submit amendment recommendations in the November, 1982 elections and outlined procedures by which changes could be made.

In addition Council stated that no changes should be considered in the City Manager form of government, the provisions requiring all members of Council to be elected "at-large" or in the relationship between the City Manager and the Council or the City Manager and employees of the City.

The Council directed the Commission to review segments of the Charter relating to qualifications for office and salaries of Council members; with employment, suspension or removal of the City Manager and the length of the City Manager's contract; with local election and ballots; with the procedure for initiative referendum and recall; with the power of the Council to levy taxes without a vote of the people; with the desirability of having an independent audit; and with the resignation of the City Manager as a permanent member of the Planning Commission. (Continued on Page 7)

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The Coventry Village Street Fair Committee is sponsoring a competition to choose the publicity poster for this year's Fair.

Any resident of Cleveland Heights and anyone attending school in Cleveland Heights may enter.

First Prize is gratitude and exposure; your signed work reproduced with area-wide distribution.

Technical requirements are as follows:

- 1. The poster must be in black ink on white stock, reproducible by photo-offset.
2. The poster must be 14"x 19" with a 1" border beyond the cut size marks.
3. The winning poster also becomes the design for the official Fair T-shirts. Thin lines will not transfer well to T-shirts.
4. The poster must contain the following information:
A. "Coventry Village Fair"
B. "Saturday (or Sat.) July 10 and Sunday (or Sun.) July 11"
C. "Sat. 3:00 PM to 8 PM and Sun. 12 PM to 7 PM."
D. "A production of Coventry Neighbors, Inc."
E. The location and/or a small map is optional
F. The artist's name, address, phone number, and school affiliation (if any) must be printed on the back of the submission
5. The Committee reserves the right to make minor alterations.
6. Design of the winning poster becomes the property of Coventry Neighbors, Inc. Actual art work for all submissions will be returned to the artists.

All entries must be delivered to 2910 Hampshire Road. (at Wilton) no later than 9 PM, June 1, 1981. The decision of the Committee is final. You will be notified by phone as to when to pick up your entry.

For further information call 371-2778 or 321-4670.

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COVENTRY VILLAGE STREET FAIR PLANS PROCEED

by

Bruce M. Hennes, Chairman, Coventry Village Street Fair Committee

The 1982 Coventry Village Street Fair will be held from 3 PM to 6 PM on Saturday, July 10 from Noon to 7 PM on Sunday, July 11.

Please note the change on Saturday from an evening Fair to a late afternoon, early evening fair. Residents of Coventry Village should plan to do their regular Saturday afternoon shopping on Saturday morning since Coventry Road will be closed to traffic at 2 PM on that Saturday.

As regular fair-goers know, each year's Fair has a character of its own and the Fair Committee is now hard at work preparing a number of significant changes.

Some of these changes include a change in hours as detailed above, an expanded area for "kidstuff" along with many more activities for children and their parents on both Saturday and Sunday, and a better "mix" of booths on the street. The most exciting change will be moving our Fine Arts and Crafts area from its usual location next to Pick and Pay to the Coventry Elementary School playground in order to provide a more fitting ambiance for the craftspeople.

We have not yet found a person to chair our Sanitation Committee. If you are interested, please get in touch with Bruce Hennes or Dennis Coughlin right away.

If you need any information about the Fair, please call the appropriate committee chairperson. They are:

General Information	Bruce Hennes	321-4670
	Dennis Coughlin	932-0492
Booth Allocation	Kathryn Young	321-3413
Juried Fine Arts	Joanne Hvala	371-9701
Music	Abby Linhart	371-3352
PR/Street Fair Guide	Janice Cline	371-2778
Children's Programming	Debbie Graves	932-3600
City Liaison	Larry Beam	371-6600
Legal Counsel	Tom Lee	932-1366
Senior/Handicapped Trans.	Nancy Hubbert	371-6600
Treasurer	Lonnie Hennes	321-4670
Coventry Merchant Liaison	Ellen Strong	9328111

Musicians may send tapes for consideration to River City Music, 2851 Derbyshire, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 44118

We need help on all of our committees. If you can help, please call one of us. The CV Street Fair Committee will be maintaining an office on the lower level of Coventryard Mall until the Fair is over. It will be open in the afternoons on Monday thru Saturday. Be sure to stop in and say hello.

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR CARMAKER OWE YOU?

No matter what kind of car you drive, it is possible that there may be a recall notice out on it that you don't know about. While car makers are obligated to make some effort to inform the public of recalls, many affected owners never find out.

It's to your advantage to find out, for two reasons. First, you may be driving a car with a serious defect. Secondly, the manufacturer owes you the cost of the repair, and will pay for it if you make the arrangements correctly.

How do you find out? Call the US Dept of Transportation toll-free at 1-800-424-9393; or call Mr. Prahel at the local office of the Federal Trade Commission, 522-4207.

-- Dave Burwasser

FROM HIZZHONORS DESK: AN OPINION ON SITTING

Recently, the Coventry Village News joked, with tongue in cheek, that the City of Cleveland Heights was installing "sitting meters" on Coventry. Many people took this story seriously. The result was a tremendous public uproar. City officials were bombarded with phone calls and accosted on the street. Nobody expressed support for the idea.

I find some bad news and some good news in this public response. The bad news is that so many people have a low enough opinion of City Hall to believe so absurd a story. The good news is that the public strongly supports leisurely sitting.

Sitting has been a long but not always glorious Coventry tradition. There has been good sitting and bad sitting. Sitting in the sun playing chess in the Coventryyard mini-park is good. Sitting on the stoop in front of Irv's hassling women is bad. Sitting with a cup of Arabica coffee is good. Sitting with a bottle of MD 20-20 in a brown bag is bad. Some sitting is sociable. It is still not clear just when sociability becomes "loitering." That, however, has not been a definitional problem for years - except hear Irv's and Coventry Pizza, of course.

One would suppose sitting in restaurants is good. This is not always so. The mentality of the fast food restaurant is not yet upon Coventry. However, one wonders whether purposely uncomfortable chairs and the speed with which dishes and cups are removed by waiters are not intended to drop a hint that sitting is disfavored. Turnover is profit, and after all, the rents and prices are higher these days.

The strong public reaction against sitting meters does encourage me to think that Coventry does, uh, stand behind sitting. I hope it continues to do so.

-- Alan J. Rapoport

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: "SITTING METERS" DRAWS COMMENTS

A lot of people have seen the April issue of the COVENTRY VILLAGE NEWS especially the issue of "sitting meters." It might have been funny, if it weren't so close to the truth. A few of my friends acutally believed the article and one was glad he was leaving.

The oppression of this city is well known, to most of us. Ever since the "infiltration of hippies" against the "benevolent" wishes of our city fathers of old, the city has been trying to pick our/its "Lifestyle." Well, we have gotten rid of the old cronies for a newer, younger model. The faces may change but the dance remains.

Just because a person is given a little governing power, that doesn't mean they can choose the lifestyle (i.e. who and what type of people) of the populous. You not only can't tell people how to live, walk or stand. . . any more than you can tell people how to look, talk or feel.

In fact, a person/politician attempting to do this would be wrong both legally and morally because of the guarantess of life and liberty by our country and because of God. And for those who can rationalize that the majority can decide who is desirable (or undesirable), let them remember World War II and the Jews.

-- T.H., Derbyshire

EDITORS NOTE: The name of this writer was withheld by request. BML

PUBLIC LAND REZONING PASSED

by
David R. Burwasser

City Council went ahead with its planned rezoning of publicly owned land in Cleveland Heights, at the April 5 Council meeting, acceding in the process to two out of three CNI recommendations.

Turtle Park and the Hampshire Road lot and garage will be accurately identified in the lot list incorporated into the statute. The third CNI request, that the vacant lot at Derbyshire and Euclid Heights Blvd. be rezoned single-family rather than multi-family, was not granted. Planning & Development Chair Jack Boyle explained that the City Planning Dept had intended for some time to designate that entire strip of EHB multi-family, irrespective of just how much had already been developed in that manner. Mayor Alan Rapoport noted that private development of the lot in question would require a public hearing under statute recently passed by Council for transfer of public land to private hands. Rapoport conceded after the meeting that no such automatic forum would be convened if the City itself decided to place a public use legal for an MF district on the lot-- e.g., a municipal parking lot.

Other citizens' requests, for a parkland designation and less restrictive zoning for School Board property, did not bring about any changes in the legislation.

NACC TO CONDUCT HOME REPAIR WORKSHOPS

The Neighborhood Alliance for Code Compliance announces its spring session of Home Repair Workshops.

The workshops, which are free to CH residents are how-to session on basic home repairs. In each session a professional in one of the aspects covered meets with up to ten participants in a neighborhood home and presents step-by-step instructions on how to correct the problems presented. They cover such topics as which tools to use; what materials to buy; how to save money; how to identify trouble spots; and, how to complete the job.

There are four sessions a Saturday. Two from 10 until 12 AM and two from 1 - 3 PM.

May 8	10 - 12	Carpentry - Garage Repairs Carpentry - Attic	1 - 3	To be announced Masonry
May 15	10 - 12	Electrical Plumbing	1 - 3	Masonry Gardening
June 5	10 - 12	Glass & Locks Electrical	1 - 3	Plumbing Asphalt Repair
June 19	10 - 12	Sash Cord Replacement Electrical	1 - 3	Exterior Paint Preparation To be announced
July 10	10 - 12	Electrical Carpentry	1 - 3	Exterior Paint Preparation Carpentry - Porch Repairs

Group sizes are limited, therefore registration is necessary. Call the Heights Community Congress at 321-6775 for further information.

The Neighborhood Alliance for Code Compliance is a program sponsored by the Heights Community Congress.

CNI MEETING NOTES. Dave Burwasser, Secretary

Debbie Heller, on behalf of the Crime Prevention Task Force, announced a crime resistance workshop for women to be held May 12, place to be announced; \$6.00 apiece; participants must be 18 or older, or accompanied by a parent. CNI voted to apply for Neighbors In Action grants for three Environmental Concerns Committee projects; bricking-in of the plaza in front of the City parking lot between Coventry Beverage & Pizza and Coventry Bike & Ski; trees for the Euclid Hts. Blvd. median strip; and more trash containers for the commercial strip.

The organization voted to oppose a variance requested by the gas station at Mayfield and Middlehurst for a sign, as the station had not kept its 1981 promise to landscape and remove redundant poles. On a split vote, the organization approved the Coventry Village Street Fair committee's proposed hours of the Fair: 3 - 8 PM Saturday 7/10 and noon - 7 PM Sunday 7/11.

MAYFIELD-MIDDLEHURST STATION REBUFFED

by
David R. Burwasser

The Cleveland Heights Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) withheld permission for a requested sign change from the gasoline/diesel station on Mayfield Road at Middlehurst. Under the earlier variance, the station owners had promised some landscaping steps that had not been carried out; BZA told the applicants to come back with a plan that included the promised landscaping. This was consistent with the position of C.N.I that the variance not be granted until the promised improvements had materialized.

The BZA move was consistent with recent City positions taken in similar circumstances. The new facade of Pick-N-Pay was put up under threat of prosecution for Code violations against the old facade, according to City Hall sources. And the new driveway for removal of trash from the back of Coventryard results, according to the same sources, from the City's refusal to let the New England Clam House open in the old Rocco's building until waste removal to Coventry was implemented. The only earlier refuse removal route had been an illegal use of driveways serving Lancashire apartments.

HCC TO CONDUCT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Heights Community Congress is gearing up for its first membership drive to take place at Severance Center from Wednesday, June 9 till Sunday, June 13.

The drive will take the form of a Phone-A-Thon similar to those conducted by the HCC in previous years. This year, however, because of a change in the structure of the Congress itself, instead of soliciting donations, callers will offer membership opportunities, in various categories along with a list of selected premiums in the various membership classes.

A schedule has been prepared and the Congress is recruiting 156 phoners and drivers to help with the solicitation and pick up.

Persons wishing to aid the Congress in this endeavor may do so by calling 321-6775 and volunteering to help.

STREETS AND SEWERS LEVY TO BE ON JUNE BALLOT

by

Dave Burwasser & Bobbie Littell

The City of Cleveland Heights has held two public meetings recently to drum up support for the 3.87-mill Streets and Sewers levy it placed on the June ballot.

According to the City the streets will cost \$5.2 million, sewers \$2.8 million. The bonds would be for 10 to 15 years respectively. Estimated tax would be 2.74-mills and 1.13-mills, respectively. For a home with a market value of \$60,000--the Cleveland Heights average, according to 1981 data--the tax would amount to \$57.54 per year for streets (10 yrs) and \$23.73 per year for sewers (15 yrs.). NB: The millage is on appraised value, which is about 35% of market value, or \$21,000 in the example.

City Manager Richard V. Robinson said the increase would be approximately offset by a reduction in millage already in the works. Over the next five years, Cleveland Heights will retire most of its debt, Robinson said, for an approximate 5-mill reduction by 1987. Robinson would not state flatly this would cover the total 3.87 mills projected for the two issues, because those projections are only estimates. Final calculation will depend on the interest demanded by the bond market if and when the bonds are offered for sale.

Mayor Alan Rapoport noted that the work promised in the campaign for the successful 1977 streets issue had not been completed; this he attributed to errors in engineering cost estimates, which he said would not be repeated. The campaign will be conducted by a citizen's committee; the City will furnish relatively uninspiring fact sheets stating only the facts.

Sewer work for Coventry Area will include East Derbyshire from Renrock to Cottage Grove; Derbyshire from Washington Blvd west about 1100 ft (to a point just north of Renrock, according to the City-furnished map); and a stretch of Stillman from East Derbyshire to Cedar, continuing south of Cedar to connect with other planned work.

Street work for Coventry Area will include Coventry from Cedar to the East Cleveland border; all of Superior; Lee from Mayfield to Cedar; Cedar Hill from the tip of the Hill to the Cleveland border; and Kenilworth-E Derbyshire from the top of Mayfield Hill to Euclid Hts Blvd.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Continued from Page 1)

The Commission is requested to report its determinations to the Council by July 1. The Council will review the report and determine the form and language of the changes to be placed on the ballot.

In addition to the three Coventry residents, the following were appointed: Janet Burnside, Chair; Barbara Boyd, David Lipins, Jean Wynne, Ralph Stark, Alfred Connors, Diedre Gross, Bernice Lott, Gerda Freedheim, Barbara Kuzma, Lee Chilcote, and Russell Baron.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION CONVENES

One of the first actions of the Cleveland Heights Charter Review Commission at its initial meeting was to schedule an opportunity for public input. At the organizational meeting the members heard the charge from Council, organized a committee structure by which each of three committees will study different aspects of the charge and report their findings to the whole Commission, making maximum use of the time available before their July 1 deadline.

They also scheduled the next three meetings. Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 13 both at 7:30 PM in the CH Law Library. These meetings are open to the public. They also have scheduled opportunity (Continued on page 10).

****COMMUNITY CALENDAR****

- BULLETIN BOARD -

MAY

ST. ALBANS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

- 3 CH CITY COUNCIL - 7:30 PM
City Hall
- 5 LIBRARY - Toddlers Story
Time - 9:30 AM
- CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
7:30 PM - Law Library
- 6 NORTH SHORE ALERT - 7 PM
Coventry Library
- CNI - Trustees - 7:30 PM
2910 Hampshire Road
- 8 HOTOUSE POTTERY SHOW -
9 AM - 6 PM
- 9 MOTHERS DAY
HOTOUSE POTTERY SHOW
9 AM - 6 PM
- 11 CNI - General Meeting -
7:30 PM - Coventry Library
- 12 LIBRARY - Toddlers Story
Time - 10:30 AM
- CNI - Workshop for Women
Coventry School - 7 PM
- 13 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
7:30 - Law Library
- 16 LIBRARY - Dungeons &
Dragons - Final - 2:30 PM
- 17 CH CITY COUNCIL - 7:30 PM
City Hall
- CH-UH LIBRARY BOARD -
Coventry Library - 7:45
- 18, 19, 20 COVENTRY SCHOOL
Kindergarten Registration
- 19 LIBRARY - Toddlers Story
Time - 10:30 AM

St. Alban's Episcopal Church at Edgehill and Euclid Heights Blvd. will celebrate its 90th year on Sunday, June 20 at 4:30 PM with a service of Evensong with special music. A reception will follow.

Speaker at the service will be the retired Archdeacon of Ohio, the Rev Lou Brereton. Mrs. Julian Krawcheck, Senior Warden of St. Alban's parish, is chairman of the celebration committee.

Coventry Neighbors and all friends of St. Alban's are invited to attend the service and the reception.

GRACE LUTHERAN SPONSORS WORKSHOPS

El Salvador, Drugs, Retirement, Home Repairs, Handling Crises, and Stress Management will all be topics discussed in a day-long Community Workshop sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 22 at 9 AM.

The day will include a Deli Style Lunch at which attorney David Hochand will discuss "Peace Making in Our Time." Three concurrent work sessions will be held in the morning and three in the afternoon.

Participants may attend one or more of the Workshops. A small registration fee will be charged. For registration information call 371-7897 or 382-8368 after 6 PM.

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* CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE *

* SPONSORS WOMEN'S WORKSHOP *

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A Workshop for Women will be sponsored by the Crime Prevention Task Force of Coventry Neighbors on Wednesday, May 12. The Workshop, which will be conducted by Janice Rensch of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, will be held from 7 - 9:30 PM at Coventry School (lower level entrance), and is the second such workshop sponsored by the Task Force.

Parking will be available at the school lot on Washington Blvd. The fee for the workshop is \$6.00, and may be paid at the door, or checks made payable to Coventry Neighbors, Inc, may be mailed to 2745 Hampshire Road, Cleve. Hts., Ohio, 44106. For additional information call 321-1268.

* -- Debbie Heller *



- BULLETIN BOARD -

COVENTRY FAIR FILM ON VIACOM

The 1981 Coventry Village Arts Fair Committee is pleased to announce the premiere showing of a videotape of the 1981 Coventry Village Arts Fair.

The 30 minute color tape will be shown on Viacom's Community Access Channel 27 on the following schedule:

Sunday, May 23	12:30 PM
Tuesday, May 25	8:30 PM
Thursday, May 27	8:30 PM
Friday, May 28	10:30 PM

The Coventry Village Library will stay open late on May 27 so that residents who do not have cablevision will be able to see the tape.

The fast paced, documentary tape was made last year by a group of students from Cleveland State University under the direction of Keith Richards. It is currently being edited by Sarah Rapoport with the cooperation of Viacom.

The tape contains segments about food, music, children's activities, arts and crafts, and booths in addition to numerous interviews with many of our area's residents and Fair visitors. It was produced for CNI by Bruce M. Hennes.

The chances are excellent that you will see yourself or your friends, so be sure to watch !!

LOCAL POTTERS TO SELL WARES

Recent works of Moira Beale, Johanna Vandebroek, Don Holzman and Marjorie Paller, all Heights area potters will be sold at the HOTHOUSE Pottery Show and Sale, Saturday, May 8 and Sunday May 9 from 9 AM - 6 PM. The HOTHOUSE Pottery is at 6744 Hathaway Road, Valley View.

CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

The Fairmount Co-Op Nursery Schools announces that it still has openings in both its summer program for children ages 2 3/4 - 5 and in its regular school year program for 3 and 4 year olds. For further information call Connie Crawford at 283-4894 or Mary Greppin at 932-6673.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 20 LIBRARY - Adult Book Discussion - 7 PM - "Hard Times" by Studs Terkel
- 21 PTA COUNCIL - Luncheon 12 PM
- 22 Grace Lutheran Church - Community Workshop - 9 AM
- 23, 25, 27 & 28 CNI STREET FAIR VIDEOTAPE - Channel 27
- 23 LIBRARY - "Great Old Poems" 2:30 Barbara Angel & Cyril Dostal
- 24 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION Public Meeting - 7:30 Council Chambers
- 25 COVENTRY SCHOOL - PTA - 7:30 PM - New Officers
- 26 LIBRARY - Toddlers Story Time - 10:30 AM
- 28 LIBRARY - Viewing of the Coventry Arts Fair Film on TV Channel 27.
- 30 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY - School and Library Closed.

JUNE

- 3 CNI - Trustee - 7:30 PM 2910 Hampshire Road
- 7 CH CITY COUNCIL - 7:30 City Hall
- 8 CNI - General Meeting - 7:30 PM - Coventry Library



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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Continued from Page 7)

for the general public to present their ideas concerning the review to the Commission by scheduling a Public Meeting for that purpose on Monday, May 24 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers. The Commission also invites comments in writing. Any Cleveland Heights resident wishing a copy of the Charter may obtain one by calling the City Manager at 371-6600.

The Commission will ask expert testimony from within and without City Hall. In-house experts will include the City Manager, Law Director, Planning Director, Chairs of the Finance and Planning Committees of Council, members of the Planning Commission and members of the Lay Finance Committee.

External expert assistance will be requested from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, the CSU College of Urban Affairs, a private CPA firm and former City Managers of Cleveland Heights.

The Commission will also examine Charters of other cities and earlier Cleveland Heights Charters.

STREET TALK

The flowers look great around the trees in the mini-park, which I think of as Coventry's living room. Thanks to CNI's Environmental Concerns Committee for having planted the bulbs in the fall. Thanks, too, for having cleaned up the area on Spruce Day. It's too bad all their hard work was hardly noticeable by Monday. The new flower guards, purchased by the Neighbors in Action grants look great... Particularly irksome are the blue and white Ready Bank slips all over the neighborhood. Maybe the bank could manage to have its computer which gives instructions, tell its customers that it doesn't take much more effort to drop slips in the trash containers rather than on the sidewalks.

A tip of the hat goes to all Cleveland Heights residents who helped make the first year of the Newspaper Recycling Program such a success. The City sanitation workers have done a bang-up job and have collected over 1,000 tons of newspapers since the city-wide, curb-side collection began last May. Benefit to the City includes \$40,000 in earnings and disposal savings more than double the projections. The second year of this recycling program can be even more effective with the continued support from all Cleveland Heights residents. Remember to curb your bundled newspaper on regular trash days and encourage neighbors to do the same. (Note: This East Cleveland resident deposits her bundled papers on the tree lawn of a CH friend.)

There has been only one major fire due to arson in the past few weeks; a house, car and garage were destroyed last week. This is not because the arsonist has not been busy - rather there have been at least two attempts. Neither of them became major fires because of the alertness of Coventry residents who spotted fires in trash cans and took appropriate action. Coventry residents are to be commended and urged to keep up the good work.

The Charter Review being conducted by a select Committee is one of the biggest things to happen in Cleveland Heights in a long time. Here is a good chance to see participatory democracy in action. I urge all CH citizens to pay close attention to what is happening in their government.

-- bobbie littell

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COMMUNITY WATCH-DOG: THE ON-STREET PARKING ISSUE(S)

At the CH-UH Library Board meeting of April 19, a report was made about the difficulties resulting to Noble Library users when the on-street parking ban took effect, and the lengths to which the library staff went to help with the problem.

It is necessary to report, as well, a conversation that occurred at Coventry Library in which attempts were made to explain why the April Fool article on "sitting meters" was taken seriously by so many. The explanation: it was "typical City Hall style." Following the laughter, one feels concern that in the public perception "City Hall style" has not changed, even though the political control of City Council has changed - or has it?

In either case, public outrage and confusion on the parking issue remains, despite attempts by CNI to clarify the issues by sponsoring a public meeting, and appears to be more real and widespread than some councilmembers wish to believe. In fact it is developing qualities of the fire-station issue, and indications of a threat to passage of the streets and sewers levy. Although some councilpersons (CPs) see the issue as fomented by the Machiavellian mayor, the residents of Euclid Hts. Blvd., whose expressed concern led to CNI's public meeting, had no connection with either the mayor or the three merchant groups also opposing the ban.

The issues appear to be two. First is the issue of the City's existing policy re: the County's on-street parking ban on roads paved by county funds. Many citizens perceive that the City has choices: to accept the ban; to follow the legal procedure of requesting from county commissioners an exemption to the ban; or to ignore the parking ban, as some suburbs have, and permit non-rush hour parking on county-paved streets, assuming that the county will continue its policy of non-enforcement. Any change in the City's present policy of observing the county parking ban must come through CP O'Brien's Committee on Public Health & Safety. There are insufficient votes on Council to bring the issue directly to Council.

The second issue concerns the City's future policy toward parking on main arteries and other streets. While Marjorie Wright may have had the goal of banning all on-street parking as a gleam in her eye, the City presently has no policy to restrict parking on non-county-paved streets, examples being Fairmount Blvd., Mayfield Rd., and Lee Rd. No resolution or proposal is being considered re: future parking plans overall. CP Boyle's Committee on Planning & Development will review, in May and June, all six

Local Development Corporation commercial area plans. In each of these plans, parking has been dealt with. Usually LDC has recommended that on-street parking be restored. If Boyle's committee feels that on-street parking should be restored in any of these commercial districts, the committee would make such a recommendation to CP O'Brien's Committee on Public Health & Safety. Boyle sees the upcoming levy as intended to provide city funds for repaving streets, in order to avoid the need to request county funds and accept the attendant parking restrictions.

Residents and merchants affected by the current parking-ban policy on county-paved streets should communicate with CPs O'Brien, Arnold, and Edwards of the Public Health & Safety Committee, and all other Council members who might help to spring the issue out of that committee. Those concerned about future parking plans should contact CPs Boyle, Horowitz, and O'Brien of the Planning & Development Committee prior to or during the hearings. Unless citizens do so, Council will continue to believe that few really care.

I am not personally affected by the on-street parking ban, nor did I attend the public meeting. I will summarize the reactions heard from others. Feelings were not soothed by the discussion or attitudes displayed by Council members at the meeting. Citizens are not reassured by knowing that layers of complex political IOU's have top priority. People voted for, expected, and demand change from Council and administration. Instead, they receive more of the same "City Hall style." They see that this Council is showing early symptoms of over-weening ambition, loss of flexible mental response, delusions of "we-know-what's-best-for-you," bureaucratic myopia, and citizen-band deafness. The infection was expected, but so soon?

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