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## COVENTRY TO BE TARGET OF AIP

by

Barbara M. Littell

Coventry will be the target of a new Apartment Improvement Program (AIP) officially established on March 12 with the passage of by-laws, participation criteria and regulations governing its operation.

In the planning stage since early December by an Interim Planning Committee (IPC) called together by the City, the program has been designed to focus lenders, multi-family residents owners, tenants and the City on improving "the physical structures of and living conditions in and around apartment buildings located within the City of Cleveland Heights. . ."

Using a computer formula developed nationally by the Neighborhood Re-Investment Corporation (RC) of Huston, Texas, they will take realistic evaluations of the needed building improvements and the existing lending criteria in this community to work out a finance package that will include reasonable rent increases and returns on investment for each building in the program. The City will then work with the lenders, the owners and the tenants to find an acceptable solution to the problems using such tools as low interest loans similar to those available to single residence owners, through the Community Development Block Grand Funds (CDBG), and available federal rent subsidies for low income people.

Council allocated \$130,000 from CDBG monies to hire NRC to serve as consultants in the establishment of the AIP. It is unique in that it helps the various segments work together to find ways to combine private and public monies to stop the deterioration of older buildings. Coventry was chosen as the target area, according to John Gustat, of the City's Housing Preservation Office, because of the large number of apartments in the neighborhood. He added, however, that buildings from other neighborhoods might also be eligible and the owners should not hesitate to inquire about application.

In addition to passing by-laws the Interim Partnership Committee adopted a Marketing Approach, a Selection Criteria for inclusion in the program and reviewed the General Underwriting Criteria of Local Lenders. They also elected a permanent Board of Trustees made up of four representatives of four classes: City, Multi-Family Owners, Lenders and Residents. Those elected were:

For the CITY: Sue Burkons, Joanne E. O'Brien (1 year each) and Howard Maier, Richard V. Robinson (2 years each);

For MULTI-FAMILY OWNERS: Kenneth Ross, Edward Silver (1 year each) and Kenneth Montlack, Lawrence D. Fisher (2 years each);

For LENDERS: Ralph Hammink, Fred Vosen (1 year each) and George Hill, William Beard (2 years each);

For RESIDENTS: Karen Lind, Marjorie Wright (1 year each) and Dennis Coughlin, Marsh Wiggs-Mauer (2 years each).

Of these, three members of the Residents class are Coventry apartment dwellers,  
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COVENTRY VILLAGE. . .

We Watch Out

For Each Other

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: CNI MEETING Notes

In action taken at the March, 1983 Meeting  
CNI:

- Allocated funds to print a membership brochure
- Voted that committees may not raise and allocate funds without prior approval of the general membership
- Voted the proceeds of the May 1 Pancake Breakfast go into the general fund and not be allocated to CVN as requested by the committee chairman.
- Authorized the president to form a committee to recommend a permanent policy for the use of restricted funds drawing on input from outsiders experienced in the allocation of such funds.
- Established procedures for the payment of the editors honorarium.

The committees reported:

- Environmental Concerns announced that Coventry would cooperate with the City and hold its clean up day on the same day, Saturday, April 30.
- S-2 Committee forming to study the potential for use of the Special Zoning District at the corner of Coventry and Euclid Heights Blvd.
- Pancake Breakfast being planned for May 1 at Coventry School. Volunteers needed. Persons wishing to have a display at that time contact F. David Gill.
- Library requested CNI support of summer Live Concerts (tabled pending more up to date financial report). Library to be on June ballot for 1.5 mils.

BML

VIACOM TO AIR FAIR TAPE

by  
Bruce M. Hennes

The half hour videotape documentary of the 1983 Coventry Village Street Fair will be shown on Viacom Community Access Channel 27 on April 9 at noon. It will be shown again on April 10 at 8 PM, April 11 at 4 PM, April 13, 9 PM, April 14 at 11:30 AM and April 15 at 9:30 AM.

NOTES ON THE PARKING PROBLEM

There is new, strong interest in solving Coventry's parking problem. It comes from the City administration, from Coventry Neighbors, Inc, from the Coventry Merchants Association. The merchant group has resolved to conduct a serious campaign for more parking. Resources to pay for parking are more available now than they have been in several years: the City's two new fire stations, whose costs consumed the lion's share of resources that might have been used for parking, are largely paid for. It now seems likely that something really will be done.

The questions of how much parking to provide, and where, are difficult, and every possible answer is certain to be controversial. It should be noted that the City administration has expressed the intention to replace at least some of Coventry's curb-side parking spaces with spaces in off-street lots, thus reducing the resources available for additions to the total parking supply.

The one parking project for the area which has progressed furthest calls for the redesign and rebuilding of the private lot that serves Open Pantry and Revco. While this project would add immensely to the safety and attractiveness of the Coventry-Mayfield intersection, it would reduce the capacity of that lot, mostly by making it impossible for folks to park on the sidewalk, which occurs regularly now and is tolerated by the Police Department. This project, now in a design stage, is hung up on the strong opposition of Paul Kane, proprietor of Open Pantry.

A proposal for a parking lot at the intersection of Lancashire and Euclid Heights is apparently receiving some attention at City Hall; officials have discussed the possibility with merchant leaders. Plans for a parking facility on that site have a long history of controversy, the most colorful chapter of which involves a plan that called for the razing of the Unitarian church adjacent to the site on Lancashire. In view of the present administration's expressed intent to replace curb-side parking on Euclid Heights with spaces in off-street lots, it is unclear whether even a large new lot there would add to the total of available spaces.

The block on the east side of Coventry, between Hampshire and Euclid Heights--where Pick-n-Pay is--contains the most obvious sites for added parking. Some smaller buildings might be razed to make room for parking, or a parking deck might be built. But the area seems ripe for redevelopment; private-sector developers showed great interest a few years ago for a large project there, and there are rumors now of new developer interest in the area. That block's zoning designation--it is a "Special Development District"--allows sorts of development like the proposed Top-of-the-Hill project which are possible in only a few places in Cleveland Heights, and which are now something of a vogue among architects, planners, and developers. This situation results in an instinct to delay planning parking in that block until coordination with private development is possible.

Other possible locations include the present site of ABC Appliance, and the fire-gutted apartment building at 2762 Lancashire, behind Coventryard. Both these sites have severe drawbacks, and neither could provide much new parking.

Any specific proposal for parking is sure to find opposition from some vocal segment of the Coventry community. While there seems to be near-unanimous agreement that the area needs more parking, the road to specific solutions is sure to be rough.

More-or-less official estimates of the number of added parking spaces necessary to fully satisfy the needs of Coventry's business district alone range from about 430 to nearly 950. Such additions would bring the total parking supply up to what's suggested in the City's Zoning Code. Many more spaces would be required to bring the apartment district up to those same standards. The Zoning Code standards represent a clearly unobtainable "ideal."

Many of the healthiest urban areas of our country live with parking insufficiencies as bad and frequently far worse than Coventry's. Some cities--for example San Francisco--have given up or reduced parking requirements for new developments, hoping thereby to discourage the use of automobiles.

PROCEDURES AND POLICY CONCERNING COPY SUBMITTED FOR CVN

The Coventry Village News has recently received a number of press releases too late for inclusion in the next issue. In order to avoid this in the future we are presenting the following production schedule and general policy on priorities

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>COPY DEADLINE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION DEADLINE</u>
May	April 18	April 26
June	May 23	May 31
July	June 20	June 28
August	NO ISSUE PUBLISHED	
September	August 22	August 30
October	September 19	September 27

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To be considered for publication in CVN your material must be about an issue that is currently being considered by Coventry Neighbors, be relevant to the Coventry neighborhood, or concern a Coventry resident. Other material published, up to the limits of available space will be chosen on the basis of its relevance and date it is received.

CITY TO REVISE PROMOTIONAL JINGLE

by

Lirpa Loff

Cleveland Heights is always working hard to share its All-America message with others. To this end, Our City has contracted a new public relations firm, Almaidi Tup, which has successfully revitalized the dying "We've Got It!" Campaign.

If to trendiness you can relate,  
We've got it!  
A home you can call a mistake,  
We've got it!  
The drugs are cleaner,  
The kids are meaner,  
Cleveland Heights. . .  
We've got it!

If a councilman you would berate,  
We've got it!  
A judge who is usually late  
We've got it!  
The council' wacky  
The roads are tacky  
Cleveland Heights. . .  
We've got it!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COVENTRY NEIGHBORS DUES YET? They're DUE.

MILE-HIGH STRUCTURE ANNOUNCED

by

Oliver Broodno &amp; Lila Ropof

Construction on the "Mile-High," a 528-floor office, commercial, and residential structure to be located at an area bounded by Coventry Road, Euclid Heights Boulevard, Hampshire Road, and Rock Court is expected to start this June.

According to a reliable source at City Hall, this will be the largest building of any kind to be constructed by the human race. A consortium of local, multi-national, and extra-terrestrial firms plans to complete the \$1.5 trillion, 5280 foot tower by the year 2001.

The investors plan to combine high-rise luxury with total business efficiency in this building. The complete services of a modern city, including vacation and burial facilities will be provided. Residents will be able to be born, live, and die without ever leaving the building.

Statistics on the "Mile-High" border on the astounding. Over 48,000 people will be housed therein, almost doubling the population of Cleveland Heights within ten years. Approximately 67,000 office workers will be employed by 384 of the Fortune 500 corporations which will have offices in the tower. Fifty-five story "train-like" elevators will whisk people up and down the structure at nearly the speed of sound. Included in the building will be a 30-story shopping mall, 127 restaurants, 10 hotels, 6 hospitals, the former New York Stock Exchange, three Universities, a 1200 square foot convention center, 7 rooftop farms, parking for 15,000 cars, 55 helicopters, 2 space shuttles, and 6 dirigibles. The tower will contain its own cruise missile launching capability (first strike), and its own sewage disposal system. The building's external skin will be of a composite material made of asbestos and dioxin.

When asked whether he expects neighborhood opposition to the proposal, Cleveland Heights Mayor A. J. Knockaharbour pointed out that "It doesn't matter what the neighborhood thinks. Our experience with the 'Top-of-the-Hill' project taught us that we can get away with whatever we please. Some people just can't take a joke." He sees no problem with the City's Zoning Code, stating that the Code's only purpose is to provide a mechanism for citizens complaints to be heard, not to prohibit the City from doing what it wants to do.

Cleveland Heights City Manager Robin V. Richardson stated that the "Mile-High" project "fits well" within his ten-year plan to turn the entire City into a cubist horror.

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STREET TALK

We extend our apologies to Orosz, the new day manager at Turkey Ridge for the line in the last issue which welcomed her to Coventry was almost obliterated in the printing process. So again we welcome her. She come to Coventry from the well known "Settlers Tavern" on Buckeye where she worked for her father before coming to TR. The other line which did not reproduce at all thanked Jeff Lindembloom, and the management of "the Ridge" for their very generous donation to CVN.

I went up to the Library to see Debbie Heller's presentation on preparing your children for contact with health care givers. A more charming and heart-warming presentation would be hard to find. Debbie dealt directly with children's potential fear by giving them an opportunity to explore some of the many unfamiliar environmental factors that a child might experience in a hospital or clinic. Such things which to us are commonplace to us in such settings as cotton swabs, masks, uniforms.

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**\*\*COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*\*****- BULLETIN BOARD -**APRIL

- 1 GOOD FRIDAY  
Phoenix Ensemble at the Civic - "FORTUNE" 4/1 thru 5/21.
- 2 LIBRARY - Two free movies 3 pm; last nite for CLOSE TIES at Dobama & TABLE SETTINGS at Halle Theatre by JCC.
- 3 HAPPY EASTER  
Main Library open
- 4 LIBRARY - TRS-80 Computer 3:30 pm & 7 pm - IRS tax class 7 - 9 pm  
CITY COUNCIL - 7:30 pm at City Hall.
- 5 LIBRARY - Ventriloquist - Lynn Trefzger, 3 pm; PRE-SCHOOL Story Time 6:45 pm.  
HCC - Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, CH-UH Library, Main.
- 6 CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS demo.  
1st English Lutheran Church, 7:30 pm;  
LIBRARY - PRS-School Story Time 10:30 am & 2:30 pm.
- 7 LIBRARY - Seniors/Low Income tax Assist. by appt. 1-5 pm;  
CNI Trustees, 7:30 - 2910 Hampshire Road.
- 10 LIBRARY - Family films 1:15 - 2:15 pm; Book discussion with David Eisler.  
PHOENIX THEATRE at the Civic 4/10, 4/11 "Under Milkwood" 8 pm.  
THE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS (CICR) - 7:30 - Heights Presbyterian Church, 2065 Lee Road.
- 11 LIBRARY - TRS-80 Computer 3:30 & 7 pm  
JCC - Photography Preview Reception.

LIBRARY NOTES. . . .Debbie Graves, Librarian  
Movies for young people at the Library on April 2 include "7 Wishes of Joanna Peabody" & "Walter, the Lazy Mouse." The TRS-80 classes continue, as noted on the calendar. A book discussion of current interest will be held on April 10 to discuss "Gandhi's Truth" with David Eisler. The School Age Story time series continues through April. The Heights History Program scheduled for 4/14 has been cancelled. April 17 -24 is National Library Week so go on over to the Library and check it out! The Coventry Library is proud to present the third annual Book and Author Tea on 4/24 from 3 - 5 pm. Jumping ahead to May 3 at 2:30 & 3:30, school age children are invited to wrap up our school age storytime series by making a special craft for Mother's Day.

SHARING THE WEALTH - The Citizen's Advisory Committee will meet on April 19, a Tuesday, at 7:30 pm in the CH-UH Main Library. This is the committee that is responsible for recommending suggestions for the City's distribution of the Community Development Block Grant Funds the City will have as a kick-back from our federal income-tax dollars. This CDBG money is available for many purposes and you can help spend it. But you must show up at these meetings and find out how easy it is to obtain access to these funds. We are talking about hundreds of thousands of YOUR tax dollars, the expenditure of which is up to YOU!

"I CAN'T BELIEVE I HATE THE WHOLE THING!"

Coventry School's annual fund raiser will take a filling form this year as on April 26 from 6 - 8:30 you are cordially invited to the International Food Night with All-American Entertainment. You and your family are invited to bring a dish of food with a foreign or ethnic flavor, preferably a family recipe. Any international recipe or regional speciality is fine. "Finger food" is preferred but not required. Bring the food--as your family's admission ticket--to Coventry School's All Purpose room at 6 pm on Tuesday. There it will be divided into portions that can be purchased at the festival. In return for the food you will be given 10¢ exchange tickets which you can use to purchase food at the festival. Blue Grass, down home, fppst stompin' music will be performed in the gym. You'll enjoy!!

- BULLETIN BOARD -

ANNUAL HOME AND GARDEN SHOW - It's spring and here comes the Home & Garden Show, starting on April 14 and running through the 18 at the Pavillion. This show is always a smashing success because it is free, includes live performances and demonstrations, features over 90 exhibits with the latest in home, family and garden care and is just a good time.

A REAL CLEAN-UP!! Saturday, April 30 from 9 am to 1 pm Coventry volunteers working with the Environmental Concerns committee will join in the Cleveland Heights Clean Up Day. To join your friends in spiffing our Coventry Village up, call 371-6655 and get the details.

GLASS & RECYCLING DRIVE - Remember to save all glass containers and aluminum or steel beverage cans for the Heights Citizens for Recycling Drive on May 14 & 15 at the Pavillion on Superior and Mayfield Rds. Hours will be 10 am - 4 pm on both days.

WESTERN UNION? - A fresh bagel and NY Times delivery service is operating in the Coventry area. Call 932-0956 to find our more.

GET THIS, GRASSHOPPER - A Chinese Martial Arts Demonstration will be presented on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm in the First English Lutheran Church at 2419 Euclid Heights Blvd. Saolin Karate Do and T'ai Chi Ch'uan will be demonstrated. Call 932-5545 for further information.

DOBAMA THEATRE - "Close Ties" finishes its run on April 2. April 22 marks the opening of Elmer Rice's classic "The adding Machine," an expressionistic drama about the adventures of Mr. Zero. Call 932-6838 for ticket information.

PHOENIX THEATRE - A world premier takes place on April 1 (no joke). "Fortune" by Cleveland Michael Paller, looks into the adventures of two artists who come into contact with some of the giants of the American Revolution. A funny play. Call 371-7766 for ticket information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - Time to register the class of 1996. Registration for Coventry School takes place May 10, 11, & 12. Call the School 371-7110 to make sure your children are set.

LITTLE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE DAY CARE CENTER at Coventry School provides loving Day Care, Call 321-6995 or 851-2877. Professionally Trained Staff.

\*\*COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*\*

- 12 LIBRARY - Preschool story-time 6:45 pm; School aged storytime 2:30 & 3:30 pm. CNI - GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 Community Room of the Library JCC -Photography exhibit thru 5/8; Clayworks classes begin at Library Studio
- 13 LIBRARY - Preschool Story Time 10:30 am & 2:30 pm; TRS-80 Orientation 3:30 pm; COVENTRY SCHOOL - Gym Roundup 1:30 - 3 pm & 7:30 - 9 pm ages 4 & 5
- 14 CLEVELAND HEIGHTS ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN SHOW - The Pavillion - Runs 14 -17. Thurs. 4 - 9 pm, Fri 4 - 10 pm; Sat 10 am - 10 pm; Sun 10 am - 8 pm.
- 17 LIBRARY - Family films 1:15 2:30 pm; Poetry reading 2:30 pm. APRIL 17 - 24 IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT THE CIVIC - Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert - 7:30 pm.
- 18 LIBRARY - TRS-80 Computer 3:30 & 7 PM; CITY COUNCIL - Regular Council Meeting - 7:30 - City Hall.
- 19 LIBRARY - Storyteller - Becky Hill at 3:30 pm; Preschool Story Time 6:45 pm; Schoolage Story Time 2:30 3:30 pm; COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Main Library 7:30 pm.
- 20 LIBRARY- Preschool Story Time 10:30 am, 2:30 pm; OPEN HOUSE - Main Library 8 - 10 pm.
- 21 DOBAMA - "The Adding Machine" opens. Runs thru 5/14.

**\*\*COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*\***

- 23 CLAYWORKS - Teapot Workshop  
The Civic - 10 am - 4 pm.
- 24 LIBRARY - Book & Author Tea,  
3 - 5 pm; Family films 1:15  
& 2:25 pm.
- 25 LIBRARY - TRS-80 Computer  
3:30 & 7 pm.
- 26 LIBRARY - Preschool Story  
Time 6:45 pm; School Age  
Story Time 2:30 & 3:30 pm.  
COVENTRY SCHOOL - Inter-  
national Food Night - 6 -  
8:30 pm.
- 27 LIBRARY - Preschool Story  
Time 10:30 am & 2:30 pm.  
JCC - Textile Arts Club  
Demonstration & Sale 3-9 pm.
- 30 CNI - Environmental Concerns  
Committee - Cleveland Heights  
Clean-Up Day - 9 am - 1 pm.

MAY

- 1 CNI - Pancake Breakfast -  
Coventry School - 11 am -  
4 pm.
- 3 LIBRARY - School Aged Crafts  
For Mothers Day 2:30 or 3:30 pm.

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GIVING YOU THE BUSINESS

Douglas M. Fabish

Gone - the warehouse facilities in the Arabica. Carl Jones has moved them into Cleveland so that Arabica might have more space in which to bake those scrumptious goodies that we so often eat. A major renovation of the interior is on the way. Carl says it is time for a change. A change in lighting, perhaps candles on the tables, and a general "duding up" of the environment are in store. COVENTRY BEVERAGE? a beer, wine, and cigarette carryout in the basement

BUSINESS. . .

of Coventryard Mall is envisioned by Jasper Woods, the potential store's proprietor. However, upon first reading at City Council, a Coventry resident spoke against the idea of combining a beverage store with a park, such as exists in front of the Yard. Jasper looks to open on May 1 and is excited about his first venture into retailing. SUNSHINE II storefront renovation is about to begin. Don't confuse this with SUNSHINE II on the east side of Coventry, which will close April 1. The two stores will be combined in the west side location...Peter Schliewien of RECORD REVOLUTION advises that the additional police beat patrolman coverage will begin as soon as it is for sure that spring has sprung. Look for this about May 1. Don't be surprised if, within the next two weeks, you go to RECORD REVOLUTION on a Tuesday and find that while it is full of busy people it is not open for business. They will be closed down to clean up and plant the crops (flowers) for spring. New window scenes are going to appear. . .COVENTRY MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION elected new officers on March 16. Carol Norwalk is the new president. The meeting was rather lively, with a presentation on the state of the parking by Larry Beam being the main topic of discussion. Susan Hennenberg, the manager of Coventryard was present and inquiring about membership. Peter Schliewien asked why the center strip of Euclid Heights couldn't be converted, at least partially, into a parking strip. The common complaint seemed to be directed at the City administration and their insistence on secrecy regarding parking that might be in store for Coventry Road. Al Sherwin (BLISS) wondered whether Coventry might find itself sandwiched between Top-of-the-Hill and the Interceptor Sewer projects. The prospect is frightening, but Ellen Strong, outgoing president, reports that the Interceptor isn't scheduled to begin construction until 1988 at the earliest... Speaking of Top-of-the-Hill, a group of citizens met recently to discuss formal opposition to the project. Options discussed ranged from meeting with the project planners to try and get some co-operation, to seeking to overturn the UDAG funding based on statements in the application which may have been the result of overly active imaginations. Representatives of the Property Owners of Cleveland Heights were present to call for a city wide coalition

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EPIDEMIC HITS COVENTRY

Coventry residents show evidence of having been severely afflicted by a late winter malady which reached epidemic proportions during the first week in March.

The malady--while similar to a condition frequently experienced by many in the spring is characterized by the severity of its symptoms. Those experiencing the condition complain of sudden lassitude, and an inability to tolerate body clothing. The lassitude seems to be accompanied by an inability to focus ones attention for more than short periods and a compulsion to be out of doors. Many report compulsive sun sitting, bursting into spontaneous song and increased sexual drive. Some victims report unusual spurts of energy alternating with the lassitude. In some this leads to compulsive window, wall and automobile washing; in others, gardening and lawn raking.

Public health officials at the U.S. Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Georgia have been unable to isolate any causative agent and suggest that the cause might be environmental.

--- Robin R. Breste

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GIVING YOU THE BUSINESS (Continued from page 8)

against what they perceive is a general lack of sensitivity on the City administration's part for the bedrock of the community, the property owners. Mark Hoffman, a resident of the area and an attorney, counseled co-operation and participation with the project, in view of the lack of success citizen based groups in cities to the east have had when opposing similar projects. A local initiative petition against the project was proposed. Hoffman pointed out that this had been tried and, while the initiative had been successful, the courts had overturned it. Other suggestions bandied about included legislation requiring that the condominium units be owner-occupied, thus removing the spectre of Section 8 (subsidized) housing which silent haunts the project. A Coventry merchant noted that while all of the Cedar-Fairmont merchants had at one time indicated support for the project, they had indicated support for a much smaller project than the one currently being planned. It is felt, and stated off the record, that merchants in the area are frightened by the ambiguity of the project as it now stands but are afraid to speak for fear of "being on the wrong side"....A free pass to the Street Fair to Carl Jones of Arabica for donating coffee for the May 1 Pancake Breakfast.

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COVENTRY AIP TARGET (Continued from page 1)

Dennis Coughlin, Karen Lind and Marsha Wiggs-Mauer.

Participation in the program will be initially by self-selection, that is those who think they might be eligible should call City Hall's Housing Preservation office and find if your building fits the selection criteria. The City may also identify some buildings with bad code violations that might be suitable for the program.

For further information on any phase of the program call John Gustat, Program Coordinator at 371-6629.

C O V E N T R Y V I L L A G E . . .

We Watch Out For Each Other

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE . . . . . Beverley Coughlin, Sec.

We hope you will join the Environmental Concerns Committee for Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 30. The event is being organized city-wide by the Cleveland Heights Litter Control Board, and is part of Clean Up Ohio. Various groups will be participating throughout the city. Activities are scheduled from 9 am to 1 pm.

This is the third year the Committee has coordinated a spring clean-up. Much debris collects over the winter. The cleaning efforts contribute to a fresh new season. Join us April 30, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Also for the third year the Committee plans to provide geraniums for the Coventryyard Mall tree areas. Right now the daffodils and grape hyacinths planted 18 months ago should be in bloom for their second season.

"S-2" COMMITTEE . . . . . Larry Beam

The CNI committee studying land use questions for areas identified in the zoning code as "S-2 Special Development Districts" will meet on tuesday, April 5, 7:30 pm, at Larry Beam's residence, 1811 1/2 Coventry Road. Interest in the issues the Committee will discuss was spurred by plans for "Top of the Hill," an 18-story building, with numerous shops in its lower level, to be built where there is now a parking lot, roughly behind the Nighttown Restaurant, near the intersection of Cedar Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard. The east side of Coventry Road, from Hampshire to Euclid Heights Boulevard, is one of these Special Development districts and rumors of large-scale redevelopment there have a long history. If you are interested in this key issue for the future of Coventry, but are not able to attend this meeting, please contact either P. David Gill at 321-4735, or Larry Beam, at 371-6095.

STREET FAIR COMMITTEE . . . . . Kathryn J Young, Chair

It is hard to believe that soon it will be time for the street fair--especially since it is snowing as I write this. Warm days and sunny weather are ahead, and already the Committee has been putting in many hours to make this year's fair a celebration for us all. Thank you to Cheryl Peterson, who has agreed to head the appreciation committee, and to Mike Borkan, who will work on technical support. We still need volunteers as barricade supervisors.

The Street Fair office, at 1862 Coventry Road, will open on April 1. Thanks are due to Roger Ritley and Lou Zipkin for this space. The phone number will be 321-2510; the office hours will be 2:00 to 7:00 pm Wednesday and Friday, and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday. Stop in to see us.

Anyone needing information about Fine Arts should contact Kathryn or Tom Hannan at 932-5560.

A special thank-you to Marcia and ~~Bob~~ Polevoi for an opportunity to see slides of street fairs since 1974. It has grown since then. If you have any photographs of past fairs, please contact Kathryn Young. We need them for window displays about the fair and its growth. Call me at 321-4313.

CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE. . . . . Bruce Hennes, Chair

On Friday, March 18, there were a number of attempts by two males to entice elementary school children into their car. The incidents took place in the area roughly bounded by Coventry Road, Mayfield, Superior, and Euclid Heights Boulevard.

Luckily, none of the attempts was successful, although there were a number of

scared children and parents.

There have so far been no arrests. Fortunately, an area resident saw the car and got a good description, including the license number. The Cleveland Heights police department has promised increased plaincloths surveillance.

Given the relatively low crime rate in Coventry Village in the last 6 months, this appears to have been an isolated incident.

The question remains: what can be done?

While we have an excellent police department, with the best response time in Cuyahoga County, we must remember that they can't be everywhere at all times. We--the residents of Coventry Village--are the eyes and ears of the police.

If you see something suspicious, call them right away. The police insist that they would rather come out 99 times on a hunch than miss a crime on the 100th time. If you see something suspicious, take careful note of the height, weight, race, age, sex and clothing of the people involved; if a car is involved, note its license number, make, model, color, direction of travel. Any other details you notice may also be valuable.

When you call the police, you will be asked for your name. If you don't want to leave your name, you do not have to. But if you do not, the police will not be able to ask further questions if the need arises. If you don't want a marked police car pulling up to your home, say so--and the Police Department will make sure it doesn't happen.

Spring is a good time to have your house or apartment inspected for security. Such inspections are free from the Cleveland Heights Police Department. Call the Crime Prevention Bureau at 371-6549. They will be happy to make an appointment to come to your residence.

A final note: Coventry Neighbors, in cooperation with the city's Departments of Police and Community Relations, offers a Rumor Control Hot Line during business hours. If you want to know if there has been a purse snatching, car theft, rape, or burglary around the corner, just call Gretta at 371-6620. Again, you need not leave your name.

The motto adopted by Coventry Neighbors is: Coventry Village . . . We watch out for each other. Please help us make this a reality.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST . . . . . Bobbie Littell

Plans are coming along for the Pancake Breakfast to be held at Coventry School Sunday, May 1 from 11 am - 4 pm. Tickets will be available the last week in April at many of the Coventry Merchant's establishments and at the door.

Tommy Fello is in charge of the food and he will need help with cooking. Tony Wagner is in charge of serving and clean up and will be assisted by some of the Roxboro Girl Scout Troops. F. David Gill will be responsible for displays. If you organization has a message it would like to promote, see him.

There will be lots of good food with real orange juice, pancakes (all you can eat), sausage and honest to goodness Geauga County maple syrup.

Come and join the fun, there will be lots of surprises in store. To volunteer call Bobbie 321-8397 evenings and leave your name. Someone will contact you.

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STREET TALK (Continued from page 5)

CNI President, Dave Burwasser, took our recommendation, endorsed by the Coventry Merchants Association, that the mini-park be named for the late Fred Toguchi, long time chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, to Council recently. There it became a matter of public record. It might be a good idea to have someone "bird-dog" that one (i.e., follow it through the process and inform us when further action might be appropriate).

Congrats to Scarlett Schroeder-Grala, and her husband on the recent birth of their son, Ryan Michael. Scarlett will be remembered by many as jazz dance instructor at the Dance Center on Coventry. The proud father, Michael, is a cook at the well known "off Coventry" eatery, Lopez Y Gonzalez.

The Heights Community Congress recently bused a group of Heights residents to a taping of Channel 3's Dave Patterson show (sans Patterson) where host Bill Gordon interviewed Black activist, author Charles H. King, Jr. I was saddened to see such a clear demonstration that the lessons of the 60's have not been integrated. There seemed to be little basic appreciation of the difference between personal bigotry and institutional racism. Perhaps in the '80's we are a little more aware of our own prejudices, but many of us fail to understand the difference between that personal prejudice to which we all fall prey-- the racism which permeates our society and how we constantly support and re-inforce it. When blacks try to discuss the one, we think we are being called bigoted and get defensive. Communication ceases. How long is this going to go on? The program is scheduled to be aired early in April.

Viacom, Channel 27 will air HCC's Home Repair Workshops - Asphalt Driveway Repair and Masonry the week of April 10 - 17. Times are: April 10 - 6:30 pm; 11 - am; 12 - 6:30 pm; 13 - 8:30 pm; 14 - 8:30 pm; 15 - 2:30 pm; 16 - 8 pm; 17 6 pm.

Keep on collecting those glass jars and aluminum or steel beverage cans for the Heights Citizens for Recycling Drive in mid-May. . .

Prior to registering your child at Coventry Elementary School Kindergarten you must go to the Central Registration Center at the Board of Education at 2155 Miramar Blvd., University Heights. Be sure to take your child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Proof of Residency (rent receipt, utility bill) and Custody Papers if divorced or separated.

Hats Off! to the employees and customers whose courage and quick thinking averted what might have been a nasty situation at Turkey Ridge recently. By their quick and cooperative action a team of staff and customers dealt with an angry, threatening patron, called the police, got him outside and kept him under observation until he was apprehended. Nice work fellows!

City Council recently passed rate hikes for CH recreational facilities. The programs affected by the rate hikes are swimming, tennis, basketball and Cain Park. Changes in the swimming program range from .50¢ on general admission tickets to \$10 for family season passes. In Basketball, Council set rates at \$7.50 for residents; \$11 for players living within the school district and \$15 for non-residents. Group tennis instruction fees were approved at \$15. for students, \$20 for adults and \$35 for the junior excellence classification. Tickets for the Cain Park Theatre will cost \$4 for adults and \$3 for students, senior citizens, and pre-schoolers. Fees for the CP School for the Arts, a summer educational program for children, were raised from \$35 to \$45 for half-day sessions and \$70 to \$90 for full days. According to Spencer Caress, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, his staff conducted a survey of recreation fees for other communities and found Cleveland Heights' were lower than others, even with the new rates.

Remember the Pancake Breakfast on May first. your committee is planning many interesting things, and, so I hear, are a few others. Students from Coventry Elementary School will give us a preview of the production of "Alice" to be seen later on this spring, and the Merchants have some surprises in store. Get up early that day, take a good brisk walk to work up an appetite, then come to the school and "pig-out" on pancakes for the benefit of CNI.

-- Bobbie Littell

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-DOG: COVENTRY YOUTH CENTER RE-GROUPING

In answer to many questions, yes, Coventry Youth Center has closed temporarily. The reasons are many. The main one is that we were inundated with kids. From a beginning in November of 10-15 kids, attendance escalated to an average of 65-75. Even though we continually added new volunteers and activities, we could not keep up with the rapid growth. New ones came every week, and they stayed until closing time.

We were inundated not only by the kids aged 11-16 which our permit allowed us to serve. We were swamped by the 16-20 year olds who have tried to take over the basketball facilities throughout the city, and whose needs have been met only by the removal of the baskets so that no one could play. We were attracting the kids age 7-11, whose parent(s) were away at work, and who come with an older sibling who was held responsible. If we could not admit the child under 11, the older sibling had to leave as well, and both went home to an unsupervised house or floated on the street. We learned how many young people are unsupervised, underserved by city or school and community service programs because of distance or lack of money. We also learned how aware they were of their need, and how they poured in when a supervised place with constructive activities was offered.

Other organizational problems became evident. Volunteers, recruited and supervised by our volunteer board, had no consistently available person to guide them. The presence of so many children in one large room leads inevitably to confusion, lack of organization, and the behavior difficulties that are bound to result. These facts lead to our conviction that we need a director who could be present during the hours of center activity, who was trained to supervise volunteers, and who was trained and experienced in organizing programs that could fill the needs of the young people. Rather than have things deteriorate further and burn out our dedicated volunteers, we decided to close the center temporarily. We are now using all our time and energy in a push to obtain the financing to hire a full-time director. We will be interviewing to find a person with all the qualifications we need. We also see that obtaining our own building which can be renovated to suit our needs is a more urgent goal than we anticipated.

My evaluation: We tried, and succeeded too well. We did not need to beat the bushes. Kids came. We learned how great the need is, how little the community is aware of or willing to recognize it, how little is being done to help these young people. Money and resources not spent now will be spent later by the community as many of these young people become school drop-outs, ill-trained for employment, involved with the police and the court system. Cleveland Heights has fine programs for young people, sponsored both by the city and the school system, and by organizations such as the YM/YW and JCC. Yet a large group is not being served because their needs and lack of resources interfere. This is not just a Coventry problem. The fact that we will all pay the costs later if help is not provided now means that it is a problem all of us should be concerned about.

The center has closed, temporarily. But we are opening the eyes of the community. We need money and volunteers, and additional members on our Board who are willing to work. Call the Center number - 371-3480 - if you want to help. The Board meets on Thursday, April 27 at 8:00 pm at the Unitarian Society. We welcome you to join the cast and play a variety of roles in a real life drama that is more exciting and suspense-filled than anything you will find on TV. The out-come is not assured. The script is still being written. Many people who care and are willing to invest in our youth are needed to help write the script.

-- June C. Wortman

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