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In South Euclid we have a great story to tell about coming together to overcome great challenges, adapting to adversity and working hard to keep our community a safe, strong and stable place to live, work and play. While we still have challenges to overcome, because of your faith and support - many great things are happening - and we are a city on the move!



Mayor Georgine Welo
216.381.0400

Recovering from the Housing & Foreclosure Crisis

Ten years ago, South Euclid, like many inner-ring suburbs in the Cleveland area, was suffering from major challenges as a result of the unprecedented recession and housing crisis which resulted in over 20% of South Euclid's housing stock in foreclosure. However, with thoughtful leadership, collaboration,

award-winning innovation, and most importantly – the support of residents – South Euclid is again a vibrant and thriving community. In December 2017 the median sale price of a home in South Euclid was \$85,500 – earlier this year our median sales price climbed to nearly \$170,000!

Making our roadways safer for all residents.

Streets are an extension of our public spaces where life unfolds on a daily basis. They connect us to our friends and relatives, neighbors, businesses, parks and host our parades and other public gatherings. It is in this context that we are working to rebalance how we allocate space in our auto-centric streets to support transportation modes and human activities beyond moving personal vehicles alone.

The new South Green Road Greenway is a "Complete Streets" demonstration project, that when completed, will convert this major county thoroughfare from a four-lane "highway" to a multi-modal corridor featuring bike lanes, bike boxes, a center turning lane and improved transit and pedestrian access. Check out our short video at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com to learn more about the utilization of bike boxes.

Improvements along this nearly 3-mile major thoroughfare from Monticello Blvd. to Cedar Road will make it easier for people to safely walk, bike, bus or drive along the important Green Road corridor, which connects us to nature via the adjacent Euclid Creek Metroparks, schools, businesses, medical and educational institutions, our library and shopping districts. Phase II of the project from Mayfield to Cedar Road will commence in Spring 2023 and we look forward to continuing efforts to improve our community for all residents.

Creating Neighborhood Greenways

In 2021 the City of South Euclid began meeting with representatives from Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Shaker Heights and Euclid to begin looking at unique and best practices to connect our neighborhoods with multi-modal roadway improvements to safely serve bicyclists, scooters, and pedestrians.

The Heights Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Planning Group has been meeting to look at the potential creation of a network of Neighborhood Greenways on low-traffic and low-speed streets (mostly residential side-streets) where priority can be given to people walking, bicycling, and rolling. Neighborhood greenways will form the backbone of the city's Safe Routes to School network and connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, business districts – and cities.

Renewal of our Safety Levy (Issue 86).

On November 8th the renewal of the Safety Levy will once again be on the ballot for your consideration. If approved, the renewal will not raise your taxes and will continue to provide approximately \$2 million each year to help maintain our critical police, fire and emergency services. The Safety Levy funds can only be used for Police, Fire and Emergency Services. Please see the Safety Levy information in this magazine for more information.

A final note and thank you!

In South Euclid, we have been proactive, working together as residents to move our community forward and lead South Euclid towards a brighter future by being innovative, trying new ideas and taking reasonable risks. Our unique efforts have been recognized in both national and international media and through regional awards and grant funding!

As we emerge from the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are laser-focused on doing what is right in making South Euclid truly a place where we can accomplish great things and continue to make South Euclid a place where we can all "come together and thrive". Visit our website and social media pages (Facebook, Nextdoor, Twitter & Instagram) to stay up-to-date on events and issues, and please do not hesitate to contact me at mayor@seuclid.com or 216.381.0400 if you have any questions, ideas or want to become more involved in the future of our great community! Have a great autumn season!

Respectfully, Georgine

ABOUT THE SAFETY LEVY: ISSUE 86

This November 8th the renewal of our Safety Levy will be on the ballot as Issue 86. The renewal of the levy, which supports the operations of Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will not raise your taxes, and will allow us to continue funding critical operations related to your Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Medical Services.

Safety Levy funds can only be used to fund operations related to safety services and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the community. These funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Why is the Issue 86 Safety Levy necessary?

This proposed levy is necessary due to the continuing reduction of funding provided to local governments by the State of Ohio. Since 2012, South Euclid has lost millions of dollars annually as a result of cuts made by the State of Ohio to local communities. These cuts include a 50% reduction in the Ohio Local Government Fund and the Elimination of the Commercial Activity Tax and Estate Tax by the State of Ohio. The renewal of Issue 86 helps replace these lost dollars.

How much does the renewal levy cost?

Issue 86 is a 5.75 mill Safety Levy for five years and costs approximately \$87.50 a year per \$100,000 in property value. The Levy generates approximately \$2 million a year to support our Fire, Police & EMS Departments. Because Issue 86 is a renewal levy, its passage will not raise your taxes.

Are federal and state grants used to help with the department costs?

Yes, our Police and Fire Departments apply for several grants each year, but we compete statewide for these dollars, which are limited and very competitive.

How would the Police and Fire Departments manage if the levy fails?

Failure of Issue 86 would result in difficult decisions affecting City safety services and the City's capacity to continue to provide critical emergency services for South Euclid residents.

How will the Safety Levy appear on the ballot?

The Safety Levy will appear on your ballot as ISSUE 86. A vote FOR (or YES) the Levy means that you support the renewal of the Levy. A vote AGAINST (or NO) the Levy means that you do not support renewing the Levy. If approved, the levy will not raise your taxes.



How can I find out more information about the Safety Levy?

Safety Levy and City Budget information can be found on the City's website at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com. Click on "Safety Levy Information" for more information. Please feel free to call City Hall at 381.0400, Mayor Welo at 381.0400 ext. 221, or any of your councilmembers if you would like to discuss the Safety Levy in more detail.

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SAFETY LEVY RENEWAL
IS ON THE BALLOT FOR VOTER CONSIDERATION
ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

NOT A TAX INCREASE!
Continuing the levy will not raise your taxes.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? The levy expires after 5 years

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO FUND OUR SAFETY FORCES:
It costs about \$14 million a year to fund:

- Fire 2022: \$6,395,566.00
- Police 2022: 7,627,987.33

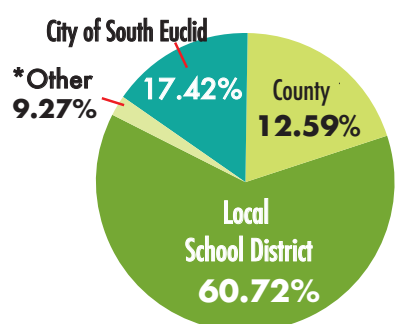
HOW MUCH WILL THE SAFETY LEVY GENERATE?
If approved, the Safety Levy will continue to generate approximately \$2 million a year, with the remaining necessary funds coming from the City's General Fund.

WHAT CAN THE SAFETY LEVY MONEY BE USED FOR?
Safety Levy funds can **ONLY** be used by our Safety Forces for services related to **POLICE, FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) and DISPATCH**. They do **NOT** go into the general fund and cannot be spent for any other purpose.

LOST CITY REVENUE
DUE TO STATE CUTS:

- Local Government Fund
2010: \$1million
2022: \$475,000
- Commercial Activity Tax
2010: \$170,000
2020: \$0
- Estate Tax
2010: \$500,000
2020: \$0

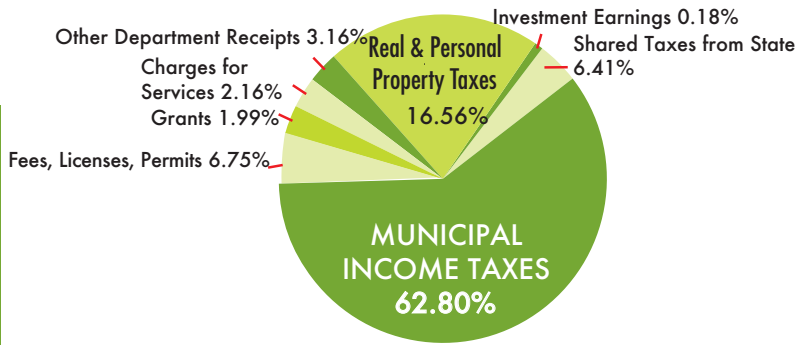
PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION



***Other: Library, TRI-C, Metroparks, Port Authority**

Only about 17¢ out of every Property Tax dollar goes to the City of South Euclid.

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID
ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES



The Levy generates approximately \$2 million per year with the remainder (about \$14 million) coming from the general fund.

Myth Check: South Euclid isn't as safe as it used to be.

Facts:

- Because of our strong safety services the average response time for priority 911 calls is less than **3 minutes!** Police & Fire are there when you need them the most.
- The majority of offenses are related to crimes like shoplifting, which, unfortunately, is common in communities with major retail centers
 - > The city invests in working with and educating residents through its Youth Police Academy, and Citizens Police Academy and protect residents with our Canine Unit, Diversion Program and multi-jurisdictional SWAT teams!

Renewing the Safety Levy will help us maintain our excellent safety services that keep you and your family safe and South Euclid a great place to call home.

Keeping Your Safety Services Safe and Strong



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FIRE & RESCUE

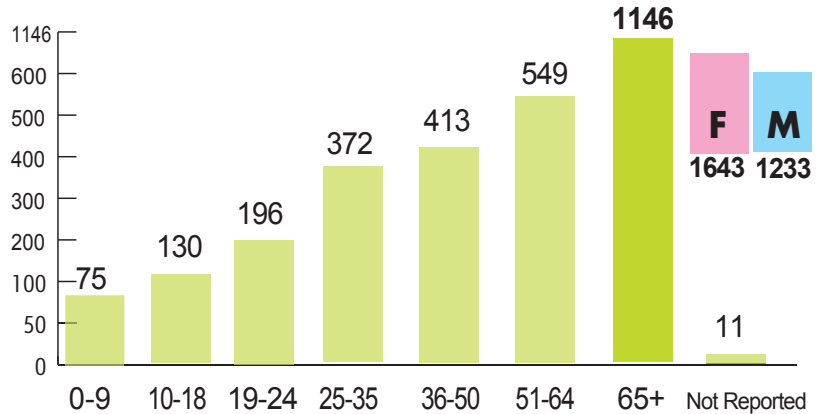
South Euclid Fire Dept. GENERAL STATISTICS

- Responded to **4,327** Emergency Calls for service
- Up **5.01%** from 2020
- Responded to **57** structure fires
- Zero (0) fire fatalities
- Responded to **2,966** medical emergencies
- Busiest days: **Tuesday**
- Busiest time of day: **5 pm**
- Slowest days: **Saturdays**
- Expenditures 2021: **\$4,111,350**
- Cost per Incident: **\$950**
- Cost per Capita - Daily Cost: **\$189**

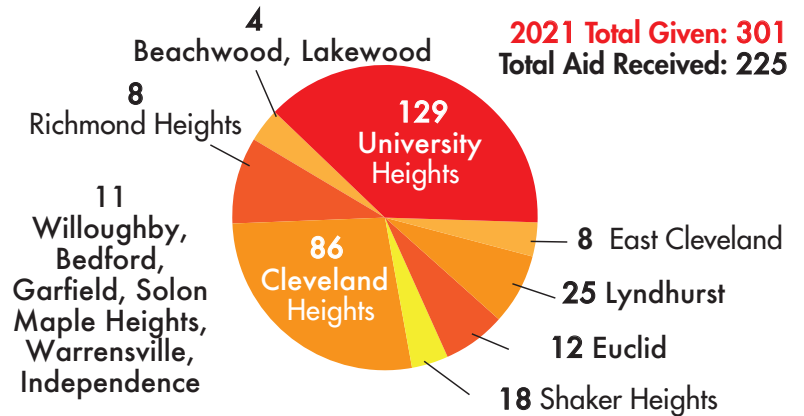
Personnel Statistics

- SEFD members: **34**
- **14.1** average years of service per member
- **30** years longest service / **2** months least
- SEFD for a total of **3,675** man-hours of training in 2021

EMS CALLS BY AGE / GENDER



SEFD Aid Given To Other Communities



SEFD Services Provided Annually:



2,966

Emergency Medical Service Calls Received



1,938

Patients Transported to Hospitals



1,755

Fire Inspections by SE Fire Inspector

SEFD responded to multiple emergencies at the same time: 32.75%



TYPE OF CALL

INCIDENTS

Fires	71
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	2,966
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	186
Service Call	172
Good Intent Call.....	258
False Alarm & False Call.....	664
Special Incident Type	10
TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED	4,327

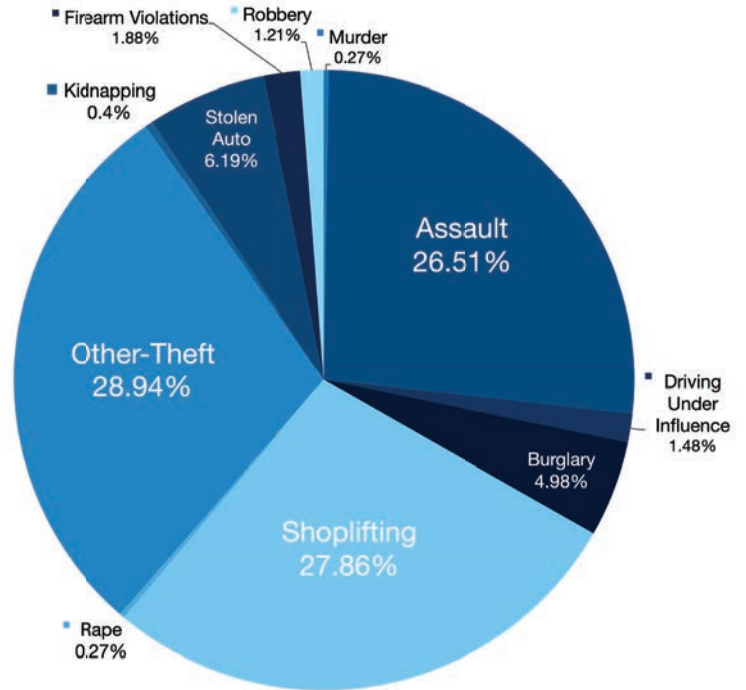


south euclid 2021 POLICE DEPT.

South Euclid Police Dept. GENERAL STATISTICS

- Number of Officers: **35**
- Number of Auxiliary Officers: **1**
- Total Number of Police Personnel: **41**
- K9 Officers: **3**
- Total Calls for Services: **28,727**
- Security Alarm Calls: **1,222**
- Total Arrests: **434**
- Total Prisoners: **221 Male & 93 Female**
- Total Cost to House & Feed Prisoners: **\$73,611.84**
- Number of Traffic Accidents: **796**
- Injuries from Traffic Accidents: **109**
- Property Damage from Traffic Accidents: **651**
- Fatal Traffic Accidents: **0**
- Driving Under the Influence: **11**
- Parking Violations: **5,824**

2021 CRIME STATISTICS*



Total number of offenses: 1,234

* These statistics are a partial list of offenses.



K-9 Unit

SEPD HAS 3 K-9 TEAMS

K-9 Partners purchased through generous donations by individuals and organizations.

K-9 Units respond to:

- Drug detection
- Location of hidden persons
- Defusing tense situations
- Protection during high risk traffic stops

Attend community policing activities, events, trainings, and school classrooms.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In addition to law enforcement and public safety, SEPD provides these services to the community:

- Citizens Police Academy
- Youth Police Academy
- "Officer Phil" Program
- Safety Town
- 3rd Grade Seatbelt Training
- Bike Safety Training
- National Night Out
- FREE Home and Business Safety Inspections

SEPD also sponsors safety and crime prevention training programs available to South Euclid and neighboring communities and organizations

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Embracing 21st Century Policing: South Euclid Police Obtain Certification with The Ohio Collaborative

By Police Chief Joe Mays

After a series of incidents that occurred around the nation that highlighted the challenges that exist between police and the communities they serve, Ohio established a task force to examine these challenges and provide a roadmap to improve police-community relations. That task force established what is now known as The Ohio Collaborative.

The Ohio Collaborative is a 12-person panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders from throughout the state. The panel establishes new state standards that help to guide policy decisions made at the local level. These new standards are intended to hold agencies accountable and ensure that communities have greater confidence in their police force.

During the first quarter of 2022, Lt. Michael O'Connor worked with the Ohio Collaborative to ensure that our policies are in compliance with the state standards.

Thanks to Lt. O'Connor's hard work, on May 4, 2022, the South Euclid Police Department obtained its certification for Group 1 Policy Compliance. Your South Euclid Police Department not only met the state requirements for policies like use of force and police recruitment—we exceeded them.

Recent news stories have included much debate over police use of force, specifically chokeholds. This led the Department of Justice in September 2021 to institute a new policy for federal agencies banning chokeholds unless deadly force is authorized. While DOJ ban is new, South Euclid Police banned the use of chokeholds over a decade ago. This is just one example in which your Police Department leads the way and serves as a role model for other agencies.

As police, we receive our authority from the state and the law, but we also earn it from the public with each and every interaction we have with residents and members of the community. As your Police



Department we remain committed to providing our residents with a professional, accountable, transparent and legitimate police force.

We are here to serve you. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jmays@seuclid.com or 216-381-1234.

CAREERS IN POLICING:

Confronting Challenges for Recruiting New Officers

By Chief Joe Mays

The South Euclid Police Department will face many challenges in the coming years, with one of the greatest challenges being recruiting and retaining quality officers. This is not a unique concern for South Euclid but a growing problem across the United States. Coast to coast, police departments are in tough competition for a limited number of qualified candidates. Last summer, the City of Phoenix, Arizona, sent recruiters to the Cleveland and Columbus areas to recruit officers to join their department and our Police Department has lost six officers to other agencies during the previous twelve months. Although we have been actively recruiting and testing, we still have six vacancies.

To fill vacancies, the Police Department is working with the Civil Service Commission to broaden our search. We contracted with the National Testing Network (NTN), which offers online testing for police candidates across the country. NTN helped to streamline the application and testing process and we were able to accomplish what would have taken six months with a traditional test in sixty days with NTN. In addition to online recruiting, officers have also been recruiting at local universities, police academies, and job fairs. Prior to being hired as a South Euclid Police Officer, candidates undergo a personality assessment, emotional IQ exam, background investigation, polygraph

exam, oral board interviews, medical and psychological exams.

We are committed to hiring police officers from all backgrounds, representing the diversity of our community. If you or someone you know is between 21 and 35 years of age, is ambitious, a problem solver that can think on their feet, and has a strong moral compass, visit the NTN website at www.nationaltestingnetwork.com and follow the prompts to South Euclid PD. Applicants must complete the online exam by September 19, 2022. Also, the Civil Service Commission is working with other area communities to offer a joint entrance exam to be held locally in the near future.

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The South Euclid Police Department's Video Evidence Technology

Back in 2013, the South Euclid Police Department was one of the first police departments in Northeast Ohio to mandate that all our officers wear and use body worn cameras. Over the years, we have stayed on the forefront of that technology. As of July of this year, the department has upgraded our video evidence capture hardware to the latest that technology has to offer. Our officers now carry the Axon Body 3 cameras on the front of their vests. These new cameras feature 1080p video quality, reduced motion blur, and improved low-light performance, which can potentially make all the difference when we are reviewing a critical incident.

Having a matching video evidence system installed in the police cruisers greatly simplifies the collection, storage, and sharing of video evidence. Our police cruisers are now equipped with Axon's Fleet 3 camera system. This system is designed to integrate seamlessly with the Axon Body 3 cameras. The front-facing camera features 4K video quality, and the rear passenger seat camera is recording at 1080p. When the officers activate their emergency lights or siren, the Fleet 3 system automatically activates not only the in-car camera, but the officer's body camera as well.

In the past, whenever there was a case that was under investigation or going to trial, that video evidence could be requested by prosecutors, defense attorneys, the media, or detectives from other agencies. This means that officers would have to download the video evidence from the computer server and burn it to a disc. Each request would require a separate disc. Not only is this time consuming, but it gets expensive to have to burn multiple discs for each case and each individual request.

All of our video evidence from the body cameras and in-car cameras is now stored on Axon's cloud storage service, Evidence.com. From that platform, officers can now simply select a piece of video evidence and share a web link with whomever they choose. The recipient is then required to create an account with Axon, so that the integrity of the chain of evidence can be maintained. This new technology has now eliminated the need for our officers to waste valuable time in the station burning video evidence discs.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VIDEO EVIDENCE TODAY

We have a policy which mandates that all officers shall activate their body camera to record all contacts with citizens in the performance of their official duties. Body cameras in conjunction with the in-car cameras and the content that they record are invaluable tools in our 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.

There is a voluminous body of research which has shown that 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 recorded 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, potentially leading to community concern. However, it is also important to tell the whole story from the officer's perspective, which is where body cameras come in.

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



Protecting Our South Euclid Police K9 Units with Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training

The South Euclid Police Department and its three K9 teams deploy on a wide variety of calls for service in South Euclid and surrounding communities. The calls can range from finding illegal drugs to searching for a suspect who is armed and dangerous.

While deploying a police K9 team to locate a violent suspect comes with some inherent risks of serious physical harm to both the handler and the dog, thankfully none of our dog teams have ever endured a critical injury on duty. However, our SEPD's K9 Units are prepared to provide critical life-saving care in the event that one of our dogs is injured in the line of duty. South Euclid's Police K9 Trainer Sgt. Mike Fink is a lead instructor with North American Police Work Dog Association's Patrol Dog Tactics and Survival course, which is taught nationwide. Last fall, the South Euclid Police Department teamed up with the Bainbridge Police Department and hosted this course here in Northeast Ohio.

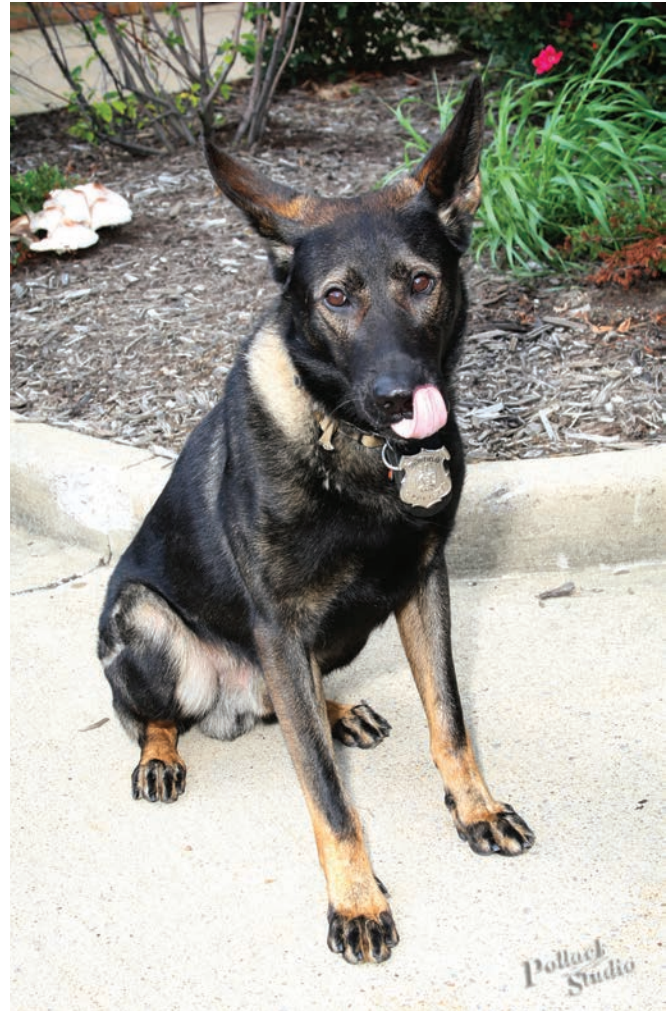
The class drew K9 handlers from throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and as far away as Wisconsin. K9 trainers from Illinois, Missouri and Florida joined local trainers and SEPD's handlers to teach K9 handlers how to survive sudden, high intensity threats. The training included role playing in a variety of scenarios to better prepare the handlers for the dangerous situations they might encounter while on the street with their dogs.

In addition to the K9 trainers, Dr. Ashley Ziegler, DVM, an emergency room veterinarian from Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital in Cleveland, was on hand to teach the handlers what to do if their partners were to receive a traumatic injury in the line of duty.

Dr. Ziegler has been a great friend to the South Euclid Police K9 Unit since she first treated K9 Oktane several years ago when he suffered a very deep cut while tracking an armed robbery suspect in South Euclid. After locating the suspect in a resident's shed, K9 Oktane's handler realized he was injured and took him to the emergency room where Dr. Ziegler patched him up.

During the training class in Ohio, Dr. Ziegler used K9 Doc, a remote-controlled K9 manikin that looks, barks and bleeds just like a real dog to teach the handlers what to do should the worst happen. In addition to the training, we were able to provide each attendee with an individual first aid kit (IFAK) that they can carry on their vest when deploying with their dog. The kits were donated by Lori Saucier at Cross Country Mortgage.

The training that we were able to provide to the K9 teams that



attended the class has already made a difference for one of our local K9 teams when his dog was stabbed in the line of duty while apprehending a suspect. Thanks to the well-prepared handler, both he and the K9 survived the incident and will return to full duty.

This class is just one example of how the South Euclid Police Department K9 Unit is a leader in the K9 training community. To learn more about our K9 Unit please visit the South Euclid Police K9 Foundation website at www.sepolicek9foundation.org.



COME TOGETHER AND THRIVE AT NOTRE DAME COLLEGE!

Notre Dame College continues to offer many opportunities for South Euclid residents to learn, grow and thrive! As they kick off their Centennial Year, you are invited to attend many upcoming events and activities. Here are just a few of their upcoming community events:

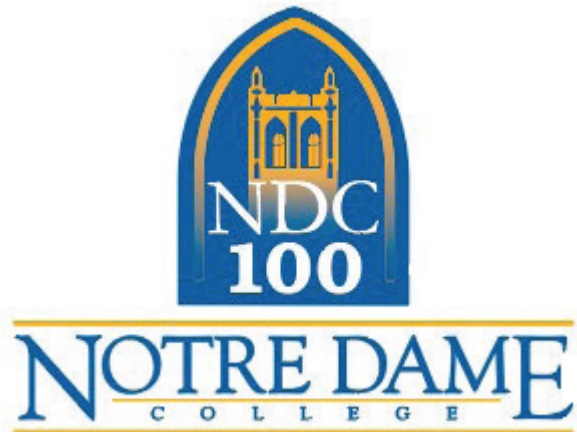
Abrahamic Center Series

Notre Dame’s Abrahamic Center develops educational programs for the College and the greater community fostering mutual respect among all peoples, and celebrating religious, racial and cultural diversity.

Ultimate Questions: What is a “good” person?

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm
Regina Auditorium

Join Sr. Karita Ivancic for a discussion on “Ultimate Questions: What is a “good” person and how do different cultures and religions answer the question?”



Jamellie Bouie, New York Times Columnist

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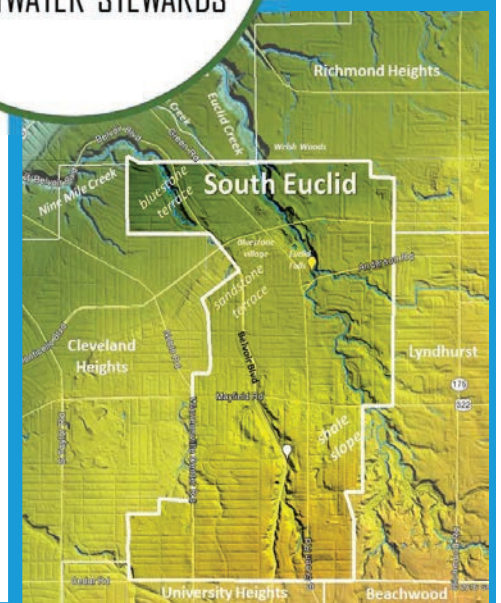
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SOUTH EUCLID FIRE DEPARTMENT *Celebrates 100 Years of Community Service*

By Fire Chief David Csire

In 2022, the South Euclid Fire Department is celebrating its 100th Anniversary serving the community. Here's a look back at the evolution of our Fire Department from water buckets to today's modern lifesaving equipment.

The 1920s

The Department was established in 1922 after 150 citizens gathered at Victory School to organize a volunteer fire department. Forty-five of those in attendance became charter members of the Fire Department and Everett McFarland was elected to be the first Fire Chief.

In the early 1900s, fires were put out with buckets and neighbors often would bring buckets filled with water to help put out fires. In the summer of 1922, the South Euclid Fire Department put in service its first fire engine – one of the first fire trucks in the region. The REO fire truck, which included a chemical trailer, was purchased by the City for a total cost of \$3,950 (the average cost today is over \$600,000!). The only problem was that there was nowhere to store it, so the City kept the engine in Mayor Havre's garage on Mayfield Road until October 1922 when the Town Hall was reconfigured to add the City's first fire station. In 1927 the Department purchased its first ladder truck, an American La France triple combination truck consisting of a pumper, hose wagon, and the ability to hold ladders.

The 1950s

By the 1950s the Fire Department had grown from a volunteer force to a full-time force.

In 1952 the Fire Department became full-time and a dormitory to house the firefighters was built on to the old City Hall. By 1955 the Department had 36 members made up of a Chief, Assistant Chief, four Captains, four Lieutenants, and 26 firefighters. The Chief and Assistant Chief worked days and the officers and firefighters worked 24 hours on and 48 hours off, with three platoons. The make-up and staffing levels in the 1950s are very similar to what we have today - 67 years later!

The 1960s and 1970s

In the 1960s, the Fire Prevention Bureau was created to perform fire and life safety inspections on commercial buildings. In the 1970s, residential life safety inspections were added and through the years the Fire Prevention Bureau continued to evolve. Today, the Fire Department performs fire investigations, public/school safety education and CPR classes, car seat installation checks, smoke alarm and fire prevention checks, and Roper Box installations.

Establishing South Euclid's EMS Ambulance Service

In August 1978, the State of Ohio required the implementation of Emergency Medical Services at Fire Departments, resulting in the training of all South Euclid

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firefighters to also become Emergency Medical Technicians. At this time the City’s first Ambulance was purchased to transport patients to the hospital. Before the City had an ambulance, patients would be placed in the back of a police station wagon and a firefighter would help transport the patient to the hospital with minimal to no medical treatment being done.

The 1980s

Three major developments took place in the 1980s:

In 1982, the Department was remodeled, adding a second floor to the fire station, which included barrack-style dorm rooms, administrative offices, and a locker room.

In 1986 the Department sent four firefighters to paramedic school, a trend that continues today with 32 of our current 33 firefighters also being certified paramedics. Today’s South Euclid Firemedics (Firefighters-Paramedics) are all trained and certified in BLS (basic life support), ACLS (advanced cardiac life support), and PALS (pediatric life support). Our Firemedics can also administer medications, start IVs, and read EKGs to determine definitive treatments.

In 1987, the adoption of the 911 Emergency Call Service became prevalent in our region and South Euclid’s safety forces had two 911 phones installed in both the Fire and Police Departments to facilitate quicker responses for help in an emergency.

Today’s Modern Fire, EMS & Dispatch Services

Your South Euclid Fire Department has embraced regionalism, working with many of our neighboring fire departments to provide mutual aid when needed, and also collaborate to better protect residents and keep our community safe.

911 Emergency Dispatch

Through the years, as technology has advanced, there have been significant changes to our 911 Dispatch Services. In 2017 we merged into a joint dispatch center called Heights Hillcrest Communication Center, which is now part of a larger regional dispatch center called Chagrin Valley Dispatch located in Cleveland Heights. By regionalizing with area cities, we have been able to increase the services we provide to our residents utilizing a CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system that delivers mapping of the address, provides up-to-date information on the emergency, and provides better communication when working with our neighboring departments.

Heights Area Special Rescue Team

In 1995, the South Euclid Fire Department joined the Heights Area Special Rescue Team made up of firefighters from South Euclid, Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and University Heights fire departments to respond to special rescues. Over the years the team has evolved and become a regional team. In 2016, the team merged with Hillcrest Special Rescue Team raising the total to 14 participating fire departments that cover



Fire Chief David Csire.

22 cities. The team currently is trained to handle specialized rescues involving rope/high angle, trench, confined space, structural collapse, tower, swift water, ice, and dive.

Incident Management Team

In 2019, the South Euclid Fire Department joined with Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and University Heights Fire Departments to provide a four-person Incident Management Team (IMT) at all working structure fires that occur within our jurisdictions. Traditionally, the fire service had operated with a single Incident Commander (IC) to manage an emergency scene. Often, the IC can be quickly overwhelmed as mutual aid resources arrive. The IMT concept has been growing in the fire service to provide better accountability for on-scene personnel and enhanced communications. This provides a safer fire ground for our personnel and improved scene management.

EMS Chase Car

In 2013, the Fire Department added an EMS Chase Car to its EMS response. We changed our response from three paramedics in the squad to two paramedics and now have a third paramedic follow in the chase car. Depending on the severity of the call or supplemental calls that may come in, it gives us the flexibility for the chase car paramedic to respond to another call or return to the fire station. The addition of the chase car in our operations has been beneficial in the utilization of our manpower.

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New mural celebrating the Fire Department's 100 years of service.

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Community Risk Reduction Services

This year, the Fire Department added “CRR” Community Risk Reduction as a component of our community service programs. The CRR program was created to help our senior residents in our community and make sure that they have professional resources to assist them, helping to improve quality of life and making their home a safer place to live.

Rescue Task Force

Also in 2022, the South Euclid Fire Department is leading the implementation of a regional Rescue Task Force (RTF) training with eight area Fire and Police departments. The RTF consists of EMS and law enforcement personnel working together to provide immediate basic medical care to victims if a mass shooting occurs. While these situations are rare, it is important that we are prepared to mitigate the problem in a unified manner if a situation arises.

Celebrating & Honoring 100 Years

To honor the South Euclid Fire Department’s 100 years of service to the community, a mural was painted on the north wall of the Department on Edmond Road by distinguished artist Garrett Weider. The mural depicts the changes the SEFD has made since its 1922 inception including the evolution of fire trucks and the stations where the Department has served.

The goal of the Fire Department for 100 years has been to provide the best services we can to the community. This involves us changing with the times and looking for ways to improve the services we provide. We are proud to be able to serve the community by keeping residents safe. We are deeply appreciative and thankful for your continuing support as we work to provide you with the excellent safety services that you expect from us.

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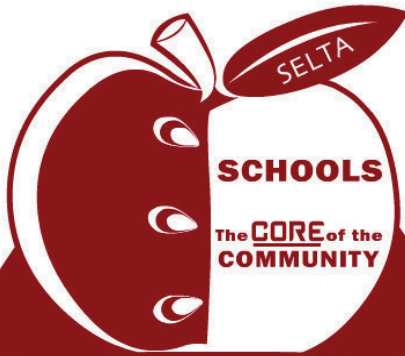
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“Save A Life” Program: A Partnership that Saves Lives

By Scott Sebastian, Fire Inspector

In the 1980s the City of Cleveland witnessed an average of 30 residents die each year in house fires. So in 1992, the Cleveland Red Cross, City of Cleveland and South Euclid Fire Department teamed up to create the “Save a Life” smoke alarm program. In 2022, the South Euclid Fire Department was recognized by the Red Cross for its 30-year-longstanding partnership with the Save a Life program. This collaboration has seen the installation of 5,700 smoke alarms, the replacement of 1,800 smoke alarms, and has distributed over 5,200 9-volt and AA batteries to date throughout our community.

House fires may seem rare, but in the first two months of 2020, a shocking 483 Americans lost their lives in civilian home fires. Smoke alarms are the key components that provide us with the early warning to safely evacuate a home or building during smoke or fire conditions. Therefore, why are there still some residents that do not have them; or they disable them by removing batteries; or just remove them altogether? The National Fire Protection Association estimates that five million American homes do not have any smoke detectors present. The problems we find are that smoke alarms: 1) go off all the time when cooking! 2) beep constantly and 3) Go off when the shower or hot steam is present.



Fire Inspector Scott Sebastian.

Fire Department Offers Free Home Fire Safety Assessments

If you are having these problems, then maybe your home needs a fire safety assessment. Smoke alarms should go off when smoke from cooking occurs or steam particles break the sensor beam. These smoke alarms may need to be relocated to a different location away from the kitchen and bathroom areas. If your smoke alarm has an annoying beep this is a key indicator that the battery is due to be changed, or the alarm has hit its “End of Life” expediency.

Get Free Smoke Alarms

The South Euclid Fire Department, through our partnership with the Cleveland Red Cross, can provide photoelectric/10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarms for your home and we will also assist in helping your family create a home escape plan. It is important to install smoke alarms on every level of the home (including the basement) and outside each sleeping area. If your smoke alarms are over 10 years old they should be replaced with new alarms. Over time, the technology will become antiquated and need to be brought up to today’s standards (just like your cellular phone).

Please take the time to walk through your home to verify if you do or do not have smoke alarms. Confirm if they are newer or older. Test them once a month by activating the testing component. If new alarms are needed, contact us at 216-691-4273 or ssebastian@seuclidfire.com.

Working smoke alarms could be the difference between life and death in a home fire, so let’s continue to work together with the common goal of protecting and saving lives in our South Euclid community.

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Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Talk about what you should do to be safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.



Test your alarm regularly.
Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the “test” button.

Cooking Safety

- The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

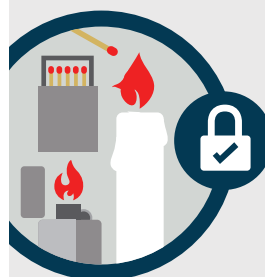
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.



Children are sometimes curious about fire.

If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

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Fire Department Launches New Community Risk Reduction Program

By Lt. Benjamin Ovelgonn

Earlier this year, the South Euclid Fire Department launched the new **Community Risk Reduction Program** in partnership with our city's Community Partnership on Aging and Cleveland Clinic's Hillcrest Hospital.

Over the past several years our fire department has been noticing a rise in a nationally trending issue. Simply, people are living longer than previous generations. The current growth of the population ages 65 and older is one of the most significant demographic trends in the history of the United States. In 2018, there were 52 million people aged 65 and older, according to the Census Bureau's Vintage Population Estimates. Their share of the population grew as well, from 12.4% in 2000 to 16.0% in 2018. Within 10 years, all of the nation's 74 million baby boomers will be 65 or older. The most senior among them will be on the cusp of 85. Even sooner, by 2025, the number of seniors (65 million) is expected to surpass that of children age 13 and under (58 million) for the first time, according to US Census Bureau projections.

So why is this an issue for our fire department?

In the United States, about one in four adults (28%) age 65 and older, report falling each year. This results in about 36 million falls each year. While not all falls result in an injury, about 37% of those who fall reported an injury that required medical treatment or restricted their activity for at least one day, resulting in an estimated 8 million fall injuries. Falls among adults 65 and older caused over 34,000 deaths in 2019, making it the leading cause of injury death for that group.

In 2019, the emergency department recorded 3 million visits for older adult falls. One out of five falls causes a serious

injury such as a broken bone or a head injury. These injuries can make it hard for a person to get around, do everyday activities, or live on their own. Falls can cause broken bones, like wrist, arm, ankle, and hip fractures. Falls can also cause head injuries, which can be very

serious, especially if the person is taking certain medicines (like blood thinners).

An older person who falls and hits their head should see their doctor right away to make sure they don't have a brain

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Senior Fall Prevention Home Checklist

Prevent falls — the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations and deaths in Ohioans 65-plus — with this simple home checklist.

Floors

- Use nonskid rugs.
- Coil or tape extension cords or wires.
- Keep pathways clear of excessive furniture.
- Keep floors clear of things that can trip seniors, like shoes.

Bedroom

- Ensure lamps are easy to reach.
- Plug in night lights.
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Stairs

- Fix loose or uneven steps.
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Kitchen

- Keep often-used items in easy-to-reach places.
- Never use a chair as a step stool.

Bathroom

- Install grab bars next to toilets and inside showers.
- Use nonslip mats.
- Consider a shower chair.

OhioHealth | Talk to your doctor or PT about a Falls Risk Assessment.

Source: Ohio Department of Health and CDC

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injury. Many people who fall, even if they're not injured, become afraid of falling. This fear may cause a person to cut down on their everyday activities, and when a person is less active, they become weaker, increasing their chances of falling.

Research has identified many conditions that contribute to falling. These are called risk factors. Many risk factors can be changed or modified to help prevent falls. They include:

- Lower body weakness
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Difficulties with walking and balance
- Use of medicines, such as tranquilizers, sedatives, or antidepressants. Even some over-the-counter medicines can affect balance and how steady you are on your feet.
- Vision problems
- Foot pain or poor footwear
- Home hazards or dangers such as
 - Lack of grab bars and poor lighting
 - Throw rugs or clutter that can be tripped over.

Most falls are caused by a combination of risk factors. The more risk factors a person has, the greater their chances of falling. Healthcare providers can help cut down a person's risk by reducing the fall risk factors listed above.

Our Fire Department recognized we had an issue that needed to be addressed immediately so we created a Community Risk Reduction Program to work to keep our senior residents living safely in their homes for as long as possible. We want to keep you SAFE AT HOME and our program is designed to do just that. We offer several services that can help our residents make their homes safer to live in. We offer a free in-home safety check that helps **Make Your Home Safer by checking for hazards such as:**

- Get rid of things you could trip over.
- Add grab bars inside and outside your tub or shower and next to the toilet.
- Put railings on both sides of the stairs.
- Make sure your home has lots of light by adding more or brighter light bulbs.
- Keep items you use often in cabinets you can reach easily without using a step stool.
- Use non-slip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors.

We can also help get you in contact with programs that can provide transportation to and from doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, or help getting basic living essentials. There are also programs that can assist in helping with minor home modifications such as installing grab bars and railings. There are also programs that provide prepared meals such as Meals on Wheels and services offered by our Community Partnership on Aging.

If you are in need of social services, we are available to help seniors get in contact with a social worker to help improve the quality of life through access to resources. In addition, as part of the new Community Risk Reduction Program, Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital will soon be introducing a service that sends a physician or nurse to a home for an appointment or



meets virtually with one of our senior patients. There are many programs available already, so please let us help you with any of your needs or simply help make your home a safer place to live. Thank you for supporting our Fire Department as we are here for you.






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Mobile Stroke Unit: Leading the Way in Stroke Treatment

By Lt. James A Moroney FFII, EMT-P, FSI, FI, BS

As the South Euclid Fire Department enters its 100th year of service we can take a moment to acknowledge the progress that medicine has made in the treatment of a stroke. In 1922, there was no 911 and the term stroke was only just coming into use. The more likely term used was apoplexy which was coined by Hippocrates over 2,400 years ago and was Greek for "struck down by violence." A sudden stroke would probably get the doctor to do a house call and then decide if you needed to be taken to the hospital or stay at home. There really was no treatment other than to manage the symptoms and if you survived you would have to live with whatever deficits you had. It was a very grim prognosis. Fast forward 100 years and strokes have become very treatable with much better outcomes.

What is a stroke?

There are two main types of strokes, hemorrhagic and ischemic. A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain ruptures and begins to leak blood

into the brain. The severity of this type of stroke depends on where the bleeding is and how deep in the brain it occurs. Treatments mostly center around surgery and require a comprehensive stroke center. Ischemic strokes are the most common and make up about 86% of all strokes and are caused by blood vessels that have become blocked by blood clots, keeping oxygen from reaching the brain tissue and is extremely time sensitive. This type of stroke has become very treatable especially in the pre-hospital or EMS setting. There are many factors that have led to this improvement: comprehensive training in recognition through patient assessment, hospitals setting up stroke centers that strive to meet time goals, and establishing a mobile stroke truck that can safely diagnose a stroke and deliver critical clot dissolving medications to reverse the symptoms.

Our South Euclid Mobile Stroke Unit

Starting in August 2021, the City of South Euclid entered into an agreement with the Cleveland Clinic to provide the city with

the Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU) for calls of possible stroke. The Mobile Stroke Unit was developed to provide rapid diagnosis and treatment of ischemic type strokes. The MSU is an ambulance that is equipped with a CT unit, a portable blood lab and telemedicine monitors. It is staffed by a critical care nurse, a paramedic and a CT technologist.

When a 911 call comes into our dispatch center for a stroke not only will they dispatch the ambulance from South Euclid, they will also request the MSU. The South Euclid unit will arrive on scene, render all emergency care, and determine if the patient meets the criteria for the MSU or if they do not then we can contact the MSU on the radio and cancel them. Once on scene the South Euclid unit will transfer care to the team and give them all pertinent information while they begin the CT and confirm if the patient is a candidate for the clot busting medications. If the patient can safely receive the medication, it is administered, and the patient will be transported to the stroke center of their choice. This

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FASTER

- F FACE**
 - drooping or numbness on one side of face
 - when asked to smile, the person's smile is uneven
- A ARMS**
 - one arm drifts down when raising both arms or one arm is weaker and more numb
- S STABILITY**
 - dizziness
 - difficulty keeping balance or trouble walking
 - loss of coordination
- T TALKING**
 - slurring of words
 - unable to speak
 - hard time being understood or understanding speech
 - can't repeat a simple sentence like "The sky is blue."
- E EYES**
 - difficulty seeing out of one or both eyes
 - double vision
- R REACT**
 - Call 911 immediately!
 - Call even if symptoms go away.
 - Get to a hospital at once.
 - Try to remember when the symptoms first began.

South Euclid forms Regional Rescue Task Force

By Paramedic Tom Henry

The fire service is continually met with new challenges and it is our responsibility to find effective solutions and implement them in the community. The Rescue Task Force, also known as RTF, is one of those solutions being implemented in our communities today.

What's the Purpose of the Rescue Task Force (RTF)?

RTF was formed to respond and be prepared for an Active Attacker/Shooter event. The task force is a joint response effort between our Police and Fire Departments, along with Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center (CVD), to deal with potential threats in a prompt and effective manner.

The new regional RTF is made up of the following departments and

communities: South Euclid Police and Fire, Cleveland Heights Police and Fire, Euclid Police and Fire, University Heights Police and Fire, Shaker Heights Police and Fire, Richmond Heights Police and Fire, Lyndhurst Police and Fire, Beachwood Police and Fire and the East Cleveland Fire Department.

The goal of this task force is to ensure that our response to an Active Attacker/Shooter situation meets and exceeds the national standard response, and limit casualties of such an event as much as possible.

We have joined efforts with eight other neighboring communities and the Cuyahoga County EMA (Emergency Management Association) to hold joint training sessions over the next several years. The classes are being held on the last Wednesday and Thursday of

every month until each member of all participating departments has completed the training.

The eight-hour classes will consist of two hours of classroom instruction covering the RTF philosophy and establishing a Unified Command Structure. This will be followed by training on how to stop bleeding, packing wounds and patient carries. The last four hours of the classes are composed of simulated incidents with all the entities coming together and running through various scenarios as one.

Our community and the surrounding communities are committed to meeting these new challenges and serving the needs of our residents. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving your future needs.

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rapid treatment has led to increased survivability and better outcomes overall for many victims of ischemic type strokes.

Since the city has implemented the MSU for stroke victims it has seen one of the fastest call to medication administration times since its inception in 2014. What this means is that from the time that 911 was called to the time that the patient was assessed, care was transferred to the MSU and medication was administered was 44 minutes! When the MSU arrived on scene they administered the medication in 16 minutes; the national target time for this is 45 minutes. This amazingly short time gave this patient the best chance at a return to a normal life, which is what we strive for with every call.

What can you do to help yourself or a loved one survive a stroke? It is simple: learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke and call 911. The most common signs and symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Sudden **numbness** or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden **confusion**, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.
- Sudden **trouble seeing** in one or both eyes.

Signs of Stroke in Men And Women
If any of the following signs appear suddenly, call 9-1-1 right away.

- Numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Confusion or trouble speaking or understanding speech.
- Trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Trouble walking, dizziness, or problems with balance.
- Severe headache with no known cause.

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- Sudden **trouble walking**, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination.
- Sudden **severe headache** with no known cause.

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act F.A.S.T. and **do the following test:**

- **F—Face:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **A—Arms:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S—Speech:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?
- **T—Time:** If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away.

Note the time when any symptoms first appear. This information helps health care providers determine the best treatment for each person.

Do not drive to the hospital or let someone else drive you. Call 9-1-1 for an ambulance so that medical personnel can begin life-saving treatment with the help of the Mobile Stroke Unit.

The members of the South Euclid Fire Department strive to provide the best possible service that we can for the residents of this city and our partnership with the Mobile Stroke Unit has only improved our ability to serve.



From left: Greenview students with 4th Grade Principal Matthew Bryan; Mike Fording, left, is the new principal at Charles F. Brush High School; Superintendent Dr. Linda N. Reid with students at Sunview Elementary School on the first day of school

The South Euclid Lyndhurst School District is excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year with great expectations, and a continued eye on academic and co-curricular success. Meeting the overall social and emotional needs of students will also be a focus as we promote a safe, secure and encouraging learning environment. The last two years has taught everyone in education that a continual dedication to affirming students to be the absolute best they can be, regardless of circumstances around them, must be a constant priority. To help ensure a successful school year, this article contains some of the nuances the community can expect from the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools.



Linda N. Reid

To help prepare students, and provide academic and co-curricular enrichment opportunities, the Arc Summer Learning Academy concluded its 2nd year at the Greenview Campus. This summer learning flipped traditional summer school models, by offering supplemental academic programming to those interested in an engaging environment, taught primarily by South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools instructors. Students had the opportunity to

learn in a classroom setting during the morning, participate in a transition block of time, and then enjoy some creative educational experiences in the afternoon. Summer Academy principal Sylvia Marshall once again did a fantastic job of leading this summer initiative. The district firmly believes that extra educational opportunities provided will only serve to benefit our youngest students. Congratulations to everyone involved.

The continued implementation of an engaging, and rigorous 3-Year Curriculum and Instruction plan will help to maintain our positive push toward enriched academic achievement. The district is pleased to report that after its first year of implementation, several instructional focuses have been accomplished. Some of those milestones include the selection of a new math core curriculum resource, designed to provide heightened levels of mathematics rigor. In addition, iReady,

an educational evaluation tool that provides diagnostic assessment, has been implemented in grades Kindergarten through 8th for Language Arts and Mathematics. The SEL Schools has created an honors and accelerated Mathematics pathway and placement procedure to continue encouraging our top learners. An ACT prep course, to help ensure greater success for test-taking, has been created at Memorial Junior High and Brush High School. To monitor and evaluate the components of this 3-year plan, a Curriculum and Instruction Task Force has been created, comprised of administrators and educators to promote progress and ensure success. Looking ahead, these subjects, along with a continued focus on elementary literary skills, K-8 mathematics, American Government, and African American History curriculum, will be future focuses.

Finally, the community is excited to welcome some notable new faces in new places throughout our buildings. We formally welcome Michael Fording to the role of Principal at Charles F. Brush High School. Mr. Fording brings more than 20 years of experience in education and nearly a decade in building leadership. Dr. Lorraine Fuller, who previously served the district Assistant Principal at Brush, has become the Principal at Memorial Junior High School. Matthew Bryan, formerly at Memorial Junior High, has become the 4th Grade Principal at Greenview Intermediate School. Be sure to say hello to these individuals!

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools is excited to begin anew for the 2022-2023 school year, and we thank the community for their enduring and compassionate support. All the best to everyone in our school family, and as always, GO ARCS!



South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools: 216-691-2000

Councilwoman-at-Large Susan Hardy

A common question that adults ask children and young adults is, “what do you want to be when you grow up?” We are all curious, and want to get the inside scoop on how the next generation is going to change the world. Artist, welder, engineer, chef, teacher, CEO, nurse? The possibilities are endless. The ebb and flow of the economy can have an effect on what kind of work we choose or steer our children toward. Around the time I was graduating from college the recession was in full swing and the housing foreclosure crisis was just around the corner. A lot of good government jobs were eliminated or downsized. This caused a lot of people in my generation to look elsewhere for our future careers. Since the recession of the late 2000’s there has been a steady decline in applicants for police and firefighter positions. So much so that many of the eastern suburbs are working together to offer civil service exams just to get enough qualified applicants. Our safety forces are starting to retire and we need young energetic people to fill these positions. Our safety forces are an invaluable part of our community. These jobs have great starting pay, promotion opportunities, amazing benefits, and are the perfect opportunity for anyone who wants to make a positive impact on their community. There are many avenues to explore in both departments. Paramedic, K9 Unit, crisis intervention team, detective bureau, color guard, and fire inspector, just to name a few.

As our children and young adults start talking about their future plans why not suggest they think about a career with a police or fire department. To learn more about a ride along or job shadow with the police or fire department don’t hesitate to reach out to Fire Chief Csire (drcsire@seuclidfire.com) or Police Chief Mays (jmays@sepolice.us).

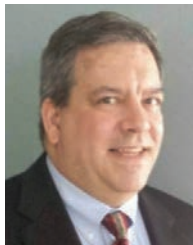
Susan Hardy: 216-780-0238



Susan Hardy

Councilman Joe Frank: Ward 2

The nights are getting cooler. Fall is coming and with that is the return to school for our children, High School Football games, and of course, Election Season. I am asking for your support for our Safety Levy on the ballot in November. Our community has strongly supported our Safety Levy and we are again asking for your support. Our First



Joe Frank

Responders are a very important and vital part of our community. Police, Fire, and EMS services have continued to grow in responses and now, more than ever, need our support. Each year, the number of calls each of our Safety Forces responds to grows. Our Community deserves the BEST first responders when they are really needed. It is our right to vote and to elect our leaders.

The City Open House showed off our improvements at City Hall. Long overdue, this over \$6 million project made improvements to the roof, HVAC, windows, living areas for our first responders, an elevator, and much more. The Community Centers received upgrades as well as the Service Department Building. Creative financing in partnership with Leopardo allowed the city to service a majority of the debt with energy savings, guaranteed by Leopardo. Without this creative financing, we would have not been able to address the major needs of these buildings.

Through the end of June, the City has collected \$11,262,646 in revenue YTD nearly 7.5% more than 2021. This was primarily driven by RITA tax collection revenue. The City’s disbursements YTD are at \$8,819,448, nearly 9.5% lower than 2021. Timing is important in both these items as in 2021 there were expenses that were recognized earlier in the year than in 2022. The city’s General Fund stands at \$5,089,791 or about 21% of our projected expenses for 2022. Guidelines call for a City’s General fund to be 20-25% of the projected expenses for the year and the City is right on track to be there.

Joe Frank: 216-246-5614

Councilwoman-at-Large Chanell Elston

I can’t believe it’s the end of summer already!! Everyone is finishing up their vacations and kids are going back to school. Before we know it, the leaves will be changing and we’ll be welcoming my favorite season, fall. While we as a city continue working towards our “new normal”. It is important that we acknowledge the emotional toll these past two years has taken.

As the chair of the safety committee, I am proud to highlight, our safety forces and their continued work being proactive towards the needs of those who call South Euclid home. Our fire department has developed the community risk reduction (CPR) program, which was created to identify residents who may need help due to falls in the home and or mental health. Our police department is utilizing new technology to identify patterns, which will allow our officers to remain efficient in their daily work. All of this work is supported through the safety levy, which this November will be on the ballot as a renewal only. Its passage is extremely important to our city, as 100% of the funds are used for our police and fire department. I ask for your support in continuing to allow our police and fire to do the amazing work day in and day out. As always I am here to serve, and you are always welcome to contact me.

Chanell Elston: 216-502-2037



Chanell Elston

Councilman-at-Large Justin Tisdale

Given that the growing deer population is an ongoing concern for the community. City Council has been taking steps to help remedy this issue. We have decided to do a two-step approach with a combination of culling by the USDA and the implementation of a pilot sterilization program funded by the county. There have also been several helpful articles with information about living with deer including deer resistant plants and a deer management fact sheets. We understand the deer are an issue for the community and we are doing everything possible to help control the deer population.

As we continue to get back to normal it is important to make sure that we are staying mentally healthy as best as we can. As the weather begins to cool from the heat and humidity, try taking a 5-10 minute break outside to collect thoughts and take a deep breath, call a friend to say hi and catch up or check-in, or try a little meditation to help control our thoughts and emotions. Working on your physical health is important as well. You do not need to train for a marathon or go to the gym every single day to accomplish this. It is as easy as going for a walk, run or a walk/run a few times a week. This will help the body to stay moving and help get blood flowing through the body. This type of exercise will not only help you get shed any unwanted pounds but will add to a positive mental health as well. As we come out to enjoy cooler weather, community events and football games let’s make sure that we are doing it the right way so that we can not only take care of ourselves but also our community.

Justin Tisdale: 216-965-4242



Justin Tisdale

Council President Ruth Gray: Ward 1

The Ward One Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30pm, at the South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Drive. Come meet city officials working on your behalf and learn what's happening in South Euclid.



Ruth Gray

Recently, City Council approved Pay to Stay legislation which approves that right for renters to pay to stay before filing for an eviction action or judgement for non-payment of rent. I am also proud to announce the establishment of a Fair and Affordable Housing Citizens Commission to assist the administration in the development and implementation of housing programs and services in South Euclid. Please contact your council representative or Mayor Welo if you are interested in serving on the Commission.

The Lowden neighborhood will be the location of 26 new constructed homes. South Euclid sold the 9 vacant lots on Greenvale Road to the Sommers Development Group LLC, and along with the Lowden property, the developer will build single family homes estimated to cost \$250k to \$300k.

Ward One welcomes the Stay Hungry restaurant, located at 359 South Green Road. Chef Eric Rogers and his partner Chef Chad Lewis have an array of dishes for you to choose from. You can select to dine in or take out. Either way, the food is delicious. You will not be disappointed!

Please be reminded that Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. I am asking for your support for Issue 86, the renewal of the South Euclid Safety Levy. This safety levy will generate approximately \$2 million to fund police, fire and EMS services for the City of South Euclid.

Your Voice is your Vote! 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 our vote is counted. In Ohio, the last day to Register to vote is October 11th. Early In-Person voting begins October 12th. Secure an absentee ballot by mail as early as you can or at least by Nov 1st. November 7th is the last day to have your government issued pre-paid postmarked envelop with your Vote by Mail ballot into the Board of Elections. You can track your ballot request at VoteOhio.gov. Know where your polling location is. In Ward One, the Polling location is the South Euclid Methodist Church 4217 Bluestone. Bring your State ID to avoid any problems. If you don't have one, other forms of ID to vote are limited to a current-utility bill, bank statement, government check, payroll check, government document or military ID. Go Vote!

Ruth Gray: 216-926-4960

Councilman John Fahsbender: Ward 4

For those who caught a glimpse of me marching in the Memorial Day parade with my wife, Molly, or who were able to make it to the Ward 4 meeting on June 22nd, it won't surprise you that this note's theme is voting. And this year, especially, it's critical for us, as Ohioans and Americans, to exercise our fundamental right to vote because in this election, democracy is on the ballot.



John Fahsbender

I'll say it again: in Ohio, democracy is on the ballot. In 2015, and again in 2018, the people of Ohio overwhelmingly voted for amendments to our state constitution that established a redistricting commission, made up of the governor, secretary of state, auditor, and designees of the majority and minority leaders from the Ohio House and Senate, and set forth detailed rules designed to make

partisan gerrymandering a thing of the past. In South Euclid, about 8 in 10 of us supported those amendments. The commission assembled last year, after 2020 census data was published, to redraw the Ohio house and senate district maps and the U.S. congressional district maps not to give advantage to one party over another, but rather to create districts proportional to the state's partisan divide (determined to be about 54% Republican/46% Democratic).

The process and requirements outlined in the constitution, the one that over 70% of Ohioans voted for, was ignored by the majority members of the redistricting commission. Seven times, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the commission's maps failed to meet the proportionality standard, seven times the Court rules the maps were still gerrymandered: five times for state house and senate district maps, twice for congressional districts maps, including those being used for November's elections. And seven times, the commission ignored the court. Ignored the constitution. Ignored the will of the people of Ohio. Ignored their oaths of office. And did what they wanted.

So yes, when elected officials ignore constitutional mandates and supreme court orders so they can keep on gerrymandering, I'd say democracy is on the ballot.

But we have a say, we have our vote. Make a plan - vote early, vote absentee, or go to the polls on Election Day, but vote. Get your family and friends to vote. It's your right, it's your duty as a citizen of this country. It matters, and it makes a difference. Every. Vote. Counts.

If you or your family and friends aren't registered, go to olvr.ohiosos.gov and register today.

John Fahsbender: 216-577-0868

2022 FALL LEAF PICK-UP INFORMATION

The South Euclid Service Department will begin leaf pick-up the second week of October and continue through December 16, 2022, weather permitting.

- Please put leaves loose on tree lawn. It is illegal and a safety hazard to place leaves in street (see ordinance 521.04 G). Leaf piles in the street block the normal drainage flow of water and completely block the storm sewer. With evening temperatures getting colder, there is a danger of standing water to freeze. Leaf piles in the street also obstruct traffic flow, cause accidents and entice young children to play in them.
- When leaf pick-up is in your area, please avoid parking on the street. Leaf crews will not rake around parked cars; it will block traffic and also slow crews down considerably causing delays.
- Please do not put sticks or any other debris in leaf pile. This will 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 as to 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.

Councilwoman Sara Continenza: Ward 3

Hello Neighbors! Thank you all to have supported our Hillcrest-Heights Community Market! We are very proud that this market continues to grow, and continues to offer a variety of products. We are now accepting



Sara Continenza

SNAP benefits (food stamps) and offering Produce Perks which double your benefits up to \$25/visit on produce. Contact me if you'd like to vend with us. It is every Thursday 4-8pm through October 13 at Quarry Park North. This amazing park features a splash park, dog park, playground, parking, restrooms, and plenty of shade. See you there!

Thank you to all who came out to our 5th annual Bexley Bash! It was quite a hit! Speaking of Bexley, come check out the progress we have made on our Adventure Trail (north side of the park in the trees). This will be a great opportunity for our community youth and folks of all ages to convene, recreate, and enjoy our City! Next step: we are upgrading our tennis court into a multi-purpose sports pitch! What a time to be in our City!

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

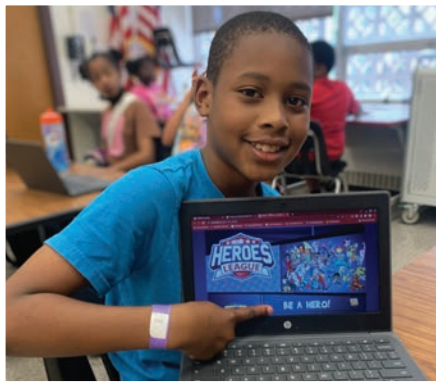
If you would like to be a part of my email list, please email me at FriendsOfSaraC@gmail.com, or call me at 216-816-1577. I send out regular updates about events, legislation, resources and news. Also, don't forget that NextDoor.com is a wonderful social network for neighborhoods, and is totally free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

Sara Continenza: 216-816-1577

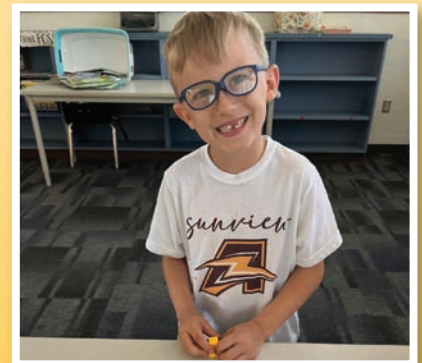


The Destination School Community

Arc Summer Learning Academy Continued Providing Enrichment to SEL Students



Congratulations to the students in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, who took full advantage of the academic and co-curricular enrichment opportunities through the Arc Summer Learning Academy this past summer. Having just concluded its 2nd year at Greenview, the Arc Summer Learning Academy flipped-the-script on traditional summer school models, by offering supplemental academic programming to those interested in an engaging environment, taught primarily by South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools instructors. Students learned in a classroom setting during the morning, participated in a transition block of time, and then enjoyed creative educational experiences in the afternoon. Principal Sylvia Marshall did a fantastic job of leading the Arc Summer Learning Academy once again this past year, and the district firmly believes that extra educational opportunities will only serve to benefit our youngest students. Congratulations to everyone involved!



**School
Starts
August 18th!**



Kidney stone symptoms? Seek prompt treatment.



Rajan Ramanathan, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Hillcrest and South
Pointe hospitals

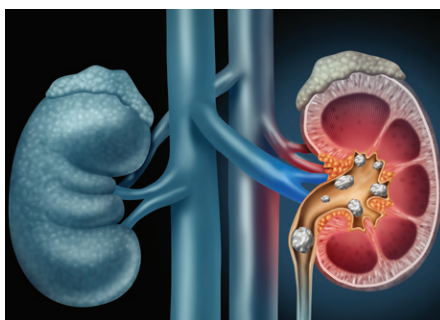
Kidney stones are common. One in ten people will get a kidney stone during their lifetime.

“The majority of kidney stones tend to be the result of not drinking enough liquids, which can

lead to stone-forming substances in your urine becoming highly concentrated and crystalizing,” explains Rajan Ramanathan, MD, a urologist who treats patients at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest and South Pointe hospitals.

Symptoms may include:

- Pain in your lower back or side that can start as a dull ache that may come and go. Pain may even become severe, leading to a trip to the emergency room.
- Nausea and/or vomiting with the pain.
- Blood in your urine.
- Pain when urinating, the need to urinate more often or being unable to urinate.
- Fever or chills.
- Having urine that smells bad or looks cloudy.



“It’s important to see your physician who will conduct a physical exam and may order blood, urine and imaging tests to diagnose kidney stones and determine the proper treatment,” says Dr. Ramanathan.

Medications are often prescribed to manage pain, nausea and vomiting, and help allow stones to pass. Surgery may be an option in some instances.

If surgery is needed, minimally invasive procedures can be used to remove kidney stones or break them into smaller pieces, making it easier for them to pass through your body.

To decrease your risk of kidney stones:

- Drink at least six to eight 8-ounce glasses (about 64 ounces) every day.
- Limit salt.
- Lose weight.
- Take medications as prescribed.

Call **216.444.5600** to schedule an appointment with Dr. Ramanathan or another Cleveland Clinic urologist.

Sleep Health 101

A Virtual Event

Thursday, Oct. 13 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Having trouble sleeping, but not sure if there’s a quick fix or it’s a more serious health issue? Specialists from Cleveland Clinic will share their expertise and answer your questions on sleep health, including:

- What happens to your body when you sleep?
- How much sleep do you really need for optimal health?
- Why can sleep apnea cause abnormal heart rhythms?
- Which type of sleep test and treatment for snoring may be right for you?
- Do you have tips for improving sleep hygiene?

To register for this **FREE** virtual event, visit [ClevelandClinic.org/AskTheExperts](https://www.clevelandclinic.org/AskTheExperts).

Questions? Email welnessevent@ccf.org.

Health With-In Reach: A health and resource fair

Saturday, Oct. 22 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Taussig Cancer Center
10201 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland

A variety of health and wellness services will be provided, including:

- Blood pressure screening.
- Colonoscopy.
- Eye exams.
- HPV vaccines.
- Mammogram screening.
- Pap/pelvic exams for HPV screening.
- Prostate cancer screening.
- Resource information on a variety of topics including healthy cooking/eating and tobacco cessation.
- More services and vendors on site.

Registration is required for screening exams.

Call **216.444.7505** to register or ask questions.

Breastfeeding Medicine Clinic

Are you worried you’ll have issues breastfeeding? Are you looking for additional support from breastfeeding experts? The Breastfeeding Medicine Clinic at Hillcrest Hospital provides comprehensive breastfeeding care and support to families in need.

Our team assists with various breastfeeding-related issues, including:

- Latching difficulties.
- Infant slow weight gain/failure to thrive.
- Low milk production.
- Oversupply, engorgement or plugged milk ducts.

To make an appointment, call **216.444.KIDS (5437)**.

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