



# Friendly City Newsletter

Special Winter Edition – 2017

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2017 is already here, but it is. Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for continuing to read our *Friendly City Newsletter*, and for helping to make 2016 such a successful year for the City of Warrensville Heights. We have many good things in store for you, and plenty of updates. As you read on, you'll see that just as last year was, 2017 will be a year chock full of activities, events, and things to do for everyone in the community. I most certainly am proud to say that I'm anticipating all that is in store for us this year.



A notable mention about this edition of the newsletter is the plethora of opportunities that are presented for our local youngsters. Here in Warrensville Heights, we pride ourselves on the work that we do to enrich our youth, so I am pleased to highlight the city's Annual Summer Employment Program. This program allows both high school and college students to gain work experience as they intern within city departments during a 6-8 week paid internship in the summer. This program boosts civic engagement and helps these students to gain invaluable skills while on their paths to successful lives and careers. Make sure to read on for more information about this premier program, and when and how to apply.

Finally, if you haven't noticed, we don't usually have a January newsletter! With all the great things that we have going on in the city, and the great amount of news that we have to share, we decided to publish five (instead of four) publications this year. Also, you can expect this and quite a many more exciting and new updates in the future. Our newsletter will be getting a brand new look in the spring, so stay tuned.

*Wishing you a peaceful and prosperous new year!*

Sincerely,

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Mobile Food Pantry</b> .....	January 14
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## 2016 IN REVIEW: Warrensville Heights Family YMCA



### Annual Campaign

- \$42,000 was raised from staff, Y members, advisory board members and businesses.
- \$274,502 was given back to the Warrensville serves areas for financial assistance.

### Distributed Financial Assistance

- Membership Assistance - 4,367
- Childcare Assistance - 85 families
- Health & Wellness Assistance - 2 members
- Aquatics Program Assistance - 128 members
- Youth Sports Assistance - 57 children

### Current Membership

- Total active members overall - 10,684
- Total active **Warrensville Resident members overall** - 2828 which is 26.5 % of our memberships.
- Total active **Warrensville Family Residents** - 1,732
- Total active **Warrensville Senior Residents** - 719

### Facility Usages

26% of Warrensville residents make up the usage (*46,284 out of 178,726 visits*). Warrensville is 5th overall in usage in the Association and is the ONLY branch to show year over year increases in facility usage.

### Programs

#### Sports

- Jr. Cavaliers Program Participants for Winter 2016 – 195 total players, 54/152 or 28% of those players are Warrensville Residents
- Youth Basketball Program Participants for Spring 2016 – 202 total players, 62/202 or 31% of those players reside in Warrensville
- Sports Day Camp Program Participants for Summer 2016 – 53 total participants, 25/53 or 47% of those players reside in Warrensville
- Youth Baseball Program Participants for Summer 2016 – 33 total participants, 13/33 or 39% of those players reside in Warrensville
- Jr. Cavaliers Program Participants for Fall 2016 – 215 total players, 70/215 or 33% of those players reside in Warrensville
- Warrensville Hts. Development Basketball League-17 total players, 100% reside in Warrensville

#### Aquatics

- Taught 1248 swim lessons to 936 people & 215 Warrensville residents
- Taught 17,595 water exercise classes to 648 & 220 Warrensville residents
- Served 57 swim team members and 9 Warrensville residents
- Trained 13 lifeguards and 6 Warrensville residents
- We held a Free Water Safety Class for 25 children.
- Celebrated one of our first swim team members to reach college this year and had scholarship offers from both Division 1 and 2 schools. He is now swimming for Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio.

### Active Older Adults (Seniors)

- AOA's are 36% of total usage (51,884)
- 3rd in association for Silver Sneakers Visits
- Warrensville AOA residents are 40% of overall AOA usage (21,027)
- 27 AOA Members have participated in swim lessons.
- 31 Participants in Community Garage Sale
- 29 members in Bid Whist Tournament
- 9 off-site luncheons with over 700 participants
- Over 30 AOA Exercise Classes (Land & Water) per week

### AOA Community Partners

- Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland
- Gathering Place
- OSU Extension - Cuyahoga County Western Reserve
- Walton Manor
- Warrensville Civic Center
- Arthritis Foundation
- Jennings Center
- Case Western Reserve
- Ahuja - UH

### Teens

The Teen Center averages 25 youth/teens daily. Six New Programs have been added since the summer:

- Teen Hip Hop Dance Average Participants - 15 Teens
- Speaker Series - 15 Teens
- Youth Tap Dance Class - 10 Youth
- Problem Solving Through Poetry - 10 Teens
- Youth Golf - 6 Youth
- Y knowledge Street Smart - 10 teens
- Young Women with Vision- 5 to 8 Teens
- Y Achievers starting this winter in the Warrensville Middle School

**YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program** is a yearlong program for participants 18 years or older to help reduce the risk for diabetes by reducing body weight by 7% and increasing physical activity by at least 150 minutes per week.

- Associate-89 Classes and served 938
- Warrensville-16 classes and served 125 members

### Two NEW Initiative Healthy Living Programs

**Healthy Weight and Your Child**-12 month evidence-based program for children age 7-13 old with obesity (*child carry excess weight, with a body mass index of the 95th percentile or higher*). Parent/caregiver must attend all sessions. Currently 9 kids, which consists of 6 families.

**LiveStrong Program**-Free 12 week program offer to cancer survivors and their families to help begin the journey toward recovery. Currently 5 participants.

# What's Happening at the Warrensville Heights Branch Library

4415 Northfield Road | Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128 | (216) 464-5280

Visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org/WarrensvilleBranch.aspx](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/WarrensvilleBranch.aspx) for a complete listing of upcoming events!

## Youth

- Children ages birth to eight and their caregivers, including child care centers, are invited to our Family Storytimes, which run January through April at 6:30 pm Monday evenings and 10:30 am Tuesday mornings. No registration is required.
- The second semester of our Homework Center for students in grades K-8 will begin on Monday, January 16th. Please come to the library to register and for more information, including news on our monthly Family Engagement Nights (complete with a pizza dinner!)
- **Tweens (Grades 4-6) and Teens (Grades 7 and up)** can be introduced to **3D Design and Printing** on Saturday, January 7. Explore hands-on digital creation and create their own design using the 3-D modeling program Tinkercad! The designs will be printed on library's 3-D printer and will be available for pickup one week after the program.
- **Preschoolers** can join us with tons of fun moving our bodies in motion with songs, finger plays, and stories at Kids in Motion, Saturday, January 14th at 2 pm.
- **Teens in grades 6-12** will explore science, art, crafts and technology in **Maker Club**. See what we're making each month! Wednesdays, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15 from 3:30-5 pm.
- **Calling Teens in grades 6-12!** Explore **Coding with SCRATCH**: Learn how to create your own digital animation using Scratch. Saturday, February 11th from 2-4 pm. Registration required.
- **Kids 8-12** can join us for Pokémon Go themed paper crafts and games on Saturday, February 18th from 2-4 pm.
- **Teens Ages 11-18**: Join Progressive Arts Alliance for an exploration of simple circuits and art making. This workshop will allow students to learn about simple circuits while creating a small cloud sculpture. Participants will each create their very own cloud, lit by an LED, that they can clip on to their collar or backpack and take home. Wednesday, February 22nd 3-5 pm. Registration required
- **Ages 11- Adult** can learn to use the **Recording Studio** at the Warrensville Heights Library during our drop-in orientation sessions. Expect sessions to last between 20-30 minutes. Make sure you bring your library card or photo ID with you. Tuesdays from 7-8 pm; Wednesdays 1/18, 2/15, 3/15 from 3-4 pm and Saturdays 1/14, 2/11, 3/11 from 9:30-10:30 am.

## Families

- Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 16th) as Deborah A. Hill, a student of Civil Rights, will discuss her book *The Power of Encouragement* from 1-3 pm.
- Celebrate Black History Month by connecting kids (from 1 to 92) with books for youth written by African-American authors! Everyone is invited to attend this national event at the library on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm and show your love of reading to young people.
- Enjoy a concert by the Ecumenical Disciples Choir on Saturday, February 25th at 2 pm to celebrate Black History Month. Learn about the history of African-American gospel music and spirituals.

## Adults

- A representative from Ohio Means Jobs will be at the library Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm to assist customers in completing job seeker profiles with Ohio Means Jobs AND the Cleveland-Cuyahoga WIOA application. Customers can then receive an individual Employment Plan and get resources on Occupational Skills Training/On-The-Job Training/Customized Training.
- Join our Book Lovers' Club: 1/11 *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel; 2/8 *The Jazz Palace* by Mary Morris.
- Color your stress away on Saturday, Jan. 21st from 2-4 pm. We'll supply colored pencils, coloring sheets and a relaxing atmosphere.
- Explore the mysteries of your ancestors with Genealogy Tracers, Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. 1/28 Genealogy Pitfalls; 2/25 Tips for Finding Female Ancestors.
- Learn essential iPad skills on Wednesday, February 1st from 2-4 pm.
- Learn how to use your Android smart-phone or tablet on Wednesday, February 15th from 10 am to noon.
- Call us to learn our full schedule of Computer classes, including introductory computer skills and Excel spreadsheets.
- Create a LinkedIn account, build a profile, set up privacy settings and develop a professional network on Tuesday, February 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

# City Council Update



from left to right: Councilwoman **Kimberly Hodge Edwards**, Councilwoman **Andrea Mitchell**, Councilman **Matthew Howard**, Council President **Dorise Hagwood** (center), Councilman **Stanley Anderson**, Councilwoman **Elona C. White**, Councilman **Walter Stewart**; photo courtesy of Bruce Mitchell On Location Photography

**Warrensville Heights City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7 pm. Caucus for Council begins at 6 pm. For more information about City Council and its meetings, please contact Deborah Hutton, Clerk of Council, at (216) 587-6516.**

## **Ward 1 | Council President Dorise Hagwood**

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Greetings Good People!

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable year. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support.

This journey is not just politics with me, with many of you we have cried, prayed, celebrated and grieved together- my story is your story. I cannot serve the people without the people, and I am grateful that you are walking this journey with me. Thank you.

The 2016 Presidential Election spoke to the depths of my soul. My conscience tells me clearly and certainly that I must not prolong the bad dream that reopened a chapter that I've tried to close "The Civil Rights Movement." We lost too much, but not everything - for we will still stand together for as many tomorrow's that we are blessed with.

I was raised to believe in community and civil service. I still have much work to do and each day is a new opportunity to respect the trust you have placed in me to represent you in honesty and truth. I may not be able to solve every problem, but "I promise you"...I'll do all within my power to help you through it. No matter what...at the end of the day...how we treat each other is what really matters.

Let us continue to look out for each other during the remainder of the winter months. Please feel free to call me with any questions/concerns that you may have.

*Yours in service,*  
**Dorise**

## **Ward 2 | Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell**

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Season's Greetings,

Be sure to check your heaters and out for your neighbors on the upcoming chilly days.

**Save These Dates:**

- **Spring Ward 2 Community Meeting**

*Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 11:00 am*

- **"A Taste of Spring"**

*Saturday, April 22, 2017 | South Pointe Hospital | 2:00-4:00 pm*

Please know that you can always contact me at **216.339.1279**.

Neighborly,

**Andrea Mitchell**

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**Ward 3 | Councilwoman Elona C. White**

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**Happy New Year to All!**

We had a very successful 2016 meeting year. Look forward to seeing you at Ward 3 meetings in 2017. When you see the Ward 3 Neighborhood Association signs at the end of your street, that is your communication regarding meeting date and time. The next Ward 3 meeting will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2017 @ 6:30 pm at the Warrensville Heights Senior & Civic Center.

Send your email addresses to me so that I have an alternative way to contact you.

As always, please be mindful of your safety by locking your car doors, securing your home, and being aware of your surroundings.

Please feel free to contact your Councilwoman @ **216-581-3899** or **216-587-6516**. Thank you and have a happy and prosperous 2017.

Check us out on the City's Website, Facebook & Twitter for City Events.

**Ward 4 | Councilman Walter Stewart**

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Greetings Everyone,

I am very thankful and happy to announce that the children's Summer Food Program was a complete success. I want to thank both the children and parents in Ward 4 who participated in the program. I am very thankful for the support from our beautiful City of Warrensville Heights, and I thank AIY Properties for the support that they gave as well. A very warm and special thanks to the very dedicated, hard-working Ward 4 volunteers to whom I attribute the success of the children's Summer Feeding program. They are truly a blessing to our ward and city.

Volunteers: Elizabeth Ann Sealey (my assistant), Betty Winston, Pearlie Jones, Michael A. Perry, Dorothy Ranch, Ernestine Holloway, Naomi Welles, Raysene Lindsey, Brenda McCants, Renee Strong, Laverne Cunningham, Thornton Barker, Janet Washington, Gail Cox, Diane Coman, Linda Stafford, Ms. Lovie, Rita Sellers, Janet Washington, and Terrence L. Acoff, Jr.

**Councilman Walter Stewart – (216) 868-5695 or (216) 587-6516**

**Ward 5 | Councilman Matthew Howard**

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Greetings to all. Thank you to all of the residents who have come out to support our summer events. It was a pleasure seeing everyone and meeting new faces. Hopefully by now we have all adjusted to the new rubbish collection services. Please call me with any questions or concerns.

***I look forward to serving you proudly!***

**Councilman Matt Howard – (440) 561-7990**

**Ward 6 | Councilman Stanley Anderson**

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Born and raised in Port Gibson, Mississippi to share cropper parents. The lack of resources and opportunities led Stanley to migrate to Cleveland after graduating from high school. Stanley's parents taught him to always look at the bright side and to value hard work and discipline. After successful careers in the US Navy and General Motors, Stanley retired in 2003.

Stanley initially enjoyed his retirement, but his heart was always in public service. In 2013 he was successful in winning the Ward 6 council election.

Stanley understands the importance of being a member of a responsive legislative body and the important aspect of making our city government work. Additionally, Stanley has a forward-looking agenda for making Warrensville Heights a successful city.

Please drive safely and be aware of your surroundings while in public so as not to become the victim of a crime.

Thanks to the Ward 6 residents and their guests for braving the inclement weather on Saturday, November 19th to attend the Annual Ward 6 Holiday Party.

**Stanley Anderson**

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**Ward 7 | Councilwoman Kimberly Hodge-Edwards**

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Greetings to all Ward 7 & Warrensville Heights residents! I would like to invite you to continue to attend our council meetings, held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Caucus for our council meeting begins at 6:00 pm and the council meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Angela Smith-Souza,

Director of Communications & Activities

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony A Success

On the evening of December 6th, the full and rhythmic voices of Jon and Bri Bryant, more popularly known as the singing duo Jabtune, silenced the growing crowd that had spilled out of Council Chambers and into the standing-room only space of City Hall to view the program. It was the City's first Holiday Lighting Ceremony, the weather outside was indeed frightful, and still, the community came out in droves to see the Mayor and City Council lighten up the City's welcoming post for sake of the season.

Many other organizations were represented at the event as well. In addition to the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, the City was presenting four local partners with charitable donations during the program to further their initiatives and programming which are serving and strengthening the community. Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital Cancer Prevention and Outreach Center, the YMCA of Greater Cleveland Warrensville Heights, Cuyahoga County Library – Warrensville Heights Branch, and Ohio University Aspiring DOctors Program, all brought out their key leaders and executives to receive grants from the City that ranged from \$5,000-\$12,500.

The night ended outside on the steps of City Hall, where families, community partners, and city officials gathered as Mayor Sellers cued the lights. There was a plethora of smiling faces as the large group enjoyed chocolate, candy, hot drinks, desserts and music amidst the magnificent lights.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jerome A. DuVal, Director of Economic Development

### Warrensville Emergency Alerts System

The City of Warrensville Heights launched a new citywide emergency notification system called **ReadyNotify** in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management. The system is used by 21 other participating municipalities to issue notifications to residents and businesses of emergency situations and provide information about necessary actions.

ReadyNotify is primarily used for emergency notifications when rapid and accurate information is essential for your immediate safety; however you may choose to be notified of general City of Warrensville Heights News as well.

Participating in the ReadyNotify Program is voluntary. A valid email and phone number will be needed to sign-up. During the registration process we will ask you to give us information about yourself such as your address, your primary language, and if you require any special assistance during an emergency event. When you sign-up in the system, you will receive emails as well as have the opportunity to choose how you want to receive additional messages.

To register go to [www.cityofwarrensville.com](http://www.cityofwarrensville.com) and click on **ReadyNotify**. If you have any questions, please email [alerts@cityofwarrensville.com](mailto:alerts@cityofwarrensville.com) or call (216) 587-6500.

### Warrensville Heights Available Property Database

The Office of Community and Economic Development is proud to announce the city's commercial real estate tracking system. The tool is used to track inventory of commercial properties available for lease and sales, market analytics on vacancy, absorption and lease rates. The new public access portal is available to the general public on the city's website. To identify the appropriate zoning for your business type, please refer to our online Zone Map. Click on Economic Development.

### New Commercial Projects

#### Northfield Corridor Demolition Underway

The Northfield Corridor (4557 lot size 123,524 square feet and 4499 lot size 194,035 square feet) demolition is underway to clear the bass buildings. This project is a partnership between the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization and Office of Community and Economic Development. The City's vision is to redevelop the area for mix-use commercial, residential development, park setting, and much more.

#### Heinen's Fine Foods, Inc.

Construction of a new 60,000 square feet free standing food production facility with state-of-the-art equipment, refrigeration and onsite production.

#### Lifebanc

Expansion of existing building with a new 20,800 square feet addition to consolidate and centralize operations in Warrensville Heights.

#### Allen Renzi/ORG Management

Plans approved to construct a 30,000 square feet building. The proposed building would be 30 feet in height. The Renzi Gymnastics Academy would occupy 20,000 square feet of the building. The remaining 10,000 would be available for lease.

#### Jack Entertainment/Thistledown Racetrack

Approval to erect a new 15,504 square feet horse barn with 48 horse stalls, track room, wash rack and restroom facilities.

## Audit

The City received an unqualified opinion (clean opinion) for its 2015 Audited Financial Statements. The City was also awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This Award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 was conducted by James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc. The Finance Department, with the assistance of Ciuni & Panichi, Inc., an independent Certified Public Accountant and Business Advisory Firm, prepared the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

## Income Tax Department

The Income Tax Department is moving from its current City Hall location to the Civic and Senior Center located at 4567 Green Road. We will continue to offer the same types of service and face-to-face assistance in the new office and serve the taxpayers of Warrensville Heights in the most efficient and expeditious manner possible. To make it easier for people to make payments, credit and debit cards are now accepted.

For more information about The City of Warrensville Heights income tax issues, contact James

# PUBLIC SERVICE REMINDERS

Ted Sims, Public Service Director

## From Kimble Company About Your Rubbish Collection

Please place trash in bags. Don't place trash loose in Kimble cans. Loose trash creates loose debris on the ground in neighborhoods. Let's work to keep the City of Warrensville Heights clean. Only recycle material can be placed loose in recycle cans.

All mattresses, couches and chairs should be wrapped in plastic. Plastic can be picked up at The Warrensville Heights Service Dept.

**Chipper Services** ended on November 4, 2016. Any brush that is out must be tied in small bundles for trash pick-up.

## Service Department Services

The Service Department will continue to accept the following at the service garage at 19700 Miles Road.

- Old Tires
- Electronic Equipment (*computers, etc.*)
- Old Cooking Oil Grease (*don't pour in sink*)

## Change to the Community's Electric Aggregation Supplier

Our community is a member of the North-east Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), which selected FirstEnergy Solutions to provide electric generation service to eligible participants at a savings of 6% off the utility's generation rate for residents and 4% off for small businesses.

After negotiations between the groups failed, FirstEnergy Solutions provided notice to NOPEC that they would be ending their contract with them.

As a result, effective with your January or February meter read date, FirstEnergy Solutions will no longer be your electric generation supplier and you will return to your utility's standard offer unless you choose a supplier. It's important to note that you will not experience any interruption in your service.

Participants in the electric aggregation program will soon be receiving a letter in the mail notifying them of this change and explaining their options. If you have questions when you receive this letter, please call FirstEnergy Solutions' NOPEC Customer Care line at 1-888-254-9227, which is available weekdays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**Q.** Who can I call if I have questions about my contract with FirstEnergy Solutions?

**A.** You will receive a letter in the mail that will explain this change and your options. However, if you have questions after receiving this letter, please call FirstEnergy Solutions' NOPEC Customer Care line at 1-888-254-9227.

**Q.** If I don't have an electric supplier, will I be without power?

**A.** No. Once your contract with FirstEnergy Solutions ends, you will begin receiving your generation from the local electric utility. You will not have any interruption in service.

**Q.** How do I shop for a new supplier? Where do I find information on offers available to me?

**A.** If you're interested in shopping for a new generation supplier, you can visit the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's website: [energychoice.ohio.gov](http://energychoice.ohio.gov).

## Thank You for Your Service Mike Temari

On Wednesday, November 30th, Mike Temari walked into the Service Department lunch room with reluctance. He was greeted by several smiling eyes and laughing faces. After 30 years of hard work and dedication to the City of Warrensville Hts' Service Department, Mike was being ushered into his own retirement party. A modest man, Temari made it known that his departure did not require any fanfare. Yet, his coworkers saw fit to honor him with a surprise party anyway. Mike's initial reluctance quickly dissolved as he was received one after another by each of his colleagues: some of them giving him robust handshakes, many others embracing him as they prepared to say goodbye to a man who had served so diligently for three decades.

"Mike Temari embodies what this city is all about," said Mayor Brad Sellers. "He is committed to seeing that this community is always put in the best light. Mike has an undeniable love for Warrensville. We appreciate him and will miss him."

After a full afternoon of laughter, stories, and thoughtful nostalgia, the group bid farewell to their fellow employee, teammate, and friend.

*Mike Temari, the City of Warrensville Hts graciously thanks you for your service and wishes you well!*



## 2016 Annual Summer Youth Employment Program Recap

The City of Warrensville Heights had the opportunity to employ 24 students for the annual program. All of the participants lived within the city, and most were Warrensville Heights City School District students and/or alumni. Each student went through an application and interview process and were required to submit a resume. Of the 24 students selected, 19 were high-schoolers and five attended college; they all worked between 25 to 40 hours a week. Throughout the course of summer break, they performed a wide range of jobs, and worked within the Civic Center, Service, Building, Economic Development, Communications, and Personnel Departments of the city. This premier program allowed these students to gain real world work experience and to help serve their community while doing so. This summer, we were honored to have such a great group of talented, young scholars who went above and beyond our expectations! We are duly grateful for their hard work; they will be missed.



## 2017 Summer Youth Employment Program: Call for Applicants!

The City of Warrensville Heights is looking for bright, motivated, and outgoing students to gain valuable experience working with us in summer of 2017. The City will begin to accept applications beginning in March 2017. The Summer Youth Employment Program provides training and work experience for students during the summer months, and offers a diverse range of job opportunities in all areas and departments of the city, including: Building, Service, Communications, Economic Development, Finance, Personnel, Service, and the Civic Center.

### For program consideration, all interested individuals:

- Must be a resident of Warrensville Heights
- Must be a current student of Warrensville Heights or recent graduate; enrolled in college
- Must be at least 14 years of age
- Must be able to work 9 am - 3 pm OR 9 am - 5 pm, Monday-Friday for a 6-8 week period

During the 6-8 week employment period, the students will work between 25-40 hours per week and acquire critical work skills, such as customer service and professionalism. There are 20 open slots, for 15 high school students, and five college students. To ensure fairness, program participants are not allowed participate for consecutive years.

All applications should be submitted to the Personnel Department by **April 28, 2017**. You must include an **application** which can be obtained at **City Hall** or on our website [www.cityofwarrensville.com](http://www.cityofwarrensville.com) along with a **resume**.



## South Pointe Hospital Hosts Bicycle Safety Rodeo

Sergeant Parris Johnson, Firefighter Kirk Pitts and Lieutenant Franklin Marvin

On Saturday July 16, 2016 South Pointe Hospital, the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op, and the safety forces of the City of Warrensville Heights collaborated together and hosted the Bicycle Safety Rodeo. This event demonstrated bike safety training and proper helmet fitting. The children that participated in the event were given free helmet and bike locks. The children had a wonderful time and lots of fun.

## Warrensville Heights Welcomes New Animal Warden Kelvin Sutton

After several months and numerous interviews for the position of Animal Warden, the City of Warrensville Heights feels we've found the perfect person for the position. Kelvin Sutton has twenty years of experience as an Animal Warden with the City of Cleveland, and possesses numerous hours of training and certifications for Animal Warden. Kelvin was also highly recommended from his superiors in Cleveland. *"Welcome aboard Kelvin!"*

## FIRE - Do You Have A Fire Escape Plan?

### Things You Should Do Right Now

- Install a smoke detector on every level of your home and have one inside each sleeping room and outside of each sleeping area. Test smoke detectors at least once a month.
- Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.
- Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household.
- Practice using the plan, at least twice a year. If everyone knows that everyone else is ready to exit quickly, no one will lose precious time trying to help someone who doesn't need help.

*For ideas to make an escape plan, visit FEMA at [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan)*

### Safety Tips

The majority of crime is a crime of opportunity. Please remember to lock car doors, even in your driveway, and keep valuables out of sight. Stop the mail and/or newspaper or have someone pick them up while out of town. Try to make your residence look lived in. If you get a new television, stereo or other item do not place the box out on the tree lawn whole. It advertises to anyone passing by what you have in your residence. Try to cut up the packaging so it is unrecognizable. Notify the police when you leave town. We periodically check residences when you are out of town.

## The Cuyahoga County Library

The Warrensville Heights Branch is elated to announce that it has become part of the Greater Cleveland MyCom Network. MyCom is a network to connect Greater Cleveland's youth to their communities and futures while helping them become self-sufficient adults who give back to the community. With a "Youth First" philosophy for community development, the MyCom network was created by the Cleveland Foundation and Cuyahoga County in collaboration with more than 250 national and local individuals and organizations across Cleveland.

Each neighborhood engaged in MyCom works through a process of identifying neighborhood values and goals around youth development. The commonality that each neighborhood shares is the commitment to engage youth as active members in the community and agreeing to listen to their need for programming and partnering to make that happen.

More than 23,000 youth (*from kindergarten to high school*) have experienced after-school programs, summer jobs and leadership training. MyCom is the go-to resource for quality youth programs and neighborhood involvement.

## National Council of Jewish Women Supports the Warrensville Heights Police Department

The ladies of the National Council of Jewish Women NCJW/Cleveland presented the Warrensville Heights Police Department with a delicious cake in support of their hard work and sacrifice to the community.



Executive Director Mindi Axner, Judi Wolf, Chief Haynes, Susan Gordon & Myrna Arlen Bloch

The City of Warrensville Heights  
in partnership with  
NEO Suburbs Development Council  
presents

## The Mayor's Forum on Workforce Readiness - Part I

### Manufacturing/Advanced Manufacturing Industry & Building Trades

Cuyahoga Community College (East) –  
The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel  
Humanities Center  
Simon and Rose Theater

**March 20, 2017**

4:00-5:00 pm – On-site Registration\*  
5:00-7:00 pm – Program Begins

Through the Office of Strategic Initiatives and Economic/Community Development, the City of Warrensville Heights will host its first Mayor's Workforce Readiness Forum in collaboration with NEO First Suburbs Development Council. The Workforce Readiness Forum will be a four (4) part series with an emphasis on providing Warrensville Heights' residents and surrounding community residents with exposure and information on careers, resources and educational opportunities that are available through the City, County, State and National agencies.

#### Participating Organizations

- Cuyahoga Community College
- Ohio Means Jobs - Cleveland - Cuyahoga County
- Cuyahoga County Workforce Innovation
- Warrensville Hts Chamber of Commerce
- Warrensville Hts City School District
- Cuyahoga County Public Library – Cuyahoga Works Job & Career Services

#### Industry Organization Participants

- MAGNET
- Formtek
- Women in Manufacturing
- NE Ohio Carpenters' JATC
- The AKA Team
- Construction Employers Association

For more information or to register, please call **216-587-4525**. Eventbrite registration URL coming soon...

## OU College of Osteopathic Medicine - Aspiring Doctors Program

Pipeline program seeks tomorrow's health care leaders from local high schools



Rich-Joseph Facun | Photographic Resources Supervisor | OU-HCOM Communications

Do you know a high school student dreaming of a career in health care who could benefit from intense encouragement, academic enrichment, hands-on practice and personal guidance from working professionals?

The Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine at Cleveland is offering a free pipeline program to students at Warrensville Heights High School and John F. Kennedy PACT High School to help them realize this vision. The program is designed to attract high school students from historically underrepresented backgrounds into health care and science fields and prepare them to succeed as doctors, nurses, researchers or whatever health career they choose.

The Cleveland Aspiring DOctors Pre-College Program is a comprehensive four-year program, offered at the Heritage College, Cleveland, on the campus of Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville Heights. From 9th through 12th grade, students in the program visit the Heritage College campus each year, where they work with medical school faculty, staff and students to:

- Learn about osteopathic medicine and other health care career options
- Take part in hands-on, interactive clinical exercises
- Hear guest speakers from the medical and health professions
- Benefit from a STEM curriculum and student enrichment activities
- Receive assistance with the college application process

Learning materials are presented by practicing physicians and other health care professionals, including medical school faculty. Heritage College medical students serve as mentors to individual high schoolers in the program, answering questions about the medical school experience, helping with research projects, and offering guidance on the nuts and bolts of education planning.

It's well recognized that the United States faces a looming shortage of doctors and other health care professionals, especially in primary care. The Heritage College is deeply committed to filling this need, and to creating a more diverse health care workforce, by recruiting more students from historically underrepresented groups and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Cleveland Aspiring Doctors Pre-College Program provides the boost that can move a talented high school student from "I want to be a doctor" to "I CAN be a doctor." For more information about the program, contact **Terra Ndubuizu** at **216.295.7519** or **ndubuizu@ohio.edu** or **Samantha Baker** at **216.295.7941** or **bakers6@ohio.edu**.

The Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine is a leader in training dedicated primary care physicians who are prepared to address the most pervasive medical needs in the state and the nation. Approximately 50 percent of Heritage College alumni practice in primary care and nearly 60 percent practice in Ohio. CARE LEADS HERE.

# CIVIC & SENIOR CENTER

Jennifer Lastery, Director | Sandra Noble, Program Coordinator

The Civic & Senior Center, a focal point for activities and services to the community is located at 4567 Green Road. The normal hours of operation are from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday. The Center is a municipal facility whose primary mission is to provide services and activities for the senior and adult community of Warrensville Heights. The center has rooms available for rental by residents on Friday evenings and all day on Saturdays for community or adult events.

## What the Center Provides/Offers

The center currently offers a variety of activities and classes. These include: Ballroom Dancing, Beginning Bridge, Ceramics, Crafts, Crocheting/Knitting, Doll-Making, Painting, Senior Line Dancing, Senior Yoga, Senior Pilates and Senior Bid Whist. There are opportunities for seniors to go on group outings to the Cleveland Playhouse, Karamu Theater and other locations depending on interest.

**Civic Center Hall, Room and the NEW Chateaux of Emery Woods Clubhouse Rentals has been decreased!** Contact the Warrensville Heights Civic & Senior Center for **NEW RATES** 216-587-1250.

**Adult & Senior Activities Booklet:** Mailed in late August includes additional class offerings.

## 2017 Scheduled Health & Wellness Activities

Wellness Wednesday | *"The Truth About Women's Heart Disease"* | Feb. 15, 2017 | 4:30-6:30 pm

## New Classes

- **Senior Yoga** | 9:30-10:30 am | Monday & Friday
- **Senior Pilates** | 3:00-4:00 pm | Thursday

## Activities

- **Line Dancing** | 12:30-1:30 pm | Mondays
- **Aerobics** | 2:00-3:00 pm | Monday & Thursday
- **Ballroom Dancing** | 6:30-8:30 pm | Tuesday & Thursday
- **Tai Chi** | 10:30-11:30 am | Wednesday
- **Bingo** | 4th Tuesday of each month | 2:00 pm

## Keeping Healthy

- **Walking Club** | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Fridays, indoors and out
- **Healthy Smoothies** provided Tuesday's at 1:00 pm. These are smoothie kits that just need ice and blending or we can blend for you.

## Medical & Shopping Transportation

Medical Appointment Transportation provided based on availability. Call the Center at 216-587-1250 to make a reservation.

## Health Screenings & Forums

Keeping our seniors healthy and informed is a high priority. Health screenings and forums are offered by Ahuja Medical Center and South Pointe Hospital throughout the year.

- March 7, 2017 | 9:00 am-Noon
- June 20, 2017 | 9:00 am-Noon

## hChoices Wellness Station

Stop by and get your biometric screenings done!

- An onsite health monitoring system
- Live and OnDemand educational programming
- Secure tracking with touch screen interface
- Motivational wellness challenges
- Engaging digital bulletin board
- Accessible offsite with any Internet ready devices
- 100% managed remotely

## The Senior Club

The Senior Club (*for Warrensville Heights residents 60 years and older*) meets twice a month and allows neighbors to meet and socialize with each other. The club travels, has an annual picnic and plans other activities that are fun and informative. Each month, club members receive updates on the current affairs in the city from the Mayor, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Council and the Board of Education.

## Van Transportation Services

The Warrensville Heights Civic and Senior Center provides van transportation services to the senior residents of the city, 60 years of age or older and who are unable to drive themselves. The van is available for medical appointments, dialysis and physical therapy on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am until 2:30 pm. Transportation is limited to destinations within the eastern suburbs of Cuyahoga County and the University Circle area. Wednesday is reserved for grocery shopping from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Transportation is provided to the Giant Eagle in Beachwood and Walmart on Northfield and Rockside Road. Trips must be scheduled by noon, two days in advance and scheduling is on a first come basis. Call the center at 216-587-1250 to schedule and to check on availability.



## The City of Warrensville Heights

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Warrensville Heights, OH 44128

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# BUILDING DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

*Ben Brown, Interim Building Commissioner*

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## Smoke Detectors

A lot of dwelling fires occur during the winter months. With this in mind please check all smoke detectors to make sure they are operating properly. Smoke detectors are required to be installed on all levels of the dwelling, including hallway outside of sleeping area, and in each bedroom.

## Temporary Snow Fences

Temporary snow fences are permitted with the issuance of a Building Permit to be installed as long as such fence does not exceed 4 feet in height, and is not installed prior to October 1st. Such fence must be removed by May 1st.

## Roof Systems

Harsh winter weather can take a toll on any roof system. During the winter months you could be dealing with unpredictable freeze/thaw cycles, snow accumulation, and high winds. Make sure all drains and gutters are clear of any debris that could impede the proper flow of water off of the roof system. Make sure you have a snow removal plan in place. A heavy snow load can have damaging effect on your roof if it reaches a load limit. It is strongly recommended that you have snow removal performed by a qualified professional.