



# Coventry Village News

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## OCTOBER ELECTIONS MEETING TO BE HELD AT COVENTRY SCHOOL

Because of the strong interest generated by the issues now before Coventry Neighbors, Inc., the October regular meeting will be held at Coventry Elementary School. Last month's meeting drew a crowd that exceeded the capacity of our usual meeting room, at Coventry Village Library. We expect an even larger crowd this month.

The meeting will on Tuesday, October 14, 7:30 PM. Nominations will again be opened, elections will be held, and there will be a presentation by a representative of a group supporting the proposed school levy.

## REQUIEM FOR A LINDEN TREE

Its trunk was about four inches in diameter, and it stood some ten feet tall. This little leaf linden had survived two years right in front of the entry to the Dobama Theatre, 1846 Coventry Road. On a Monday night in mid-September, vandals killed it by snapping its trunk at chest level.

The next day, Gus Barnwell, of the City's Forestry Department, arrived with a pick-up truck to haul the tree off. "I don't understand why anyone would do something like this," Barnwell said. "It was a nice, healthy tree. It didn't do anything to them." He carefully replanted the petunias and marigolds that had grown around its base this summer. He replaced the white wire fence that protected the flowers. But without the tree, the spot looked like a tiny, fresh, unmarked grave.

Through the efforts of some workers at the near-by Turkey Ridge Tavern and Eatery, the alleged tree-killer was been apprehended. A group of males, being already drunk, was refused admittance to that establishment. After having nasty words with the management there, they swaggered up Coventry, and one of them tried to swing on the linden tree as he passed.

Peter Harris, the bartender at the Ridge most nights, happened to be off duty, and saw the tree break from a seat near the front window. Standing next to Harris was Rich Turbow, the Forestry Department worker who had planted the tree.

Someone called the police while Harris, Turbow, and a patron hurried outside, where they prevented the vandals from entering their car until the police arrived. A twenty-three year-old man was arrested, and charged with criminal mischief. The dead tree is being kept as evidence.

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where we all get along together  
pretty well.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: It was impossible to type-set the Coventry Village News this month because the equipment on which that's done was stolen by burglars in mid-August. We are seeking new ways to produce this newsletter. In the meantime, thanks to the generous supporters who allowed us to use their machines this month.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

When my ten-year-old, three-legged cat named Mork jumped out a window early one morning, I thought, "Let him have a little adventure. He'll be home for breakfast."

When he didn't return by bed time, I figured that the out-of-doors works its magic even on old cats. But the third day of his absence, I was worried and began to ask around.

Mork had gone off on little escapades before: he'd gotten closed in a basement, or visited a neighbor for the night. But this was getting serious.

So I called the Cleveland Heights Animal Warden. The woman there was very nice. A three-legged cat would be easy to identify. If they had any word, they would let me know. Don't worry; most lost cats turn up eventually, sometimes after long intervals. She was sure he would come home. So was I.

But after four weeks, I had given up. I had even gotten used to his absence.

Then there came a call from the Animal Warden's office, saying that a Mrs. Chapman, in a northern corner of Cleveland Heights, had seen a three-legged cat hanging around her home.

I went with a friend to Mrs. Chapman's address--and found Mork.

I am deeply grateful to the very kind and effective--but nameless--lady at the Animal Warden's office. I am grateful that Cleveland Heights employs such people.

Mork joins me in thanking Mrs. Chapman and her children, Amy and Rusty, for their kind, caring concern.

--Bobbie Littell  
Coventry Village

Join Coventry Neighbors NOW!

### LEARN HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Keeping the heat in--and winter's winds out--is the key to the efficient use of heating energy in the coming season.

Workshops on low-cost insulation techniques are offered free to all residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights.

Do-It-Yourself Weatherization Workshops are offered by the Heights Conservation Program on Thursday October 16, and Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 PM, at the FHC Housing Corporation, 2483 Lee Boulevard. Reservations are required; call the Heights Community Congress at 321-6775.

The workshops will focus on methods like using weatherstripping, door sweeps, and caulking. You will learn how to build inexpensive inside storm windows of clear vinyl. Participants will learn how to apply for interest-free loans to finance major energy conservation projects like furnace replacement and insulation.

The Heights Community Congress continues to offer home energy audits. These audits, which are free to families who meet certain income guidelines, help to determine what measures will do the most to improve heating efficiency. Call 321-6775 for more information.

### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE BERNICE LOTT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Bernice Lott Memorial award for the outstanding citizen of Cleveland Heights is given annually to that person who through his or her commitment, dedication, and work in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights community has best exemplified the mission and goals of the Heights Community Congress.

Anyone may make a nomination. Nominations must be in writing and should contain sufficient information as to why the nominee is deserving of the award. Nominations should be delivered or mailed to Outstanding Citizen, Heights Community Congress, 2163 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 44118. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 7, 1986.

The mission of the Heights Community Congress is to maintain an open and integrated community of the highest quality.

The goals of the Congress include equal housing opportunity throughout the Eastern suburbs; an organized, informed citizenry acting through neighborhood groups and other organizations; a quality physical environment that's safe, structurally sound, and attractive; the involvement of people of all races, religions, and cultures, in all aspects of the community.

The winner of the award will be honored at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Heights Community Congress to be held on Sunday, November 16, at Saint Paul's Church, 2747 Fairmount Boulevard, 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Call the Heights Community Congress at 321-6775 for reservations.

### BISTROT DES ARTISTES SPONSORS TEAS FOR SENIORS

Bistrot des Artistes, 1825 Coventry Road, has begun a series of complimentary teas for senior citizens. Three of these parties, which are free to all senior citizens, have been held so far. Their popularity is growing.

Coffee, tea, and a wide variety of pastries are served.

The teas are held on the first Wednesday of each month--the next one is on November 5--from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

**LIBRARY GOINGS-ON**

"The Total Teen" is the title given to a fashion seminar to be presented on Saturday, October 18, 10:00 AM to noon. The program offers tips on hair care and wardrobe coordination. Registration is required. Call 321-3400 for more information.

Everyone is welcome to our First Thursday Coffee Hours. Come on November 6 and December 4. Have a cup of coffee, enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the Coventry Village Library, browse and borrow books, magazines and records.

The Art Museum exhibit this month is a most unusual collection of hats. See in it in the display case. Fall into the Library habit.

Preschool Storytime, for ages three to five, meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Registration is required.

Programs for school-age children include Once Upon a Storytime, Tuesdays at 2:30 PM; and Buckeye Book Disco, Wednesdays at 3:30 PM.

Fall into the Library habit.

[Editor's note: Congratulations are due to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library for having been chosen to participate in a University of Illinois study of fifty outstanding libraries in the country. The study will consider the needs and concerns of libraries in the future by surveying what some forward-thinking libraries are doing now.]

**MEETING NOTES: REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9**

The committee charged at last month's meeting to report on whether to have or change future Street Fairs urged that the Street Fair be pronounced dead, and that a new event be declared aborning. Coventry Neighbors, Inc., resolved to have a mediator work with the various factions to seek resolution of the Street Fair matter.

Larry Beam and Kathryn Young were nominated for the office of President. David Burwasser was nominated for Vice President. F. David Gill was nominated for Secretary. Marion Fisher was nominated for Treasurer. Marvin Schwartz, Julie Washington, and Jeff Solomon-Hess were nominated for the two Trusteeships. It was noted that nominations would be opened again at the October meeting.

Sky Arsinchuck, Mark Bertsch, and John Shoemaker, who are not residents of the Coventry area, were made members of Coventry Neighbors, Inc.

It was resolved that an independent of audit of the Corporation's books be conducted before the next meeting.

**HCC OFFERS HERITAGE TOUR BOOK**

In conjunction with the Tenth Anniversary Heights Heritage Tour, the Heights Community Congress has published a book called In Our Day. The book contains all the material from Heritage on the Heights, and In My Day, which were published by the Congress

## Coventry Village Restorations...

### WINDOWS

To add to the good looks of a house, windows should be of the right size, shape, and location. A good location from an exterior viewpoint may be a bad location from the interior, so compromises must be made.

Windows are made up of lights, panes of glass set in wood sashes. You can have one light per sash, or as many as sixteen. When you hear of Colonial windows being six-over-six, that means there are six lights in the top sash and six in the bottom; that is, in a double-hung window. Modern techniques provide one-over-one lights, with wooden or plastic grids inserted to simulate the multilighted effect of a Colonial window. This makes washing easier.

The style of the house dictates the style of the window. A Victorian two-over-two window looks awful on a Colonial house. By the same token, a six-over-six or twelve-over-twelve looks equally awful on a Victorian house.

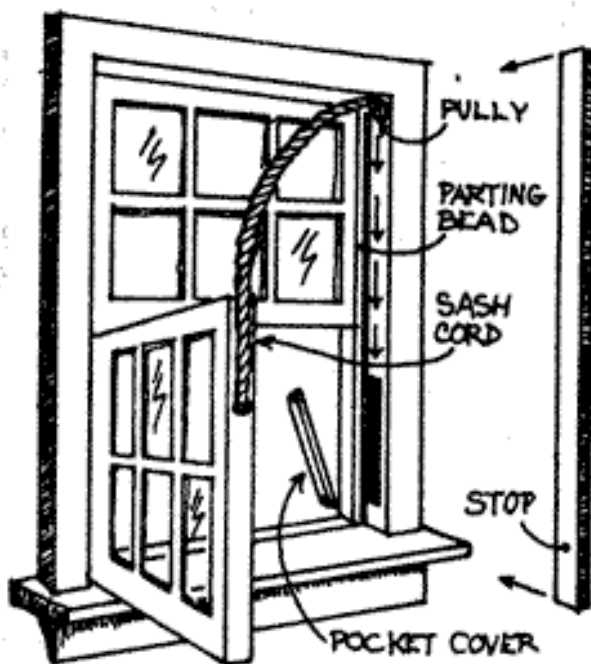


FIGURE 133. Replacing sash cord and weight in a window.

### Replacing Sashes and Cords

Now, let's tackle your windows. Suppose you have to replace a sash, decayed beyond repair, in a double-hung window. To remove a bottom sash, remove one side stop (it is nailed or screwed; Fig-

ure 133) and take the sash out. To remove a top sash, remove the parting bead that separates the top and bottom sashes (Figure 133). This should not be nailed, and should come out with a little coaxing.

The only thing stopping the removal of the sash is the sash weight and cord (Figure 133). If the cord is not broken, loosen the knotted end from the sash and ease it up to the pulley of the jamb. The procedure is reversed when you put in a new sash.

Sash weights are by far the best way to counterbalance double-hung windows, despite the fact that heat is lost through the weight pocket, the space where the weights go up and down. If you have sash weights, keep them, and be content that the slight heat loss is countered by the excellent operation of your windows.

If you have broken weight cords, they're easy to replace, but it might be tough to retrieve the weight, which has fallen into the pocket, coming to rest at the bottom of the wall. You might be able to reach down into the pocket and get the wayward weight, but watch out for protruding nails.

To replace a sash cord, buy new cord, a rope slightly thinner than clothesline. You can use clothesline, but try to use cotton or a blend; it will not unravel like some of the synthetics. You can also buy sash chain, made of brass or bronze.

Take a length of sash cord and thread it through the pulley hole until you can pull it out of the hole near the bottom of the jamb. The hole is covered by a pocket cover, a little door that comes off with the unscrewing of one screw at its top. Tie the weight securely to the end of the cord, insert the weight in the pocket, and pull the rope so that the weight touches the pulley, on the inside. Back off the rope so that the weight drops about 2 inches. Then put the sash in its approximate closed position. Cut the cord a few inches below the bottom of the groove in the sash's edge, and make a knot at the end. Slip the knot into the hole at the bottom of the sash groove, cutting off any excess tail beyond the knot. Replace the trapdoor. Replace the sash and move it up and down a few times to see that everything works properly and nothing binds. Then replace the side stop.

The procedure is the same for top and bottom sashes. The point is to keep the cord to its minimum length without the weight's interfering with the movement of the sash.

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School. Everyone is welcome.

Coventry Neighbors, Inc. Trustees meeting, Thursday, November 6,  
8:00 PM at 2929 Washington Boulevard. The meeting is open to all  
dues-paid members of CNI.

JOIN Coventry Neighbors, Inc., NOW. You must be a member to vote  
on the issues decided at our meetings. All memberships expire at  
the end of each year; we are now offering memberships at half the  
usual price.

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