



## Another Hampshire building gets thorough renovation

The seven-suite apartment building at 2725 Hampshire Road is in the process of complete renovation. William Valis, new owner of the building, estimates the cost of the work at more than \$100,000.

Suites are being gutted, and will be rebuilt with new kitchens, bathrooms, wall-to-wall carpeting, new windows, and individual heat and air-conditioning.

Stone work on the building's front has been sand-blasted to remove paint applied years ago. Thorough landscaping is planned.

Financial assistance will be sought from the Apartment Improvement Program (AIP). The AIP has encouraged the renaissance of Coventry Village with low-interest loans made with money from the Community Development Block Grant program.

## CNI Potluck Dinner everybody's invited

Members of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., and all friends of Coventry Village are cordially invited to attend the third annual Coventry Village Potluck Dinner.

The dinner will be held on Friday, June 14, at 7:00 PM in the Street Fair office on the lower level of Coventry Mall.

The price of admission is a plate of food--an *hors d'oeuvre*, salad, main dish, or dessert. Beverages will be supplied.

For more information, please call Kathryn Young or Marion Fisher, co-chairs of the event, at 321-2510.

## Street Fair, June 29 & 30, will be fun and different

This year's Coventry Village Street Fair will be different.

Why?

Because for the first time, the Street Fair Committee has focused the bulk of its attention on family-oriented activities. These activities are called Fair in a Fair.

Fair in a Fair is a major overhaul, producing big-bang activities for the entire family. The world-famous Singing Angels open the Fair at 3:00 PM Saturday June 29, at the stage in the Coventry School playground, just south of the business district. When the chorus roars out its first tune, hundreds of balloons will ascend.

The complete Street Fair hours are 3:00 to 9:00 PM Saturday, and noon to 6:00 PM Sunday, June 30.

Another first: there will be picnic tables, for relaxing and eating, on the playground. There's a baby-crawling contest Saturday, and on Sunday afternoon the the staff of the Jewish Community Center offers a slate of sing-alongs, parachute games, and New Games. On both days there will be arts and crafts at Fair in a Fair. There will be a magician, a balloon twister, . . . Get the picture? Big fun.

Meanwhile, along the avenue--the commercial strip--music, professional crafts, and food to keep the Fair-goers happy. There's classical, jazz, klezmer, folk, and country music. And for the first time, a stand-up comic. Performers include Hot Foot Quintet, Windwords, John Bassett, the Inspirations, the Silver String Band, Alex Bevan, Dave Friebig, Tazz, Jeanie Fletcher.

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## Meeting notes

### May regular meeting

Bob Shields, a Trustee-at-Large of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., (CNI), has resigned on account of his plans to move out of the neighborhood. Nominations will be accepted and an election to select a new Trustee will be held at the July meeting.

A committee will be formed to study proposals for the spending of \$10,000 now in a restricted fund.

CNI resolved to support a request, before the Board of Zoning Appeals, for a permit to allow a family residing at 3010 Washington Boulevard to take in several foster children. At the same time CNI will express deep concern over allegations of severe disrepair of that house.

Lewis Zipkin offered a short presentation about a garage, located behind Coventryard, which he seeks permission to raze.

## Hennes, Young on Viacom

Bruce Hennes, President of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., and Kathryn Young, chair of the 1985 Street Fair, will appear on a public service program produced by Viacom.

The program will be shown on Viacom channel 27, the public access channel, on Friday, June 21, 7:30 PM; on Sunday June 23, 10:30 AM; and Tuesday June 25, 9:30 AM.

Join Coventry Neighbors, Inc. now.

## Restricted fund uses to be new committee's charge

Coventry Neighbors, Inc., (CNI) will be studying proposals for spending \$10,000. The money is now in a CNI restricted fund. Proposals for the use of these funds were solicited several times in these pages in recent months.

Projects will be reviewed by a committee which will report at the June and July regular meetings of CNI. Though the recommendations of the Committee may be accepted, modified, or rejected, *all* funding proposals must go through the Committee.

Committee meetings have not yet been scheduled. Contact Larry Beam at 371-6095 for further information. Written proposals, including cost estimates, may be sent to CNI at 2910 Hampshire Road, Cleveland Heights, OH, 44118.

## Election notices

### Treasurer

Nominations will be accepted, and an election will be held, to select a new Treasurer of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., (CNI) at the next regular meeting, to be held on June 11. Only persons who are members in good standing of CNI are eligible for the office; only persons who were members as on May 12 may vote.

### Trustee-at-large

Nominations will be accepted, and an election will be held, for the office of Trustee-at-large of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., at the organization's regular meeting of July 9.

## Don't ride bikes on the sidewalk here

Riding bicycles on the sidewalk in the Coventry Village commercial district is against the law. The area is posted with signs reading "No bicycles on sidewalk." Bicycles may be ridden on the sidewalk in other parts of the city, where no such signs are displayed.

## Clean-up continues while funding becomes critical

Many residents, merchants, and visitors here have praised the clean-up efforts in Coventry Village. Verbal expressions of appreciation have been many, and are appreciated.

The effort, though, may not continue. It has been cut back a bit already, because Coventry Merchants Association (CMA), sponsor of the effort, is running out of resources.

About thirty of the area's 85 (or so) merchants belong to the CMA. Others steadfastly refuse to pay the group's \$85 annual dues. Only Ken Ross (William Ross Realty) and Lee Allen (Lee Allen Salon) have made a contributions beyond those dues. Many merchants feel that the City should do the clean-up, or pay for it. Others point to their neighbors, saying, "When he gives, I will." So no one does. Two appeals in these pages for contributions from the public have brought in nothing.

City Council has allocated \$4,000 for a flier describing the Coventry commercial area, and listing the shops here. That flier is now in production and should be distributed soon. But Council refuses to consider allocating any funds for clean-up. That \$4,000 probably could cover the costs of the clean-up, at its present level, for about a year.

The City is helping in other ways, though. A worker now picks up bottles, cans, and other large pieces of litter in the public parking lots each day. City Manager Bob Downey is considering a request that City workers, who would have to be paid premium overtime wages, empty trash receptacles on the street twice a day, at least on weekends. Mayor Alan Rapoport has been a leader among the volunteer workers who have emptied over-flowing trash receptacles on recent weekend evenings, when Coventry's commercial strip has been especially busy.

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Litter money . . . from previous page

The Cleveland Heights Local Development Corporation (LDC) recently directed some of its energies toward the litter problem in all of the City's commercial areas. A new committee of the LDC will study the Coventry Village clean-up effort, with the aim of establishing, and finding funding for, similar programs in other commercial areas of Cleveland Heights. The LDC's only function, until now, has been the administration of a storefront renovation program. Through the judicious use of generous governmental subsidies, that program has had an immense impact on the appearance of commercial buildings in Coventry and all over town.

The LDC's involvement is a bright ray of hope to those who have fought for Coventry's new image of cleanliness. But the refusal of most merchants and building owners to contribute communicates the clear, unmistakable message that the effort, despite the praise many have expressed for it, simply isn't worth-while.

Those who believe that the effort is valuable may send financial contributions and expressions of moral support to Coventry Neighbors, Inc., 2910 Hampshire Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Contributions are tax-deductible. --L. B.

## Library goings-on

The summer reading program will begin June 13 at all Cleveland Heights-University Heights Libraries. Opening day of the program at Coventry Library will feature Plain Dealer cartoonist Dick Dugan, a program on making your own glider, and refreshments (2 to 4 PM).

Friends of the Library will sponsor "Origami: Paper-folding Magic" on July 2 at 7:30 PM.

Toddler storytime, for children aged 3 to 5, will begin again the week of June 17, and will continue through late August. Programs will be held on Mondays at 2:00 PM, on Tuesdays at 6:45

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Santiago, Lost Bob and the Ozone Ramblers, I-Tal, Oroboros, Jady Kurrent, Gusti, Jones & Kovac, the Wright Family, Barb and Uncle Dave Partington, the Cleveland Klezmerim, the Mr. Stress Blues Band, the Mai Barron Trio, First Light, Aurora, Jim Callahan, and many more.

A complete schedule of musical performances will be in the Fair Guide, which will be available throughout the Fair. There will be four music stages.

Volunteers are still needed to work on the Fair. They can sell t-shirts, lend traffic barricades, push brooms, and much else. Call 321-2510 or stop in at the Fair office on the lower level of Coventry Mall. It's fun, and a pleasant way to get involved with Coventry Village.

Kris Pottenger designed this year's poster. T-shirts, carrying the design, will be sold at the Fair for \$5.00.

## Where to park for the Fair

Here is a list of often-overlooked possibilities for parking during the Fair:

Coventry School parking lot; the City Hall and Recreation Pavilion parking lots, on Mayfield east of Coventry; St. Ann's Church, at Coventry and Cedar Roads; Cumberland Park, near the tennis courts and pool; The Civic parking lot, at Mayfield and Lee Roads; and Severance Center.

Parking is also available on side-streets around the Fair area.

Do not block driveways.

There is no parking on the center strips of Washington and Euclid Heights Boulevards.

The usual laws governing parking will be enforced. So please be certain that you park legally.

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## ABOUT COVENTRY

**FLOWERS** . . . Spring flowers have been planted in unusual numbers in front yards on Hampshire Road, west of Coventry, in the apartment district and in front of the two-family houses. Yards all over Coventry Village appear significantly better-kept than in past years. Tommy's Restaurant, 1820 Coventry, has planted new flowers in window-boxes and around a tree. Metropolitan Savings has, as always, done a thorough and elegant landscaping job. The City of Cleveland Heights planted a bed of marigolds at the north-east corner of Coventry and Euclid Heights, around a sign identifying the business district.

**TREES** . . . Many new trees—perhaps twenty in all—have been planted in Coventry's commercial district. They are Norway maple, purple ash, and little-leaf linden. All are larger than the trees usually planted by the City, so will have a better chance of surviving to maturity.

As part of its efforts to keep the commercial area neat and clean, the Coventry Merchants Association has been watering the new and old trees. In past years, the trees, which are set in small holes cut in the sidewalk, have suffered severely from lack of adequate water.

Now if vandals—like those who struck flower boxes at Record Revolution several times recently—stay away from the trees, they will prosper.

**OPPORTUNITY** . . . Many shops here are missing an excellent opportunity by closing as early as they do. Coventry Cinema, since its change of format, brings large crowds. The area's restaurants and the Dobama Theater bring many more. The late hours of Pick-n-Pay attract shoppers. Others come here just to stroll in an attractive urban neighborhood. Nor are the crowds here made up of just un-moned kids: there are plenty of upper- and middle-income adults, folks with money to spend, among all those

restaurant and theater patrons, strollers, and other visitors here.

**LIGHTS** . . . New high-pressure sodium lights, installed by the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company under a contract with the City of Cleveland Heights, are now in operation in Muni Parking Lot 20, next to Coventry Beverage and Pizza. We lobbied for months to have the lights installed; we think they'll do much to minimize problems with young folk in that lot, and to make visitors more comfortable parking there.

A dilapidated guard rail near the front of that lot was repaired recently by a City crew. This work, combined with increased effort from the City and Coventry Merchants Association to keep the lot clean, have had a huge impact on the appearance of the lot.

**ICE CREAM** . . . Penguin Ice Cream has replaced Haagen-Dazs at Coventryard. Their product is lower in price and less rich than that offered by Haagen-Dass. Penguin's ice cream has won numerous national and regional awards, including one from the National Ice Cream Retailers Association. Penguin has a manufacturing plant on Columbus Road in the Plate, and retail outlets at Westgate Mall and Stroungsville Plaza. Penguin has been in business since 1945.

**OPEN, FINALLY** . . . A fabric banner reading, "Coke is it—Grand Opening" proclaimed the mid-May opening of Gourmet de France, 1824 Coventry Road. Its start of business had been delayed for months by problems with the delivery of equipment and other troubles. The shop's collection of cheeses and fresh produce are welcome additions to Coventry Village. Fresh breads and pastries are baked in the shop each day. Its offerings of carry-out sandwiches, its wine and beer selections, and most of its other offerings seem tailored to compete directly with Coventry Beverage and Pizza.

—Ed.

## New lot will be open soon

The rebuilt and expanded Municipal Parking Lot 4, on Lancashire near the Unitarian Society building, may be open for business before this newsletter is read. Work on it is now about one month ahead of schedule.

Holders of permits to park in the lot may elect to renew their permits for that lot, or move to Lot 30, at the corner of Lancashire and Euclid Heights Boulevard. New permits for both lots will go on sale July 1. They cost \$45, and are valid for three months.

A gate with which the City had planned to close off access to the rear of the new lot will not be installed. A cut-through to the rear of buildings on Euclid Heights will, thus, remain open. Had the gate been installed, residents of buildings on Euclid Heights would have had to walk around the block to gain access to the expanded lot.

Yet another parking lot, located a block north of the expanded lot, may be constructed this fall. A hearing on an eminent domain action by which the City hopes to acquire land for that lot is set for early June.

In a move related closely to the addition of new, off-street parking spaces in the apartment district, parking meters have been installed along the south side of Euclid Heights Boulevard. Their purpose is to encourage residents to use the new parking lots, freeing on-street spaces for commercial patrons.

We understand that the City is now giving serious consideration to the metering of what are now permit-only spaces in the parking lots in the commercial area, and to the removal of "no parking" signs from Lancashire Road. These moves, suggested in these pages last month, could add as many as 30 badly-needed spaces to the parking available for shoppers and theatergoers.

—L.B.

Keep Coventry Clean

## Heights Heritage Tour is set for late September

The Heights Heritage Tour, sponsored by the Heights Community Congress, will be held on September 28 and 29. Its theme this year is "Heightstyle." Mary Clemens and Chris Martin are co-chairs of the event. F. David Gill, a long-time Coventry activist, chairs the committee selecting the houses that will be shown on the tour.

## Clayworkers to hold sale

A sale of hand-made pottery is planned by Clayworkers, a potters' cooperative with studios in the basement of the Coventry Village Library.

The event will open with a reception on Friday, June 28, 7:00 to 10:00 PM; the sale will continue during the Coventry Village Street Fair, on Saturday, June 29, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and on Sunday, June 30, noon to 6:00 PM.

## PTA ice cream social planned for June 6

Muriel Ente, the new Principal of Coventry Elementary School, will be welcomed at an ice cream social on June 6 at 7:00 PM. The event will be held outside, weather permitting, or in the school's all-purpose room. A meeting of the PTA will follow.

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## Shields leaves board

Bob Shields, Trustee-at-large of Coventry Neighbors, Inc., has resigned from the board of CNI.

Shields was married recently to Marley Eiger. She is an attorney with the Public Defender's Office. They will live on Cleveland's West Side.

Shields is a probation officer with Summit County. He was active in several Street Fairs, and was one of the founders of the Coventry Village Halloween Party.

His quiet, capable counsel will be missed by all.

An election to select someone to fill his unexpired term will be held during the regular CNI meeting of July 9.

--Bruce M. Hennes, President of CNI

## Vacation Bible School

"Discovering God's Love on Sunrise Island" is the theme of a Vacation Bible School program to be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road. The program will run from 9:30 AM to noon, June 24 to 28. Contact Deborah Mate at 932-1460 for more information.

## Sign up now for HCC insulation help

Protect your home against winter's cold and keep your heat bills down with storm windows constructed and installed by WAY (Winterization and Youth, a program of the Heights Community Congress). Applications are now being accepted for the program, which is available only to persons of relatively low income. Call the Heights Community Congress at 321-6775 for more information.



## Foster family request stirs controversy on Washington

The City's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) delayed action on the a special permit to allow three additional foster children in a home at 3010 Washington Boulevard.

Coventry Neighbors, Inc., (CNI) communicated to the BZA its support for the permit request, while expressing concern of allegations of serious housing code violations brought by David Glasser, of 3014 Washington, and other neighbors.

J. Lewis Madorsky, an attorney for Glasser, displayed photographs, which he said were taken this spring, showing exposed wiring, missing floor tiles, broken sidewalk blocks, and water-damaged walls at the home at 3010 Washington. He argued that the BZA should deny the permit request because of these Code violations.

The City's Division of Inspectional Services had issued a Certificate of Compliance, indicating that the home had passed an inspection last fall.

Bob Wilkinson, head of Inspectional Services for the City, told the CVN that the exposed wiring was behind an electric stove when the inspector saw the home. The missing tiles were under a refrigerator. The broken sidewalk had been new in the fall, and had just not survived the winter, due probably to poor materials or workmanship.

Wilkinson said that inspectors do not require that appliances be moved when inspections are conducted. The house was occupied last fall, when the inspections were performed. It is now vacant.

Neither Madorsky nor Glasser could be reached for further comment. --L.B.

## To Jack Boyle: get well soon

John J. Boyle, a member of the Planning Commission here, and former Mayor of the City, suffered a heart attack in mid-May. We understand that he is improving swiftly.

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COVENTRY NEIGHBORS, INC. Trustees Meeting: no date yet selected for July Board meeting; call 321-4670 for information. Committee Chairpersons are asked to attend. The Trustees meeting is open to all dues-paid members of CNI.

NOW is the time to join COVENTRY NEIGHBORS, INC. Membership includes a subscription to the *Coventry Village News*. All memberships expire on December 31 of each year. The form below may be used for renewals.

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