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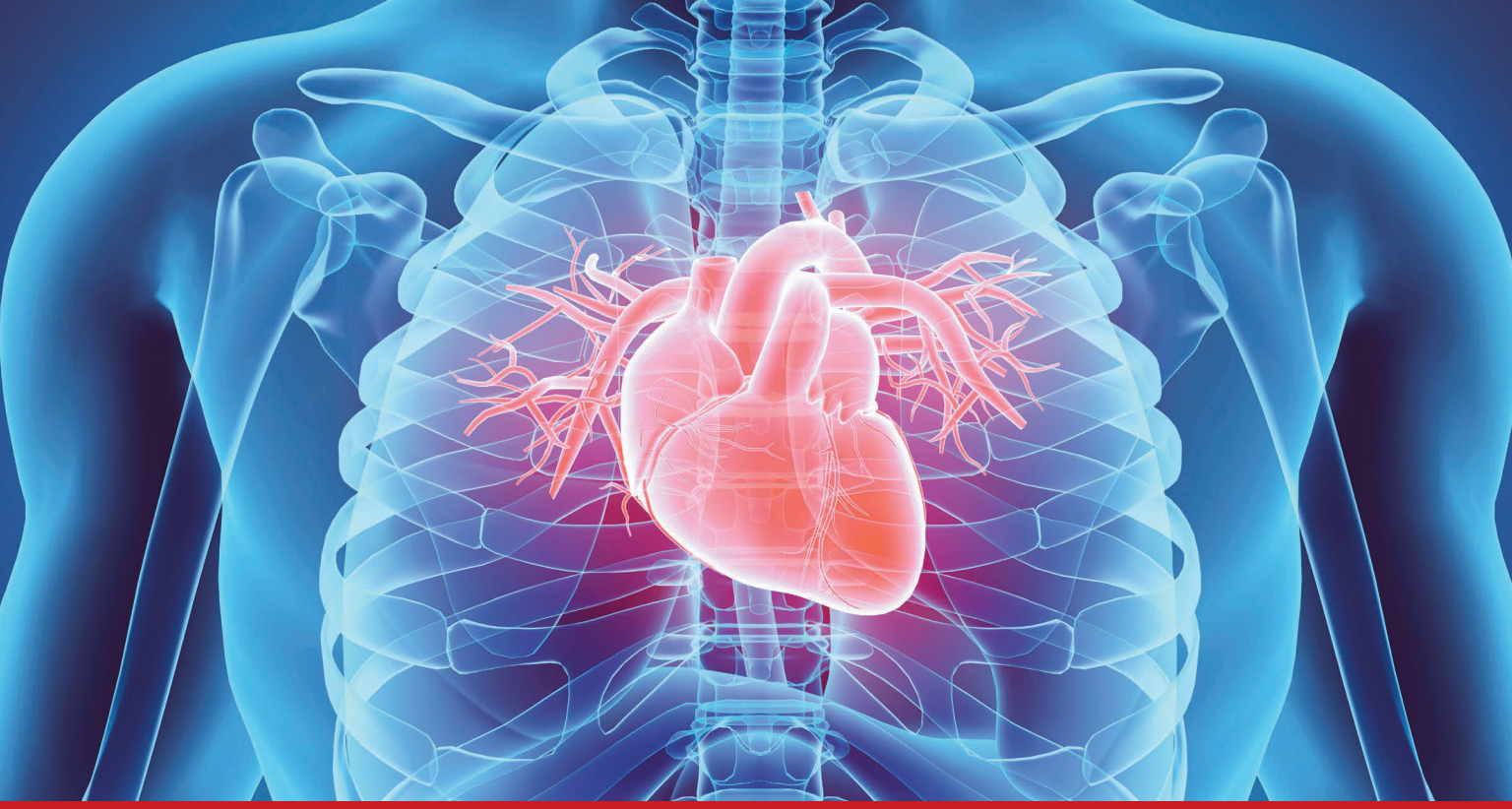

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If you have any story ideas, please share them with us by contacting Keith Benjamin at 216.691.4234 or kbenjamin@seuclid.com.

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It's been over a year since our lives turned upside down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. With almost half the U.S. population now vaccinated, businesses are reopening to full capacity, and masking restrictions for vaccinated people are easing. It has been heartwarming seeing people back in our parks this summer, enjoying our playgrounds, pools, ballgames and community festivals. However, with many still unvaccinated and new variants spreading, we need to continue to remain vigilant and do what we can to help each other stay healthy and safe.

Mayor Georgine Welo
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Staying Safe During the Continuing Covid Pandemic

The prevalence of the Delta variant of the virus has caused a surge of new infections, illness and hospitalizations, mostly for those who are unvaccinated and/or immunocompromised. As winter approaches and we move back indoors, please do what you can to keep each other healthy and safe. Health experts have said that small steps can make a huge impact, so please continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of health care professionals, even if that means volunteering to wear masks and social distance when requested by health officials or local businesses and institutions.

Community Meals for Seniors

The Community Partnership on Aging's (CPA) Community Meals Program is once again available for senior residents. The Partnership is offering hot on-site meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and frozen meals available for curbside pickup every Tuesday. If you or a family member needs additional food security and would like to participate in the Community Meals Program, please call the Community Partnership on Aging at 216.650.4029.

Keep South Euclid a Great Place to Come Together & Thrive!

When it comes to citizen involvement in the process of governing and making South Euclid a better place to live, work and play, opportunities are abundant. In addition to city boards, commissions and advisory committees, there are many opportunities available with our community partners. Please visit their websites to learn more about opportunities to work with and help keep South Euclid a great place to live and work. Here are just a few of the many places in South Euclid where you can get involved:

- One South Euclid, Community Development Corporation: www.onesoutheuclid.org.
- Community Partnership on Aging: www.communitypartnershiponaging.org.
- Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce: www.hrcc.org.
- South Euclid-Lyndhurst Historical Society: www.se-lhistory.org.
- South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools PTA Council: www.sel.k12.oh.us/PTA_District.

Diversity & Inclusion Efforts

Racism and discrimination are never acceptable and as your elected officials we denounce racism and discrimination in all forms. For over a decade, my administration and city council have worked together to implement diversity and inclusion programs at City Hall and throughout the community. Since 2015, we've passed some of the most comprehensive fair housing and non-discrimination laws in Northeast Ohio, conducted cultural competency training with our police, trained building and housing staff members on fair housing and anti-discrimination laws and hosted community forums on diversity, inclusion and race relations.

In a recent Plain Dealer article, Michael Lepley from the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research stated that "South Euclid is a leader in advancing smart housing policy," and that "the city stands behind it and advocates for it at the county level and among other municipalities, as well. The increasing diversity and integration you see in their census data is a direct reflection of all the hard work they've done."

In South Euclid our diversity is our strength, and we are proud to be inclusive and welcoming to all who choose to live and visit our community. We know we need to keep working on these issues, and we'll be continuing our diversity and inclusion efforts, including offering more community workshops and forums in the coming months.

Thank You for Your Hard Work & Support

Even with the hard work of your City Council and administration, we would not be able to succeed without your support, guidance, faith and understanding that there are no quick or easy solutions to many of our challenges. We have a lot left to accomplish – but by being creative and working together we have made great progress and have built a solid foundation for our community's continuing success and vitality. Thank you again for your commitment to making South Euclid a better place to live, work, play, raise a family – and come together and thrive!

With gratitude, Georgine

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YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY FORGES POSITIVE BONDS BETWEEN YOUTH & POLICE

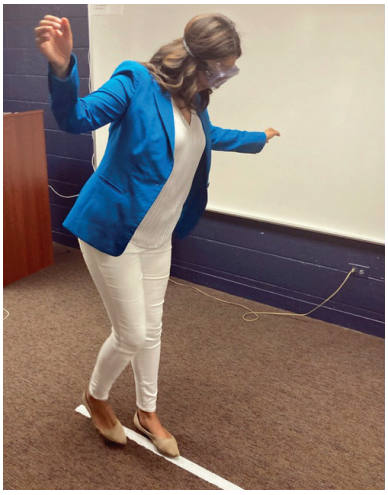
The Youth Police Academy is a free, one-week academy designed to help young people explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills and character education. Participants spend the week participating in law enforcement classroom instruction, practical applications, scenarios and learning about careers in law enforcement. With support from South Euclid's MyCom Youth Program, in 2021 a field-trip to the historic Mansfield Penitentiary was also added.

The program works to forge positive bonds between youth and police and provides the opportunity for our officers and youth to work together and get to know one another. Once enrolled in the academy, cadets are shown firsthand the inner workings of the police department, meet members of the force, and are introduced to guest speakers and city officials. Evidence collection, crime scene investigation, mock traffic stops, and many other topics are covered.

The academy was launched in 2013 by retired police chief Kevin Nietert and the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools. Since its inception, over 100 SE-L students have graduated from our academy. The academy is organized by School Resource Officer Joe Di Lillo. If your child is interested in a future youth police academy, please contact Officer Joe at JDiLillo@sepolice.us.

For more information about Community Youth Programs visit www.southeuclid.com/mycom.

South Euclid Youth Police Academy cadets stand alongside Ohio Director of Law Enforcement Recruitment Sarah Shendy. The Egyptian-born Shendy spoke to cadets about the obstacles overcome to become a police officer in the United States. Sarah was appointed to her position by Governor Mike DeWine last year, and is tasked with the responsibility of finding future Law Enforcement officers to serve the state of Ohio.



Fox 8's Alex Stokes demonstrates the OVI (DUI) goggles. Designed to mimic alcohol impairment, the goggles show firsthand the difficulties an impaired motorist may have in passing a sobriety test.

Fox 8's Alex Stokes with Youth Academy
We were pleased to be joined by Fox 8 News Correspondent Alex Stokes. The granddaughter of Louis Stokes and niece of Carl Stokes, Alex described her career in journalism, and the path to that career.

BODY WORN CAMERAS PROTECT CITIZENS' RIGHTS & HELPS BUILD COMMUNITY TRUST

Long before the tragic recent events, the South Euclid Police Department (SEPD) was one of the first Police Departments in Northeast Ohio to mandate that all police officers wear and use Body Worn Cameras (BWCs).

BODY WORN CAMERAS ON ALL PATROL OFFICERS AND DASH CAMERAS IN ALL PATROL CARS

The SEPD has implemented a policy that officers shall activate the BWC to record all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties. BWCs in conjunction with the in car video/dash cameras and the content that they record are invaluable tools in investigations. The value of video evidence was emphasized by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Scott v. Harris where the court held that video recordings are more reliable than eyewitness testimony.

WHY BWCs?

There is a voluminous body of research that has shown when humans become self-conscious about being watched, they often alter their conduct. Additionally accumulated evidence suggests that individuals who are aware they are being observed often embrace commonly accepted behavior. This would appear to be a win for everyone involved.

The old adage that "seeing is believing" is truer now than ever before in contemporary American law enforcement, given the ability to record law enforcement encounters. Cameras are everywhere with the proliferation of smart phones. Unfortunately many of these encounters recorded by the public only capture the point where force is being used, leading to community concern. However, it is also important to tell the whole story from the officer's perspective, which is where BWCs come in.

STUDY FINDS EFFECTIVENESS

Body Worn Cameras serve to protect not only the officer, but all parties involved: they prevent the public from potential police misconduct and officers are protected from false complaints. The recent findings of a University of Cambridge study of BWCs worn by the Rialto, California Police over a 12-month period suggest that "more than a 50% reduction in the total number of incidents of use-of-force compared to control-conditions, and nearly ten times more citizens' complaints in the 12-months prior to the experiment."

Finally, while BWCs and other technologies are invaluable tools in investigations, we recognize that they are only one "tool in the toolbox" and should never replace a fair, thorough, and impartial investigation.

Strong Relationships between Police & Residents are critical to maintaining Public Safety & Community Trust

By Police Chief Joe Mays

As the world shut down in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the South Euclid Police Department (SEPD) continued to go about the business of serving and protecting our community. As our world begins to emerge in our new normal of working and learning remotely, it is essential to remember that the police, and other frontline workers, cannot perform their jobs remotely. Our officers are responding to your calls for service and answering your questions at the police window 24/7. Unfortunately, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, COVID-19 continues to be the leading cause of death for law enforcement officers in the first half of 2021. The SEPD remains committed to providing quality police service to the community by promoting a safe environment for police and citizen interaction.

Continuing Education for Police Officers

This year as part of our continuing professional training, many of our officers attended a forty-hour block of instruction in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The class was provided by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County. This training was in addition to other topics like de-escalation techniques, duty to intervene, and building mutual respect and community trust. Our goal is to have every officer attend CIT training to enhance their ability to engage and communicate effectively with people in crisis. Here is a summary of some of the above-mentioned programs:

- **Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)** The program is designed to help police personnel who respond to incidents involving individuals with a mental health crisis. Officers and dispatchers are frequently first-line responders to people experiencing a mental health emergency. CIT Programs:
  - Provide police officers skills to identify and interact with individuals living with mental illness and/or addictions.
  - Redirect individuals from judicial system to health care system.
  - Reduce stigma/change perception of individuals living with mental illness.
  - Reduce use of force during crisis events, which reduces injuries to officers and clients.
  - Create more timely and appropriate intervention with improved treatment outcomes for client.
  - Improve relationships between officers and members of the community they serve.
  - Create a safe, caring and respectful environment for the officer, client and treatment provider.
- **Building Mutual Respect & Community Trust** is a cultural competency and diversity training designed to improve the quality of interactions between police officers and the public, reduce and de-escalate confrontations between police officers and the community, and improve the public's perceptions of and interactions with police officers. The training is based on social psychology methodology, research and best practices, and was developed with feedback from police chiefs, police officers, and community leaders representative of our region's diversity. The training will equip officers with a better understanding of the nature and inherent challenges associated with cross cultural relationships, as behaviors can be easily misinterpreted when interacting with a diverse public. The program focuses on creating a better understanding of issues related to personal and perceived bias, power dynamics, racial profiling, multiple realities and cultural competencies.

Join our Citizens Police Academy

If you would like to learn more about the SEPD and the role of police officers in the community, please consider attending our Citizens Police Academy. Our academy began in 2008 to help educate citizens about what it's like to be a police officer. It also provides us with an opportunity to have meaningful conversations with those we serve. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to host an academy last year. However, following the recommendations from the CDC, we believe we can now do so safely. If you have received your COVID vaccine and would like to attend a future academy class, please visit our webpage at https://www.southeuclidpolice.com/citizen-academy/ for additional information.

We are here to serve you and keep you safe. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email me at: 216.691.4252 or jmays@sepolice.us.

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Improving Emergency Medical Care through Partnerships

By Lt. Gregory Duy, RN BSN
South Euclid Fire Department

Medical emergencies are the number one emergency that your South Euclid Fire Department responds to on a daily basis. These emergencies include traumatic injuries, strokes, heart attacks and many other ailments. Your South Euclid paramedics are trained and experienced to treat or stabilize any medical emergency you may experience. This knowledge comes from continuing education, partnerships with local hospital systems and the drive to deliver innovative care to our residents.

Continuing education for our firemedics

A paramedic's knowledge is rooted in their initial training but is supplemented and updated throughout the years with continuing education. Like most professions, continuing education is vital to the competency and ability to provide the most current pre-hospital paramedic care. South Euclid paramedics complete at minimum, 86 hours of paramedic related education every three years. Topics of instruction include cardiac care, pediatrics, geriatrics, and trauma. These topics, as well as many others, are provided through a combination of in-person and online classes.

One continuing education class provided through the Cleveland Clinic is a cadaver lab. The cadaver lab provides invaluable experience to our younger members and is taught by knowledgeable emergency physicians. This opportunity is possible through the selflessness of those who donate their deceased bodies to science. Airway and cardiac care are some of the key takeaways from this training. This is especially important for our more serious calls such as strokes and cardiac arrests.

Police vehicles equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

In simple terms, a cardiac arrest is any event that stops the heart from beating. Many times, the delivery of an electrical shock can convert a stopped heart to a normal rhythm and provide time to treat the underlying cause. For the shock to work, it must be delivered in a timely manner. The chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest decreases ten percent each minute from the onset of attack. This is why we have created a program with the police department to quickly provide CPR and an electrical shock to cardiac arrest patients.

Several police vehicles are now carrying AEDs, also known as Automated External Defibrillators. AEDs are applied to a cardiac arrest patient's chest and can deliver a life-saving shock when indicated. Police officers are often patrolling the streets and provide the advantage of being able to be quickly deployed. South Euclid police officers with an AED in their car will now be dispatched simultaneously with paramedics to any cardiac arrest in the city. These officers are also trained in CPR, which when combined with an AED, significantly increases the likelihood of survival. The overall goal of the AED health initiative or any other health initiative is to provide prompt, emergency-specific care to improve patient outcomes.

Mobile Stroke Unit

Another exciting partnership began in August 2021 with Cleveland Clinic and their Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU). A stroke is another medical emergency that is time-sensitive and requires prompt, emergency-specific care. The sooner definitive care is provided to stroke patients, the better the outcome. For every hour a stroke goes untreated, the brain ages approximately 3.6 years prematurely. This is why the phrase "Time is Brain" is often used when describing the importance of early intervention in the stroke patient. Cleveland Clinic's Mobile Stroke Unit provides that early treatment.

Similar to our AED initiative, the Mobile Stroke Unit is dispatched simultaneously with South Euclid paramedics. The Mobile Stroke Unit and its specialized team (paramedic, critical care nurse, CT technologist and an EMS driver) are equipped to bring the specific diagnostic and treatment options you would find in an emergency department but much quicker. The Mobile Stroke Unit has the ability to rapidly scan your head with a portable CT scanner, determine what type of stroke you are experiencing and treat you accordingly.

The majority of strokes involve a blockage of a vessel in your brain and can be treated with a medication called tissue plasminogen activator or TPA. This clot busting medication is administered in consultation with a telemedicine Cleveland Clinic Neurologist and can increase recovery from stroke symptoms by up to fifty percent with a low serious complication rate. The Mobile Stroke Unit would then transport the patient to the nearest primary stroke center, regardless of hospital system, and allow the South Euclid ambulance to become available for the next emergency.

South Euclid Fire Department has always been driven to provide progressive care and seek better ways to serve its citizens. It is through these partnerships with other stakeholders in the community that we are able to provide competent experienced care to the residents of South Euclid. We thank you for your continual support of the fire department and look forward to finding innovative ways to serve you in the future.

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NANCY LICK

Enriching lives through art

By Carlo Wolff

Nancy Lick's home is filled with her own artwork – landscapes, portraits and still lifes made with watercolor, pen-and-ink, mixed media and monoprint, a technique that creates a single image from an inked plate. Many of the works seem like they'd be equally at home in a gallery or in a book.

"My style teeters between fine arts and illustration," says Lick. "I really can't think of a name for my style because I have so many different ways of working."

No matter its topic, Lick's art is representational, skeptical and edgy. It also bears good humor toward its subject, from sunny children to weary adults to richly textured Belgian street scenes and paintings of kids holding skulls. Thoroughly schooled and bubbling with ideas, Lick can't help create art. Or teach it.

Lick grew up in Bedford, Ohio, the youngest of three children. Her brother Dennis is also an artist and teacher; sister, Lori Morrissey, worked as a pre-school teacher until her retirement. Her father, Edward, whom Lick calls "probably my biggest champion," was a tool and die maker for General Motors and a self-taught watercolorist on the side. Her mother, Marion, was a homemaker who sold real estate for a few years. Marion also was a talented seamstress.

As a child, Lick admired her big brother, "and my dad would spend time with me drawing and painting," she recalls. She identified as an artist early on, probably in first grade.

"I distinctly remember my first conscious thought of being an artist. It had to do with the day of the week and whether there was art class that day," she says. "Art is someplace where I excelled. I just knew I was good at it, and I loved it. I remember doing a picture of Little Bo Peep in art class – I think I was in second or third grade – and all of the kids came around my desk to look and one said, 'That is so good it could be in a book.' You remember those things. It was just another student, but I realized I could connect with people that way, which is one of the reasons I like illustration that much."

In Lick's view, art and teaching enrich each other, she said in a midsummer interview at the South Belvoir Boulevard home she shares with her husband, Pat Phillips, and their cats Moose and Leo. "I feel art has more meaning when it's shared," she says.

Lick shares her knowledge across Northeast Ohio as an adjunct instructor at Cleveland State University, Ursuline College (where she earned a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in 2012), Cleveland Institute of Art, Notre Dame College, and at Baldwin Wallace University.

Lick spent 27 years teaching art at Communion of Saints School (the former St. Ann School) in Cleveland Heights. She also has taught at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and in the 1980s taught pre-school and senior art classes through the city of Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation department; in addition, she was a gallery assistant at Cain Park, where she worked on arts programming.

Lick particularly enjoys teaching at the college level. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1980 at Kent State University, and in her early 50s went to Ursuline for her master's degree so she could teach more. "It was not easy. Most

students were in their 20s. I remember a janitor asked me if I was a professor."

When she got accepted to the Ursuline master's program, "I looked over the campus and vowed I'd teach there someday.

"I get inspired by my students," says Lick. "I just finished a high school pre-college program at CIA and the amount of talent the students had was unbelievable," she says. "It got me all charged up. It helps me be a better artist in a lot of ways; when I started teaching basic design at Notre Dame I started thinking more about the things I was teaching, like techniques or elements and principles of historical influences."

She sees a strong connection between the disciplines of making art and of teaching.

"I think there's an art to teaching. I think it takes a lot of years to get really good at it. You're studying the way people learn, what helps them to learn, and there's a real art to that," she says. "You're using your intuition and your compassion and what motivates people – all of those things play into the experience of being a teacher. Teaching inspires my art and informs it in many ways. I always incorporate a lot of art history in my teaching. It's hard work."

At the same time, art can be fun; no matter the subject, Lick brings palpable joy to the process. Widely exhibited, Lick this year participated in the juried May Show at Lakeland Community College and received the jurors' award in the

Ursuline College Faculty Exhibit. She also demonstrates how joy and discipline come together in her work. As a member of the Pretentious Cleveland Portrait Artists, Lick shows up most Friday nights to join others in making portraits of a rotating series of models who get paid in the portraits themselves.

This summer, Lick has been gearing up for the Skull and Skeleton Show at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland. It's a biennial celebration of macabre and whimsical art vamping on the Mexican custom known as the Day of the Dead. "I love that show," she says.

And she's enjoying the home she shares with Phillips, a technical editor at The Equity Engineering Group in Shaker Heights. They have lived in South Euclid for 22 years, first on Winston Road, and for the past three on South Belvoir Boulevard. "It has kind of an urban feel even though it's a suburb," Lick says. "And it's close to a lot of things that we do."

Carlo Wolff is a freelance writer from Cleveland. His latest effort is co-writing "Trying Times," the memoir of progressive Cleveland lawyer Terry Gilbert.

Raja Belle Freeman

A poetic voice for social justice.

By Carlo Wolff

A woman of promise and power, Raja Belle Freeman channels current events that still smart and disturb. Her poetry also channels history that's less immediate but still hurts, too. Her militant and tender writings attest to Freeman's drive to engage with her environment, be that South Euclid, where she lives in her parents' home on Verona Road, or the larger, Black community.

Freeman is 22. She is lead instructor for the after-school creative writing class at 12 Literary Arts, a Glenville nonprofit focused on writing and education. Last year, she wrote a poem inspired by the fatal police shooting of unarmed Black teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, on Aug. 9, 2014. For the full poem, check into Freeman on YouTube, for now her key platform.

Here is part of that poem, in which Freeman also says, "I can't be 21 because I'm entirely too young," even though she is wise beyond her years:

I have never/
Ever/
Not once in the history of everything ever/
Lost a game of never have I ever/
I always win easy

In that YouTube video, Freeman underlines her message of defiance and endurance with powerful gestures, a startling sense of rhythm and drama, and a natural command of oratory. In person, she is soft-spoken, even a bit shy. On video, she is strong and assertive.

"I spend a lot of time writing in response to things I hear and see," Freeman said in a recent interview at a downtown Cleveland café not far from the Rainey Institute on East 55th Street, where she has been teaching part-time. "I try to offer my own original perspective on things because people find it hard to voice what they really feel when the topic is heavy. I just try to find a way to say what I'm trying to say and give people a way to voice what they're going through."

Poetry isn't her only mode of involvement. She's also active in South Euclid, working with City Councilwoman Sara Continenza, the Bexley Neighborhood Group and South Euclid youth organization MyCom to expand recreational opportunities for youth so younger people in the city can have a place to safely hang out; as a teenager, she said, she didn't feel there was that much to do, so this might help. Freeman also worked with M.A. "Doc" Janning, the city's poet laureate, on the Bexley Bash. And she's just been added to the board of the One South Euclid Community Development Corporation.

As a poet – by far her main occupation – Freeman looks to invoke empathy and community through her work at Twelve Literary Arts, where she began as a student some five years ago. According to Daniel Gray-Kontar, founder and executive director of Twelve (and Freeman's boss) this year Freeman will have about 10 students whom she will teach in two-hour classes over nine months.

"I don't see very much of a difference between the videos and Raja as a person," Gray-Kontar said. "Raja is just a very caring person, not someone who is aggressive or angry." Her approach "manifests itself throughout her personality, and she's very funny, she's witty. That comes through in the poetry. So does the care that she has for human beings."

Freeman became interested in poetry at Gearity Elementary School in University Heights, where writing was an assignment, as it is for her students at Twelve. She follows the poetry of friends she has met through poetry slams, open mike appearances and performances. She is the same age as Amanda Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate, who shot to fame during her reading at the Biden inaugural. "I think it's inspiring that she was able to get as far as she did," Freeman said of Gorman.

Freeman began to take writing – and the community it can lead to – seriously about a year before the Twelve fellowship. At Twelve, she would join other students in writing class after her regular day at Charles F. Brush High School in Lyndhurst. "It was less about the writing than about the connection with other writers," Freeman said. "Building a community is important in writing because you want to be able to write as yourself. If you don't have a community you're not going to be comfortable expressing your full self in writing."

She was a member of the Cleveland National Youth Poetry Slam Team in 2017 and 2018, competing against teams from all over the country. While she is interested in other literary forms, poetry, at least for now, is Freeman's chosen expression and profession.

Freeman has been researching Black history, especially since the murder of George Floyd last May. Although she said she has never experienced police brutality herself, police brutality against Blacks is her key topic. She considered joining in the protests that erupted after Floyd's death at the knee of Minneapolis policeman Derek Chauvin, "but it also felt like it was dangerous and I wouldn't be able to handle it," she said. "I also feel that we need to remember as writers that our writing is a form of protest. That is how I take part."

Older material, too, fascinates Freeman. Take these lines from "Ida B. Wells Holds a Mirror to the White South," Freeman's vivid conjuring of a Black woman from Mississippi who was born into slavery, became a journalist and was a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. An incident on a train foreshadowing Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man in Alabama in 1955 galvanized Wells' activism. Freeman's poem is written as if by Wells:

The truth can bite down on you harder/
Than I bit down on that white man's hand/
When he tried to pull me off my seat on the train/
But my dedication ain't to comfort. It is to truth/
I investigated over 700 lynchings myself

How Raja Belle Freeman will shape her career remains to be seen, said Gray-Kontar, noting career trajectories aren't as predictable or easy as they used to be.

Freeman will become "whatever she wants," he said. "It has been and will continue to be incredible being part of her journey … and I think she's still trying to figure that out, as are most 22-year-olds.

"For these young people, it's going to be a merger of their skills that defines what they're going to be. That's why I say she's going to be whatever she wants to be."

Carlo Wolff is a freelance writer from Cleveland. His latest effort is co-writing "Trying Times," the memoir of progressive Cleveland lawyer Terry Gilbert.

South Euclid's Browns Barkers Scoring Big in the Community

On June 5, 2019, an official chapter of the Browns Backers Worldwide (BBW) was born right here in South Euclid when Chapter President and 52-year resident of South Euclid, Tony Caroscio convened a meeting at South Euclid's Black Forest Bar & Grill on Mayfield Road, along with 75 Founding Members to form the Browns Barkers. The South Euclid Browns Barkers has become one of the largest Browns Backers chapters in Ohio with over 160 members and still growing.

Caroscio, who is a lifelong Browns fan, wanted to bring people together to root for their hometown team while making a difference for those in need. The mission of the Browns Barkers is to come together in support of our beloved Cleveland Browns, create a fun and entertaining atmosphere, and support and raise funds for the local community as well as the Cleveland Browns Foundation.

Scoring Touchdowns for Charity

The Barkers can be found at the Black Forest each Sunday in the fall with some additional events scheduled throughout the year. One of the signature events, an annual tailgate party, features free breakfast sandwiches, music, raffles and a blind draw cornhole tournament. This year the party is scheduled for opening day on September 12 and will feature a "fill the squad" truck collecting non-perishable canned goods to benefit the Cleveland Food Bank. The Barkers will also donate all proceeds from its weekly squares and 50-50 raffle to the Cleveland Food Bank. Other upcoming events include a pre-season welcome event, Rib Cook-off, Chili Cook-off and Annual Golf Outing.

The organization is guided by a set of bylaws that allocate funds to charitable causes via an elected leadership team of 16 members that meet on a regular basis. In March 2020, the organization suffered a devastating loss when the organization's vice president and longtime South Euclid resident Pat Rahill passed away. "Pat was the very first call I received when inviting others to form this Chapter and his love for people and this community made him an obvious choice for VP," said Caroscio.

They have since retired the title of vice president in Pat's honor and toast him at every single meeting to honor his charitable vision and welcoming spirit.

In just over two years the Barkers have already donated over $13,000 to community organizations, including $2,500 to the South Euclid Youth Softball Baseball Association (SEYSBA), $2,500 to South Euclid families in need of financial support during the holiday season, $2,000 in college scholarships to Brush High School seniors. In addition, this past April the Barkers organized a clean-up day in which they met on a Sunday to clean up the streets of South Euclid.

"We're just getting started," said Caroscio. "We founded this club to help people. When we cut these checks and deliver this money, the smiles on people's faces, sometimes the tears in their eyes, it makes all the hard work worthwhile."

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Want to join in on the fun and help the community?

To join, stop by the Black Forest Bar & Grill on Mayfield Road or visit www.bfbrownsbarkers.wixsite.com/gobrowns.

First year membership fee is $40, with a $30 renewal fee each year after.

Barker Benefits include a 20% discount on all alcohol purchases during game days, meetings and special events at the Black Forest along with members-only trips, including a bus trip to watch the Browns vs. Bengals in Cincinnati on November 7, free entry into all events – and the biggest benefit is helping charitable organizations and residents in need.

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Fostering Positive Youth Development

In July, the South Euclid Browns Barkers organized their first Summer Youth Camp at Bexley Park that was attended by 33 children ages 8-14. The camp included instruction for baseball, softball and football, as well as leadership and sportsmanship skills. Lunch was provided by Marco's Pizza and the Barkers, and in the afternoon a baseball game, football game and a kids vs. parents and coaches kickball game. In addition, participating youth received a swag bag valued at $30.

As the Cleveland Browns kick off their season in September with some very high expectations, the Browns Barkers have expectations equally as high in serving their community. "We will continue to look for fun and creative ways to raise money in support of those in need," said Caroscio. "It's going to be a great year on and off the field, Go Browns!!!"

SCOOT AROUND SOUTH EUCLID

In the last edition of South Euclid Magazine, we let you know electric scooters would soon be available in South Euclid. As of Friday September 3rd, 40 scooters have been placed throughout the city and are available for residents to rent to drive around town.

We have joined with our neighboring communities of Cleveland Heights and Euclid to launch the pilot scooter program, which is being implemented by Cuyahoga County. The program is expected to expand to many more communities in 2022. Residents will easily be able to ride scooters between the cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, and South Euclid, but the scooters cannot be used in communities which are not participating in the program.

The scooter companies are licensed by Cuyahoga County and are responsible for maintaining the scooters, ensuring they are charged, and are returned and stationed at their appropriate "rebalancing stations." The City will closely monitor the scooter companies to make sure they are following the rules. If issues arise with a particular scooter vendor, they will be asked to leave the program.

Four scooter companies are servicing South Euclid. Bird, Lime, Link, and Spin have each placed 10 scooters in our community. The vendors are very excited to expand to South Euclid and will be offering demonstrations around town to anyone who's interested.

The scooters, which can be rented by users 18 years and older with a driver's license, will look very similar to those you may have seen in downtown Cleveland. The e-scooters can be rented on a per-minute basis or by joining a monthly subscription plan offered by the vendors. All rentals and transactions happen through an app on your cell phone.

To start, the scooters will be placed at 18 locations around

the city. These are known as "rebalancing stations" and will be areas marked on the sidewalk with special tape. Riders will be encouraged to return their scooters to one of these 18 convenient locations by receiving rewards such as free future rides. Each evening, the four vendors will collect the scooters from all over the city and will recharge them. They will be returned the next morning to one of the 18 "rebalancing stations."

The "rebalancing stations" are located throughout our commercial districts, including Mayfield & Green, Cedar Center, and Oakwood Commons, as well as near the SE-L Library and Notre Dame College. Since they are electric, the scooters are relatively quiet and travel at top speeds of 15mph. Riders are encouraged to drive in the street, as the scooters travel at a pace similar to that of a bicycle. The scooters should not be driven on the sidewalk.

Electric scooters improve the environment and create a more sustainable community by reducing car trips. The scooters are a convenient way to travel our business districts, explore the community, and make various stops along the way. Be sure to follow us on social media for the latest updates on the scooter program, and stay safe on South Euclid roadways as the pilot program is implemented.

Know your rights as a renter & how to get help

The COVID-19 pandemic has been disastrous for many South Euclid residents. Job loss and reduction in work hours have especially impacted many residents who are renters. Many local nonprofit agencies are offering special help to tenants who are facing hardship.

Where to go for help

Recently, Cuyahoga County provided funding for free legal representation for tenants who are facing eviction due to financial distress from COVID-19. Administered by the Cleveland Legal Aid Society, the program began July 1, 2021. Tenants must meet maximum yearly income requirements to qualify. Legal Aid can help tenants by possibly stopping an eviction; getting tenants more time to move; protecting tenants' property; reducing or avoiding debt owed by tenants; addressing unit repairs; and applying for rental assistance. If you need their services, contact them at 216.861.5835, or apply online at www.lasclev.org/contact.

CHN Housing Partners is a HUD approved nonprofit housing counseling agency that can provide a wide range of assistance to tenants in need. Potentially up to 12 months of emergency rental assistance can be provided to tenants facing a hardship due to COVID-19. In addition, CHN offers emergency utility assistance. To find out more, contact them at 833.377.RENT, or apply online: https://chnhousingpartners.org/rentalassistance/.

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South Euclid-Lyndhurst Teachers Association is looking forward to your return and wishes everyone the best for the 2021-2022 school year!

Know your rights as a renter

The best defense is sometimes a good offense. Take the time to find out your rights as a tenant. The Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law is very comprehensive and offers many protections to tenants. To find out more, check out www.ohiobar.org and search for landlord tenant rights and obligations.

Being proactive as a tenant is critical. Here is a list of best practices:

- Read the lease carefully and know what you are getting yourself into. Are you expected to maintain the landscaping? If so, who is providing the lawnmower? Are you expected to pay all the utilities including the water bill?
- Before you move in, make sure to have a walk-through with the landlord to note any existing damages. Take photos or video of the property condition before you move anything in.
- Make sure you have a receipt or a paper trail of anything you pay a landlord. Never pay your rent in cash.
- Always put concerns and important details in writing.

If the landlord fails to make repairs within a reasonable amount of time (not more than 30 days), you may have the right to get a court order for repairs to be made, obtain a court-ordered reduction in rent, or terminate the lease. You also have the right to escrow your rent.

Dispute resolution with landlords & use of escrow

Escrowing your rent means that you deposit your rental payments with the clerk of the municipal court, instead of paying your landlord. Before you can escrow your rent, you must first wait the FULL 30 days after notifying the landlord of its failure to fulfill obligations. However, if there is an emergency, such as lack of heat in winter or lack of water, you can start escrowing your rent earlier. The notice requesting repairs must be clear and detailed enough that your landlord and the court can understand exactly what is wrong. You must send the notice to the place where you normally pay rent. Keep a photocopy of the notice and send it with a "certificate of mailing" so you have proof you sent the notice. You must deposit your rent into escrow on or before the date when your rent is due. If your rent is due on the fifth of every month, deposit your rent on or before the fifth.

Landlord's responsibility to register their rental properties

Rental properties in South Euclid are required to be registered annually and inspected every three years. According to Ohio Landlord-Tenant law, you have the right to complain to a governmental agency if your landlord violates housing laws or regulations affecting health and safety. For more information, contact the South Euclid Housing Department at 216.381.0400.

Ensuring fair housing & non-discrimination

The City of South Euclid has one of the strongest and most comprehensive fair housing laws in Northeast Ohio. If you believe you are being discriminated against in your search for housing in South Euclid, please do not hesitate to contact the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research at www.thehousingcenter.org or call 216.361.9240.

south euclid MYCOM

JOIN OUR NEW TEEN CAFÉ PROGRAM!

The Hillcrest YMCA, in partnership with the South Euclid MyCom Youth Program, are launching a new program to better meet the needs of our community's middle school and high school youth. The after-school program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and features FREE Impact Classes such as: tutoring, writing, budgeting, cooking, swimming, and more. The program also offers teens ages 15-18 the opportunity to earn volunteer hours by assisting our staff in areas they would like to focus on. Snacks will also be provided and the program will be a safe and structured environment to have peer interaction and participate in enrichment activities after school and throughout next summer.

To register or ask questions, please call the Hillcrest YMCA at 216.382.4300.

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Implementing Flood Control Measures Can Stem the Tide of Basement Flooding

There are few things that strike horror in the hearts of homeowners more than going into the basement to find that a water or sewage backup has occurred. The damage to property, the messy clean-up, and trying to sort out what happened in order to make repairs can be a very costly and sometimes confusing proposition. While the City is continually working to update and maintain the system of complex underground pipes, sewers and catch basins throughout the community, there are several steps you can take to prevent your basement from flooding.

What causes flooded basements and what can be done?

Basements can end up flooded with storm water or backed up sewage. With changing weather patterns and more severe storm events, basement flooding is becoming more common in South Euclid and everywhere in the region. However, there are some simple things you can do to prevent these backups, along with additional remedies.

Do some preventative maintenance

Having your sanitary and storm sewer lines, sometimes known as laterals, snaked out is your first line of defense. These are the pipes that run from your home to the street and they are often made of clay tile that can become compromised from tree roots. Periodically having them snaked can prevent back-up problems.

The City's Service Department can snake the sanitary lateral for a cost of $100, which is often less expensive than many private plumbers charge. To schedule this service, contact the Service Department at 216.381.0402.

The City does not offer this service for storm sewer laterals; you will have to contact a plumber for this work. Although it may be somewhat more expensive, it is a highly recommended preventative measure.

Make sure your gutters and downspouts are cleaned in the fall and spring

Debris in the gutters and downspouts can cause them to malfunction and overflow, allowing storm water to end up around your foundation and get into your basement.

Correct negative grading near the foundation

Sometimes due to erosion, the soil around your home can begin to create a negative grade that funnels water toward your foundation. Soil should be mounded to divert water away from your home, not toward it.

Be careful what you flush!

Only flush human waste and toilet tissue – nothing else. Feminine hygiene products, "flushable wipes" and other items can wreak havoc on your plumbing – even if those items are touted as being flushable. Don't believe it, and be careful about what gets flushed. If you don't, expensive repairs may be in your future.

Use your kitchen disposal prudently

Scrape as much food waste as possible into a bin for composting or into your kitchen trash and only use the disposal for the small bits remaining, and avoid putting stringy or fibrous foods; grease and oil; eggshells; coffee grounds; and starchy foods into a disposal. These can build up over time and cause sewer clogs. Run cold water while using the disposal.

Be careful about overloading your plumbing during storms

During large storm events, main sewers are overloaded from storm overflows, so this is not a good time to run loads of laundry, do loads of dishes or take a shower all at the same time. Making sure that water draining from your home is minimized during large storm events will go a long way toward preventing backups into your basement!

Back flow devices can help – but only in certain cases

In certain areas of the City with older sewer mains, overloads can occur, causing basement sewer backups. A back flow device can be installed that closes when the main is under pressure to prevent a backup from entering the service lateral. A drawback of these devices is that when they close they will also slow or stop the flow of sanitary sewer discharges from the house to the street; therefore toilet flushing, showers, clothes and dish washing, and other water use activities should be avoided when the back flow devices are likely to be in operation. These devices typically cost around $3,000 to install and the City can provide a grant to homeowners to help defray some of the cost. If you have frequent sewer backups, contact the South Euclid Service Department at 216.381.0402 to determine if a back flow device will help in your case.

Consider purchasing a generator if your home has a sump pump

Homes with interior water proofing systems utilize a sump pump to move water away from the foundation. During a power outage, the sump pump will stop working and basement flooding can quickly result. Purchasing a generator to supply backup power to the sump pump is a wise purchase. Be sure that the pump discharge line is connected to the storm lateral as a connection to the sanitary lateral is prohibited by law.

Beware of cross connections

Some older homes in the city have a combined sanitary and storm sewer discharge, due to either previous plumbing work or the age of the

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Tips to protect your home while making home improvements

With home values increasing by double digits in South Euclid over the past few years, there has never been a better time to invest in upgrades to your home. Unfortunately, sometimes things don't go as planned and residents get burned by incompetent or disreputable contractors.

This past spring, one South Euclid resident decided to make a few cosmetic updates to his home, so he sought out a handyman. After researching a local handyman on the Better Business Bureau website, the resident hired him to change out a shower fixture, build some shelves, and do a few other home improvement projects for a total cost of $1,800. Little did he know that this small project would lead to his home being nearly destroyed and left uninhabitable for months. The nightmare started when the handyman had difficulty installing new bath fixtures. He ended up cutting through a water line and the home flooded. The result was $75,000 worth of damage, months of dealing with insurance claims adjusters while the resident lived in a hotel until repairs could be made. Although the handyman told the resident he was bonded and insured, he provided no proof, and in the end, he wasn't.

While this nightmare scenario is unusual, the Building Department receives calls every day from residents with complaints and concerns about contractors. To prevent this from happening to you, check out the tips below, and beware of the red flags, to help ensure that your next home improvement project will be trouble-free.

If a permit is required, make sure to get one

While not all home projects require a permit, generally larger ones will, such as roof replacement, HVAC replacement, fence installation, major plumbing, masonry, carpentry projects like deck installations, and most electrical work. When in doubt, call and ask the Building Department. A contractor who tries to talk you out of getting a permit or encourages you to get a homeowner permit, is a huge red flag! In order to pull a permit, the contractor will have to supply proof of insurance and obtain a bond. This protects you, as a claim can be filed against the bond if the work is not done properly. Without that, your only recourse is to sue the contractor, which could take years and be expensive for you.

Ask for proof of insurance

Make sure the contractor can provide proof of a current liability insurance policy. You can call the insurance carrier to verify coverage.

Get multiple written quotes

Ask for a written, detailed quote before starting the work. Make sure of exactly what you are getting as well as a timeline for starting and finishing the work. Some contractors will take on multiple jobs at once, leaving you waiting for weeks for the work to be started or completed. Obtaining quotes from a few different contractors is always a good idea. Just make sure you are comparing apples to apples.

Don't pay a large deposit up front

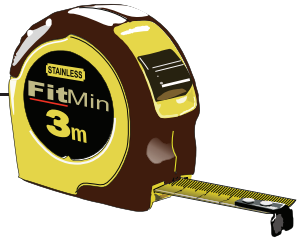
Some contractors will ask for half or more of the money up front. Don't do it. A small deposit upon signing the contract (usually no more than 10%) shows that you are acting in good faith, but wait to pay the contractor in full until after the work is completed and inspected.

Get referrals from people you trust

Word of mouth is the best advertising. Did someone you know have a great experience with a contractor for a similar project? Using resources such as Angi and asking friends and other trusted people for recommendations are good ways to find the names of reputable contractors. Often more than one of your friends might recommend the same contractor, which is a sign that a contractor might be a good choice.

Call the Cleveland Restoration Society

The City of South Euclid is a member of the Heritage Home Program. In addition to giving residents the option of using the low interest Heritage Home Loan Program, membership includes free technical assistance to residents whether you are applying for a loan or not. Especially for larger projects, CRS can provide advice on scope of work, and can suggest contractors with the experience and track record to complete the work. They can be reached at 216.426.1000.



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pipes, allowing runoff from roof downspouts and yard drains to enter the sanitary lateral. This is detrimental to the environment and contributes to overloading the sewer mains. Having a cross connection is also considered a code violation that will need to be corrected. This can be an expensive proposition that will require excavating your yard.

Consider purchasing insurance

Coverage for water and sewer line replacement can be purchased for a small amount of money from local utility companies. If you choose to purchase this coverage, be sure to read the fine print about what will be covered, under what circumstances, and how restoration of the site is handled.

By taking many of these simple preventative steps, homeowners can help prevent their basements from flooding and stop heavy rainfall, melting snow and run off from ending up in their basements. Please don't hesitate to contact the Service Department at 216.381.0402 if you have any questions.

ABOUT ONE SOUTH EUCLID: YOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

One South Euclid is a 501(c)(3) community development corporation (CDC) comprising an Executive Director and a volunteer Board who reflect the diversity of the city and support the ideals of racial equity, community, culture and transparency. Its strategic partner is the city of South Euclid.

Founded in 2009, as a vision of Mayor Welo and director of community services Keith Benjamin, OSE's goal is to ensure the stability and growth of South Euclid's neighborhoods and businesses by offering programs and grants, and organizing social and cultural events that bring people together. Its housing revitalization program, storefront renovations, senior landscaping/snowplowing grants, and beautification projects strive to improve the lives of South Euclid families and business owners. With the leadership of City Council, community volunteers and city staff members, One South Euclid has raised over $300,000 to give back to residents and businesses in the community.

For more information about your community development organization, visit www.onesoutheuclid.org.

One South Euclid Names New Executive Director

ANNETTE IWAMOTO BRINGS SKILLS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING TO SOUTH EUCLID

One South Euclid (OSE), your non-profit Community Development Corporation, has selected Annette Iwamoto as its first Executive Director. Iwamoto will head OSE's residential and commercial development initiatives, including South Euclid's first business incubator, as well as community outreach efforts, fundraising, grant approvals, and current and future programming. She is also tasked with overseeing the implementation of the Mayfield and Green development plan that was recommended by Heritage Ohio.

"We're thrilled to have a proven leader like Annette on board. She brings with her a wealth of experience in fund development, grant writing, strategic planning, data analysis, program evaluation and community and government relations," says Vaughn Johnson, OSE Board President. "OSE has grown considerably since it began in 2009 and the time was right for an Executive Director to help lead and shape the organization's next phase," he added.

As Executive Director, Iwamoto is OSE's first dedicated staff member and point of contact. "With this level of leadership, we'll be able to more readily get the word out to residents, businesses, and other stakeholders about what we do and meet the goals of a thriving, vibrant community," says Iwamoto.

"What initially drew me to this position is my passion for community engagement, relationship building, and connecting people to each other. That's how you get things done. You connect people, you brainstorm, and it can lead to innovation. I also love getting to know the neighbors and neighborhoods of a community and working with residents and businesses to make sure it's a community they're proud of while meeting their needs," she said.

Iwamoto has led a life of service. As a child in Los Angeles and later Tucson, she was exposed to community service early and encouraged to follow her passion. Later in college as she contemplated a career as a human rights attorney, she had second thoughts, and instead, spent two years with City Year, an Americorps program, to give back to the community. While there, she received leadership development and learned about social work.

That led to a master's degree in Social Work with a concentration in Community and Social Development from the Mandel School at Case Western Reserve University. Although she started her professional career in community development, for the last eight years she worked in human services at Providence House as the Strategic Initiatives Manager. She now brings a myriad of professional skills developed over the years to her role as Executive Director of OSE.

Iwamoto is open to South Euclid residents, businesses and other community stakeholders reaching out to her. She can be contacted at either 216.316.5373 or at Annette@OneSouthEuclid.org.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 9, 2021
Come Together & Thrive Ride, Walk & Run for Cancer to benefit The Gathering Place
Visit www.cityofsoutheuclid.com for details.

Saturday, October 16, 2021
Community Shred Day
from 9:00-12:00PM at City Hall rear parking lot

Saturday, October 23, 2021
OctoberFeast
from 12:00-5:00PM at Quarry Park

New this year, two beloved fall celebrations, Harvest Fest and Pumpkins in the Park, will be combined into a new event called OctoberFeast, which will feature live music, local food vendors, and seasonal fun. The Polka Pirates will take the stage from 2-5 pm playing all styles of polkas and waltzes that are sure to get you dancing. Choose and decorate a free jack-o'-lantern from a pop-up pumpkin patch. Wear your best lederhosen for a chance to win a grand prize and flex your muscles at the beer stein holding competition. Celebrate the season with family and friends in a safe outdoor setting at OctoberFeast! Look for more information this fall on social media and the City's website.

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 5, 2021
Annual Lighting Ceremony
from 4:30-6:00PM at City Hall

The South Euclid Tree Commission is giving away trees for fall planting! Help our urban forest grow.

FREE TREE DAY

Saturday, November 6

10am – 1pm

Bexley Park - Wrenford entrance

Since we ran out of trees in spring (sorry,) here's another chance to plant!

Tip to Recycle Right

Do not put plastic bags in curbside recycling.

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SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST SCHOOLS SUCCESSFULLY AND SAFELY KICKS OFF 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools was excited to take another significant stride back toward normalcy with the start of the 2021-2022 school year, which officially began on Thursday, August 19th with 5-Day/Week in-person learning. Since the pandemic is not fully behind us, students and staff are strongly recommended to wear masks. Deep cleansing of all buildings and facilities will continue throughout the 2021-2022 school year. As always, parents whose children are experiencing sickness of any sort, will be encouraged to keep their children home while they are sick. The leadership of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools will continue to closely monitor the guidance from our Governor along with updates from our national, state and county public health officials. Together, we sincerely look forward to a safe, successful school year.

Linda N. Reid

Summer Program Recap

While families were enjoying their summers, the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools were busy with supplemental programming that was designed to enhance and enrich students throughout their traditional vacation time. The Arc Summer Academy, hosted at Greenview, provided learning opportunities to all students in grades Kindergarten through 6th for additional Mathematics, English/Language Arts, and S.T.E.M. programming. In addition, creative project-based and critical thinking educational resources were included courtesy of various partners of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. Financial literacy, athletics, and computer-based skills were all examples where external strategic partners of the district interfaced with the participants of the Arc Summer Academy. An added social and emotional emphasis was placed on student well-being, and in this non-traditional summer setting, students were truly enriched. A special word of gratitude goes out to the staff members who devoted some extra summertime to helping our children stretch and grow. The district also provided summer enrichment to our preschool students at Rowland Elementary. Over a four-week period, participating students from 3-5 years old engaged in a variety of fun and educational learning activities with an emphasis on important transition skills and social interaction. This included students practicing regularly to identify their first name through activities such as tracing an outline of the letters and placing matching letters over the top of their name. To help practice following directions and working with others, students participated in hands-on projects such as making tie-dyed shirts, sand volcanoes, s'mores, and creating patterns using Jell-O. With these new initiatives, many of the district's students had ample opportunities to learn and grow this past summer.

First Day of School: Superintendent Reid & elementary students

New Athletic Administrative Team

In other news, the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools would like to formally congratulate our new Athletic Administrative Team that was recently assembled over the summer months. Jamar Ross has become the new Athletic Director for Charles F. Brush High School and brings with him more than twenty years of athletic administration experience at the collegiate level. He has spent time at Rutgers and most recently at Cleveland State University. Jamar will be supported by an Assistant Athletic Director, J.C. Commander, as well as Rick Bloom, who will be providing administrative support. J.C. and Rick both have a strong passion for supporting our student-athletes and encouraging them to achieve success, both on and off the fields. Welcome Jamar, J.C. and Rick. We wish you all the best in guiding our Brush athletes!

Without question, the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools is greatly looking forward to fulfilling its vision ***To Be the Destination School Community***. With a supportive Board of Education, staff members who are endeared to our children, dedicated parents and an eager and enthusiastic student body, the leadership of the SEL Schools firmly believes this year will be safe and successful. As always, we thank the communities and our city leadership for a supportive and mutually beneficial partnership. Thank you for your continued support. Go Arcs!

Dr. Linda N. Reid , Superintendent

Councilwoman-at-Large Susan Hardy

I'm going to keep my message short and simple. Please don't leave your trash on the ground. This seemingly small action shows a lack of respect for yourself and your community. What message does it send to visitors and residents who come to use our public spaces? I doubt I can find anyone in South Euclid who prefers their kids enjoy a playground covered in trash.

Susan Hardy

We have 15 people employed by our service department. It is a waste of tax payer money to use them as a litter clean-up crew. Hold on to your wrappers and water bottles until you can dispose of them properly. Your effort will preserve tax payer funds and ensure beautiful, welcoming spaces. If you are a bold person, I encourage you to follow the example of some of my council colleagues when you see others leaving their trash on the ground. Pick it up, hand it back to them, and say "you dropped this".

Thank you for your cooperation and helping to make South Euclid a better place to live, work and play!

Council-at-Large, Susan Hardy: 216-780-0238

Councilwoman-at-Large Chanell Elston

Fall is just around the corner, cooler temperatures, leaves changing colors and most importantly football season (GO BROWNS!). We also have the return of many beloved events and some new additions. Join us September 12th -22nd for the Community Partnership on Aging's annual scavenger hunt fundraiser. Earn points toward prizes and awards, while raising money for CPA programs and services, visit https://communitypartnershiponaging.com for more details and to sign up.

Chanell Elston

Mark your calendar for the city's first "Come Together & Thrive Ride", a bike/walk event which will be held Saturday October 9, 2021 for breast cancer awareness. A community event for all, to honor loved ones and raise awareness and critical funding. If you are interested in volunteering for the event in any capacity, please feel free to contact me. You are always welcome to sign up for my newsletter or contact me at celston@seuclid.com or (216)502-2037.

Council-At-Large, Chanell Elston: 216-502-2037

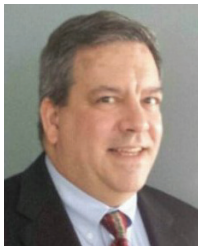
2021 FALL LEAF PICK-UP INFORMATION

The South Euclid Service Department will begin leaf pick-up the second week of October and continue through December 15, 2021, weather permitting.

- Please put leaves loose on tree lawn. It is illegal and a safety hazard to place leaves in the street (see ordinance 521.04 G). Leaf piles in the street obstructs the normal drainage of water and can completely block the storm sewer. With evening temperatures getting colder, there is also danger of standing water that can freeze. Leaf piles in the street also obstruct traffic, causing accidents.
- When leaf pick-up crews are in your area, please avoid parking on the street. Crews will not rake around parked cars.
- Please do not put sticks or any other debris in the leaf pile. This could block or damage machines. Leaf piles with sticks or debris will be left until leaves are properly placed on tree lawn.
- Beginning the first full week of November, the Service Department will provide a message with what area we will be picking up leaves the following day. Please call 216-381-0402 after 4:30 pm daily to hear the message.

Councilman Joe Frank: Ward 2 and President of Council

Where has the time gone? One year ago, we were closely following the pandemic, unsure of the future. Will there be a vaccine? Will we return to work? Will our children return to school? Will there be a cure? One year later, many of these questions still are unanswered and adapting to these changes is the new normal. After a summer of being mostly mask-free, masks have returned and questions about the Delta variant remain. The City has faced many challenges as well, including your First Responders, who have battled the challenges of the pandemic as well as addressing the needs and emergencies of our citizens.



Joe Frank

But many things have continued as normal. Our Service Department has fixed and patched our roads and maintained our parks and public spaces. Home sales have driven our home values way up and our promised investment in infrastructure has been evident in the road construction throughout the City. Unfortunately, our ongoing issues with our Municipal Court continue. Funding for future projects and investment in our infrastructure remain hostage because our 2019 State Audit remains incomplete as a result of the Court's failure to provide the Ohio Auditor with financial information. Our future investment in our city is being threatened due to this, potentially costing the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest if our bond rating deteriorates due to an incomplete audit.

On a positive note, it has been wonderful seeing people out walking, enjoying our community and our parks being used once again, especially the pool, splash park and ball fields. As winter approaches and Covid concerns continue, please stay safe, watch out for your neighbors and do what you can to keep our community a great place to live, work and play.

Ward 2 Council Joe Frank: 216-246-5614

Councilman-at-Large Justin Tisdale

Herman Cain once said, "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful". When I read this quote, two very important words stood out to me, SUCCESS and HAPPINESS.

Justin Tisdale

As we continue to awaken from our COVID lockdowns and the spreading delta variant, we have to remember how these two ideas play a central role in our lives.

Happiness is a feeling or a place we all hope to reach. However, how do we reach happiness? What determines if we are successful in our pursuits? This is a question that I have thought about for some time. Does obtaining true happiness come from material possessions and experiences? Would winning the lottery, buying a new car, or going on that amazing vacation make you happy forever? For some, this may be their highest form of happiness. For others, the pinnacle of happiness may be defined by status: which neighborhood you live in, what kind of friends you have, or getting that elusive promotion. But what will happen once the money is gone, you and your friends grow apart, or it rains on that vacation? Does happiness become unattainable?

What I have come to realize is that happiness is whatever you want it to be! We have allowed social media and others to place an arbitrary value on our happiness, especially during COVID lockdown. And that value system is spiraling out of our control. But by turning off the screens, you can give yourself the power to realize that this arbitrary success is not the key to happiness.

We are all unique individuals with different skill sets and we should allow one another to be happy just the way we are. I completely agree with Herman Cain, if we are doing things we love, not only can we be our own brand of successful but we can also achieve happiness. Let's continue to help, encourage, look after and support each other. This is another way we can lead each other to happiness and success!

Council-At-Large, Justin Tisdale: 216-965-4242

Councilwoman Ruth Gray: Ward 1

The Ward One Fall Community Meeting will be held on Monday, October 18th at Quarry Park North, in the pavilion at 5:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair!

Ruth Gray

I want to thank you all for doing your absolute best to remain healthy and safe from COVID-19. Recently, I came across this statement. So, now I am sharing it with you. I am wearing my mask in public for three reasons: 1. **HUMILITY**: I don't know if I have COVID as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms. 2. **KINDNESS**: I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for an elderly mom. While I might be fine, they might not, and 3. **COMMUNITY**: I want my community to thrive, business to stay open, employees to stay healthy. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all!

Please be reminded that Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. I urge every citizen who is 18 years of age to exercise your right to vote. Voting is a fundamental power that we have in making decisions about our elected representatives and issues that impact our day-to-day life. It is imperative that we all have a plan to ensure we vote. In Ohio, the last day to Register to vote is October 4th. Call me if you need to register to vote or change your address and I will help you get registered. Early In-Person voting begins October 5th. You can track your ballot request at VoteOhio.gov. Know where your polling location is. In Ward One, the Polling location is at the South Euclid Methodist Church at 4217 Bluestone. Go Vote!

Help me with welcoming our newest locally-owned business Mr. Chicken to South Euclid. One of the ways we can maintain a thriving community is to patronize our businesses. I urge residents to BUY IN SOUTH EUCLID. Every dollar spent in South Euclid helps our local economy, as well as the school district.

If you need additional information, please contact me at ruthigray50@gmail.com or (216)926-4960.

Ward 1 Council Ruth Gray: 216-926-4960

Councilwoman Sara Continenza: Ward 3

Hello Neighbors! What a wonderful time of year it is in our town! With Rock the Block and Bexley Bash, it has been amazing to see our wonderful neighbors out and about!

Sara Continenza

Please don't forget that we have brought a composting program to Bexley Park! For only $10/month, you can access this central drop-off location to compost all of your kitchen scraps. https://www.rustbeltriders.com/dropoff

Thank you to all who have been supporting our new farmer's market in South Euclid! It is held Thursday evenings from 4-8pm at the corner of Mayfield and Green (June through October). This is a great chance to support local businesses, offer our residents safe, outdoor shopping options and bring more folks to our downtown area. Parking is at Marc's, Giant Eagle, or behind the shopping center across the street at the SW side of the intersection. We are not charging any vendor fees for participation this year! Let me know if you'd like to sell at our market!

We have been working hard to plan out our new teen area at Bexley Park. Stay tuned! In 2022, we will have serious investments made in our parks! Please contact me if you know of any local teens who would like to be involved in the design process as we move forward on these exciting plans.

We are also making strides toward our multifaceted deer management plan. Thanks to County Councilwoman Sunny Simon, we are getting close to moving on our deer sterilization efforts which, when coupled with culling, will reduce the herd to healthy, manageable levels. Please do NOT feed deer, as it makes them more likely to wander very close to homes and people, and ultimately makes the issue worse...leading to the need to cull more in the future. If we leave them alone, they will retreat away from humans and they will be safer, and our community will experience fewer adverse issues related to them.

If you would like to be a part of my email list, please email me at FriendsOfSaraC@gmail.com, or call me at 216-816-1577. I send out regular updates about events, legislation, resources and news. Also, don't forget that NextDoor.com is a wonderful social network for neighborhoods, and is totally free to join! Cheers!

Ward 3 Council Sara Continenza: 216-816-1577

Councilwoman Jane Goodman: Ward 4

I hope you're all enjoying some leaf-peeping as autumn approaches and the city puts on its fall colors. I also hope that nature gives us a chance to turn off the A/C and save on our energy bills before we need to turn on the furnace. Speaking of energy, you may remember that Council passed a resolution aiming to power our city's operations with 100% clean and renewable energy by 2025. The resolution also calls for Council and the administration to have a plan in place by the end of 2022, one that sets a framework and timeline to transition from fossil fuels to green energy.

Jane Goodman

In the coming years we'll be driving more electric vehicles (EVs) to fight climate change by reducing our carbon emissions, so we'll see more EV charging stations around town and people plugging in cars at home.

As a NOPEC member community, we'll have a head start since we'll be able to get all our electricity from 100% renewable sources. You can do that for your own electric service right now by calling NOPEC at 855.667.3201. For about 50¢ more a month you can do a lot to fight climate change. If you're getting your power from another supplier, many of them also offer 100% renewable options. The next goal is to have all our residents and businesses powered by green energy by 2035.

We're starting on the green energy plan now, and there will be plenty of opportunity for you to become involved. Once the whole city goes green we'll know we're doing our part to keep the extreme weather that climate change is causing at bay, and once we're all emission-free we'll breathe easier. Literally.

Ward 4 Council Jane Goodman: 216-291-0442

Municipal Court Judge Gayle Williams-Byers

South Euclid Municipal Court welcomed Tyessa V. Howard, Esq., as its Acting Clerk of Court, June 14, 2021. A former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and resident of South Euclid, Attorney Howard is excited about the opportunity to continue her public service in the community where she is raising her two boys.

Judge Gayle Williams-Byers

The Court can now accept online payments. To pay your monetary obligation to the Court online, please visit the Court's website at https://southeuclidcourt.com. In addition to online payments, the Court is in the process of implementing a new Case Management System. The new system will enhance the Court's ability to serve the public, as it is a major improvement from the current system the Court inherited.

Although, considering the pandemic, the Court is not open to the public, please continue to contact the Court directly for any issues related to your case. We understand having a Court case may be stressful, but especially during these trying times. Staff is still onsite and available to answer questions and assist where appropriate. Please see our website for how to contact the Court, email us at info@secourt.org, or call at 216.381.2880.

Judge Gayle Williams-Byers: 216-381-2880

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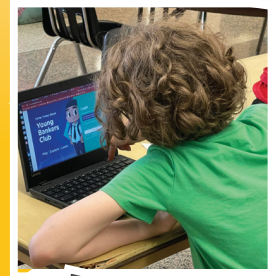
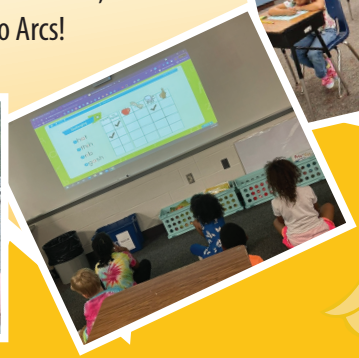
Arc Summer Academy Energized SEL Students with Enrichment, Social/Emotional Needs & Critical Core Concepts

SEL Students in Grades Kindergarten through 6th experienced an excellent learning opportunity courtesy of the Arc Summer Academy while away from school during the summer months. Blending enrichment along with affirming the social and emotional needs of our District's youngest students, and including some fun learning opportunities, students participating in the Arc Summer Academy are being re-acclimated to school based instruction. Hosted at Greenview, students receive a healthy dose of English/Language Arts and Mathematics enrichment during the day along with interactive activities that engage their interpersonal skill development and social/emotion needs as well. Fun, but educational opportunities were provided, in part, by strategic partners of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. A special focus was placed on movement throughout the day, so students could remain energized in between their learning opportunities. The Arc Summer Academy was held in two, 2-week sessions, during late June and early July. Thank you to the partners who have helped to make this summer learning programming possible, and to the staff members who represented all of the buildings in the District, who helped to make this possible. Go Arcs!





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Eberechi Agwa, MD
Cleveland Clinic
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- Prevention & outreach program
- Clinical trials

"At the community cancer center level, we provide care for diagnoses ranging from solid tumor malignancies like colon, lung and breast cancer to multiple myeloma and blood disorders," says Eberechi Agwa, MD, a medical oncologist who treats patients at South Pointe Hospital. "And we do this providing the same high level of care a patient would receive at Cleveland Clinic main campus."

This high level of care is made possible through caregivers – highly qualified and experienced physicians, nurses, social workers, care coordinators, patient navigators and ancillary staff – following care paths that ensure the same standards and quality measures are in place at all Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center locations.

The cancer center at South Pointe is small enough that providers know patients by name while offering many of the same services available at main campus. Infusion suites for chemotherapy treatment are semi-private, beautiful and spacious, with a view to the outdoors.

"It's an unfortunate fact that some of our patients present with cancer at a more advanced stage because they don't have a primary care doctor or misunderstand the need for preventive care," says Dr. Agwa. "The cancer center at South Pointe helps to remove some of those barriers to care, providing these individuals with convenient, high quality, comprehensive care."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Agwa or another oncology specialist at South Pointe Hospital, call 216.491.6438.

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- Childbirth.
- Postpartum period.
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