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The last three years have been like no other in our lifetimes as in South Euclid, and across the country, we faced unprecedented challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. The good news is, in 2022 we were mostly able to get back to some semblance of normalcy and in South Euclid we eagerly moved forward with many wonderful activities, festivals, block parties and community events that brought together thousands of residents.



Mayor Georgine Welo
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While there are still many unknowns as we confront national and global economic challenges, we are grateful and hopeful that 2023 will be a year of good health and prosperity for our residents and the South Euclid community. As 2022 draws to a close, here are just a few notes of thanks and gratitude:

- Thank you for your overwhelming support of our **Safety Levy!** 100% of the Safety Levy dollars go to support the outstanding services provided by your Police, Fire, and EMS and keep our community a safe place to live, work and play.
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- Gratitude to our **faith-based organizations**, especially Garfield Memorial Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, South Euclid United Church of Christ and First Baptist Church, who have stepped up to serve the greater South Euclid community with support during these trying times.
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- My appreciation to the **South Euclid MyCom Youth**

Network, including the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools, Garfield Memorial Church, Cuyahoga County Public Library, One South Euclid, Hillcrest YMCA, South Euclid Browns Barkers, Notre Dame College and Team Couture Youth Center, who have worked to provide our youth with unique programming and support.

- Gratitude to the **One South Euclid Community Development Corporation** for their innovative distribution of thousands of dollars in grants to residents in need of assistance. Visit www.onesoutheuclid.org if you'd like to learn more or volunteer to serve on one of their many committees!
- Thanks to our **local businesses**, who in the hardest of times, have been charitable to their employees and residents.
- Gratitude to our **healthcare providers**, especially the leadership at University Hospitals, our own Senders Pediatrics, Cleveland Clinic and MetroHealth, who have provided steady support and guidance to our community during the pandemic and exceptional healthcare services to the general public.
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- And to our **residents**, many thanks and appreciation for being good neighbors and for you:
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4. Create a paper list of important phone numbers, such as your utility providers and emergency contacts (friends, family, neighbors) that you keep in a convenient place
5. Have a carbon monoxide detector in your home and change the batteries annually
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Best wishes for a happy, healthy and fulfilling 2023!

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A Troubadour for Our Times

John Burroughs Keeps the Poetic Beat

By Carlo Wolff

John Burroughs has a unique and powerful voice. To his surprise, pleasure, and modest profit, people are listening to his readings and reading his writing.

At age 56, Burroughs is a poet, a publisher, a facilitator of other people's work, and a traveler, both spiritual and actual. He does more than get by. He supports himself through poetry, presenting readings and salting bookstores all over the country with his work.

His is a wanderer's life and, Burroughs says, a good one. Yet, while he likes the road and enjoys driving, he needs a base. The home Burroughs, his partner Shelley Chernin, his granddaughter Jada, and their dog Bart have occupied since June 2021, near the Euclid Creek Reservation and the South Euclid Dog Park, is just that. Its setting in a sylvan part of South Euclid further grounds him.

Not surprisingly, the rambling house swells with books, befitting a poet of countrywide stature.

In September, this man of wit and purpose became the US National Beat Poet Laureate, charged with carrying on the tradition of Beat icons Allen Ginsberg, Lawrence Ferlinghetti—and, while he wasn't a poet, William S. Burroughs, the visionary junkie who bequeathed us the novel "Naked Lunch."

"There are a lot of different definitions of 'Beat,'" Burroughs says. "If you just read the books, they don't have much in common. But what they shared was a love for the rhythms of language, for breaking down barriers, whether topics or styles, for breaking out of the form of



what people thought a poem or a book or novel should be."

Burroughs has personal experience with norm-busting: He was Ohio Beat Poet Laureate from 2019 to 2021. He also has experienced pain, and has said poetry saved his life, both from reading and from writing.

His earliest poetic influences were Edgar Allan Poe and Maya Angelou.

"Maya was so outside of my experience as a child," Burroughs says. "I had grown up in a very homogeneous, Southern Baptist, West Virginia community, and had no experience with different people, so I was immediately drawn to Maya. It was like a doorway opening into another world."

Besides the Beatnik writers he so reveres, Burroughs cites the tragic Cleveland poet d.a. levy as an influence on his poetry and his publishing. Since he established Crisis Chronicles Press in 2008, Burroughs has published more than 120 books, mostly poetry.

He discovered the Beat poets as a teen, and was "really into Lawrence Ferlinghetti," the Beats' West Coast standard bearer. Among his current favorites: former US Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, whom he calls a master of the short poem, and Ray McNiece, a highly visible Clevelander who last year won the Cleveland Arts Prize Lifetime Achievement Award.

It must have been 15, 20 years ago when, almost against his will, Burroughs read his poetry in public for the first time. The occasion was the Hessler Street Fair, a free arts and culture festival held the first weekend after Memorial Day on a brick-paved street a block north of Euclid Avenue on the Case Western Reserve University campus. McNiece was leading a reading at the Barking Spider, a nearby watering hole on the Case campus that, like the Hessler shindig, no longer exists.

After a few beers and McNiece’s vociferous encouragement, Burroughs decided to give the open mic a shot. It went so well, he began to be invited to participate in all kinds of literary happenings.

“I had such a warm response—like I had found my long-lost family—that I started going to as many events as I could,” he says.

A poet develops

Born into a religious family in Richwood, W. Va., Burroughs, his parents, brother and stepsister moved to Elyria when he was four so his father could work at the Ford plant in Lorain. Bullied as a kid, Burroughs escaped the trough of despair thanks to an English teacher at Elyria High School, where he attended ninth and tenth grades.

Nancy Donnelly saw the talent behind Burroughs’ gloom. She called an essay he submitted poetic, gave it an A, and asked for more poems, Burroughs told an interviewer for the website westvirginiaville.com. He seemed to unlock: In his last two years at Midview High School in Grafton, he was an honors student, features editor for the school newspaper and editor of the literary journal.

Burroughs studied. His interests included Spanish, in both high school and college. As a long-distance learner, he earned an associate in arts degree from Lorain County Community College and for a time attended Ohio University in Athens. He also took courses from Amherst Theological Seminary in Madison Heights, Va. He has studied Buddhism. Burroughs leans mystical.

“When I was young, I wanted to be a minister,” he says. “I was raised in the Southern Baptist church, and I’ve kind of gotten away from that. I guess I

would identify as an atheist, but I have an appreciation for elements of various religions ... I think there’s some good essence in all religions that we can learn from: Love thy neighbor, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. There’s a lot of great wisdom that sometimes gets twisted by humans.”

Beat responsibilities

Since members of the National Beat Poetry Foundation, which he says “subsists primarily on the generosity of donors,” honored him with his national position, Burroughs has toured and advocated for poetry, scheduling unpaid appearances where he can sell books and get them into book stores along with paid talks and signings. He also gets paid for editorial advice, helping aspiring poets self-publish. He soon intends to work with Sandra Feen, a Columbus poet dubbed Ohio Beat Poet Laureate when Burroughs got the national honor.

Burroughs and Feen plan to lead workshops around the state for the Ohio Poetry Association in an effort to encourage younger people and others to “engage with Beat poetry,” Burroughs says.

“Our view is that Beat poetry is not just an isolated event or era. It’s an evolving style that continues to this day. There are a lot of poets that are touring around doing Beat-inspired poetry around the country, Burroughs says.

“To me, Beat comes down to an appreciation for the natural rhythms of language. Instead of sticking to a very precise rhythm like iambic pentameter or just wandering across the page aimlessly, having a rhythm that corresponds with” — Burroughs’ warm baritone voice ascends— “the rhythm of life. And that may differ for each poet. Every poet has different interests, different experiences, different types of music that have influenced them.”

On the Burroughs horizon

In addition to working on his first collection since 2019, when he published his latest book, *Rattle & Numb: Select and New Poems, 1992-2019*, through his Venetian Spider Press, Burroughs recently published books of poetry by Christine Howey and Judith Mansour, respectively the former

Mark This

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and heir
of tall trees who
though often abused and misused
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for the sake of warm homes and art*

*I'm much more
Than a bookmark*

Poem from “Rattle & Numb”

theater critic for Scene magazine and the former head of Literary Cleveland.

Rattle & Numb, which cleverly references the rock band U2, is a rigorously edited collection of poems designed with an arc in mind. The book he’s working on—*The Wrest of the Worthwhile*—will include “all the random poems that didn’t really fit into my last book,” he says. Think of it as his B sides.

Burroughs also plans to launch a quarterly journal tentatively called “The I-480 Review,” showcasing poets from the Interstate 480 corridor between Youngstown and Lorain County. There are many great poetic communities in Ohio, he says. And elsewhere, including surprising places like the mountains of West Virginia where he recently attended a festival near his hometown.

“No matter where I go, I’m surprised to find there are poets and there is a desire to share people’s personal expression in various ways,” Burroughs says.

Any advice for would-be poets? Keep writing, keep reading, go to poetry readings, participate in open mics.

“Go read your poem, but listen to everybody else,” Burroughs counsels. “Grow.”

Carlo Wolff is a freelance writer from Cleveland.

Spreading THE WEALTH

Connecting pays off for Terri Eason

By Carlo Wolff

The job Terri Eason holds at the Cleveland Foundation has a very proper title: Senior Director, Advanced Equity Services. Don't let that formality fool you. The business this Cleveland native immerses herself in is down-to-earth, engaged and engaging.

We're sitting in the William N. Skirball Writers' Center in the South Euclid-Lyndhurst branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, a project dear to Eason's heart. It's "one of the initiatives that my organization, the Cleveland Foundation, supported to help a lot of aspiring writers to have their space to be able to share their great thought," she says. "I'm just honored to be here because I could see the value of giving back to the community."

A first-generation college graduate, Eason grew up in Glenville but, as an advanced-placement student, bussed to Lincoln-West High School on the near West Side. She graduated in 1985 and was class valedictorian. "That's where I learned how to navigate in different environments," she says. "That's important to say because I think it's so important to intentionally develop relationships."

Her ascent continued at Pennsylvania State University in State College,

graduating in 1989 with a major in speech communications and a minor in business. She had made friends with people from the East Coast and was planning to go farther east for work—New York City beckoned—but conversations with "a lot of the leaders in greater Cleveland" ultimately persuaded her to return home.

One of her guiding lights was Danny Cameron, head of the National City Development Corp.

"I remember him saying to me, Terri, you have a duty, a responsibility to give back to your community. You should try to find a career here. So I took his advice and I started in corporate banking, actually retail banking, at the time."

Cameron died in 2012. Eason, meanwhile, earned her master's degree in business administration from Cleveland State University in 1996—while she was working in wealth management at National City Bank.

She had a "very thriving and successful career" for 20 years, Eason says. Perhaps most important, she found work, first at National City, and later at the Cleveland Foundation, that aligns with her values. "It is so important to find what your purpose is," she says, "and in my space, I believe that it is so important to be a servant leader."

The man who coined the concept of servant leadership was Robert K. Greenleaf, a Midwesterner who wrote a seminal essay about it in 1970. The key notion is that the servant leader works toward the common good, while the "leader-first" type is more about hoarding—not sharing—power.

"A servant leader, to me, means you lead by example," says Eason. "You find ways to help people by not only talking the talk but by walking the walk. You find ways to help individuals, families or organizations achieve their goals."

Providing the on-ramps

That attitude, which is informed by her faith, makes Eason a facilitator and collaborator.

"In retail banking, the wealth management world, corporate banking and the nonprofit business space, my focus was always how to interact with various constituencies who may not have information readily available," she says. "How do I make that available to them and how do I help them obtain the data, the information or the services to be able to meet their needs?"

In her work at National City, she felt it her duty to identify ways to help others and "to actually walk in my purpose," she says. "I tell young people that I mentor today, if

you were blessed enough to really enjoy what you do, you can do it effortlessly. You excel. It's not work."

Eason so loved her National City post as director of nonprofit business services for large organizations like museums and educational institutions that when the Cleveland Foundation came calling, she was skeptical, even reluctant.

"I had to really pray hard. But then I had a 'mission moment.' My mission moment was, You do this and you're excelling and you love your team and what you're doing. But how are you really making an impact? Can you make even more of an impact if you were to come to a community foundation?"

In October 2008, 10 days after she accepted the Foundation's job offer, PNC bought National City, Cleveland's oldest bank. Eason swears she didn't see that coming: "It just reiterated that I was walking in my purpose." That also is the walk she walks as a member of the Calvary Church of God in Christ at East 108th Street and Superior Avenue in Cleveland.

The transition from National City to the Foundation was seamless, largely because most of her clients carried over. Eason also sits on the boards of such nonprofits as the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center and Notre Dame College and has dealt with John Carroll University for years.

Those academic relationships, in particular, strike close to the Eason family home on Sheffield Road in South Euclid. Terri Eason walks the walk emphatically when it comes to aligning her public work with her private family values.

Home sweet home

In the late 1990s, Terri and Clayton Eason, an IT administrator at Lincoln Electric, decided to have a family and move out of East Cleveland. Every Friday night, the couple drove to South Euclid for pizza at Geppetto's Pizza & Ribs and a visit to Warehouse Beverage. There was an empty lot next to Geppetto's. Terri and Clayton, now married for 31 years, thought to themselves, Why not build our starter home next to the pizzeria?

They bought the lot, and in 1998 finished building the family home. They still live there, even now that their sons



Clayton II and Bradford have moved out. "South Euclid is our literal community, where we consider ourselves rooted, and both our boys went through the public schools," says Eason.

"I did everything. I was on the PTA." She served on the Legacy Village Lyndhurst Community Fund Committee and is a member of the National Black MBA Association. She is president of the Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She gets around in all sorts of circles.

The Legacy Village service was a Foundation appointment, Eason notes. "They needed someone from South Euclid; I'm, like, here I am. It was a wonderful opportunity to work in that capacity because I could see how we could provide grants to various

organizations within South Euclid."

The Eason family involvement deepened when Clayton II decided to go to Notre Dame College and his younger brother Bradford opted for John Carroll. This family is South Euclid all the way.

"There are three things I always keep in mind: my faith, my family and service," says Eason, a deeply networked extrovert. "You know how people have different values? I take a lot of other things into consideration, but when I make major decisions, I'm always thinking about those three things because that common thread is important to me to ensure that I am going to have a good feeling."

Carlo Wolff is a freelance writer from Cleveland.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MODGY HOME GOODS

Modgy is a home goods company, founded in 2014 in South Euclid's Monticello & Green Industrial Corridor. They are a division of Eppco Enterprises Inc., which has been in South Euclid since the 1980s. The company is dedicated to bringing modern, edgy products that deliver beauty, convenience and simplicity to homes, events and everyday life. All of their products are designed in South Euclid and shipped internationally out of two South Green Road locations.

Their flagship products include Expandable Vases, available in both a free-standing version, as well as a window suction cup version, along with Expandable Luminaires that come packaged with floating water-activated LED candles. Additional products include wine glasses and portable pet products. Modgy products utilize unexpected materials and edgy artwork to transform typical home goods into portable products that fit modern spaces and design preferences. Their products are also BPA-free, eco-friendly, shatterproof and recyclable.



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be interested in nominating your property for South Euclid Landmark designation.

The South Euclid Landmark Commission was created in 2020 by South Euclid City Council to designate significant and historic places in South Euclid with an aim toward recognizing a building's unique character or historic place in our community.

The Commission is now accepting nominations from property owners who would like their residence or building to be designated as a South Euclid Landmark. Any building that is at least 50 years old and has significant architectural or historical value to the city is eligible for nomination. The Commission's decision to designate a building as a Landmark is based on the characteristics of the property as they relate to the development, heritage, or cultural attributes of the city. Historic preservation recognizes and safeguards South Euclid's history and can play an important role in shaping the city's future. Currently two structures are designated as South Euclid Landmarks: the William E. Telling Mansion at 4645 Mayfield Road, and Notre Dame College's Administration Building at 4545 College Road, both of which are also on the National Register of Historic Places.

If you are interested in learning more about nominating your home or place of business as a South Euclid Landmark, please visit the Landmark Commission's page on the City of South Euclid website (via the Boards and Commissions menu): www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/landmarkcommission. You can also pick up a nomination form at City Hall, the South Euclid Community Center, or the South-Euclid Lyndhurst branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.



NOTRE DAME COLLEGE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

Notre Dame College opened its doors to 13 women and 11 novices on September 18, 1922, called Founders Day. The articles of incorporation for the College were signed and filed with the State of Ohio on March 30, 1923. A semester's tuition was \$75.

On September 18, 2022, Notre Dame began a yearlong celebration of its Centennial: 100 years of providing a liberal arts education in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame to diverse populations, including those who may not be able to afford a private college.

Notre Dame now enrolls about 1,500 students in more than 30 undergraduate majors and several graduate degree programs. Options are available both onsite and online. The College became co-ed in 2001 and supports nearly 20 NCAA Division II sports, multiple performing arts programs and numerous student organizations.

In January, Notre Dame College will be hosting a series of events encompassing the theme: Transformation: Leading ourselves and communities toward a brighter future.

Please join us for the following community events.

- **Tuesday, January 17, 2023: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**
Keynote Speaker: Ms. Rita Williams, '85
Contact Sandra Golden, PhD at sgolden@ndc.edu or 216.373.6471 for information.
- **Wednesday, January 18, 2023: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Leadership Summit**
Leading Change Through the Lens of Dr. King and other Prominent Leaders
Presenter: Dr. Dartanian Warr, PhD, Faculty, Master of Business Administration
All Participants will receive a Notre Dame College Certificate. Contact Sandra Golden, PhD at sgolden@ndc.edu or 216.373.6471 for information.
- **Thursday, January 19: Dinner & a Dialogue:** Join us for an evening of food, hot topics and cool heads as we tackle a tough subject with respectful conversation and civil dialogue in collaboration with the City of South Euclid. 4:45 pm – 7 pm in the Administration Building "Great Room". Contact kbenjamin@seuclid.com or dcgill@ndc.edu for more information.

Visit www.NotreDameCollege.edu for more information about programs, activities and upcoming events!

JANUARY

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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 South Euclid City Hall: 216-381-0400
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 South Euclid Community Center: 216-291-0771
 South Euclid Economic Development: 216-381-0400
 South Euclid Service Department: 216-381-0402
 South Euclid Building & Housing: 216-381-0400
 South Euclid Municipal Court: 216-381-2880
 SELREC @ YMCA (Recreation): 216-691-2246
 Community Partnership on Aging: 216-291-3902
 South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch County Public Library: 216-382-4880
 SE Juvenile Diversion Program: 216-691-4252
 Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA): 440-526-0900
 Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office: 216-443-7010
 Cuyahoga County Board of Elections: 216-443-3298
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Thursday, January 19, 2023
Dinner & A Dialogue Diversity Forum
 5:00PM – 7:00PM
 Notre Dame College
 Email kbenjamin@seuclid.com for more information.

FEBRUARY



Saturday, February 4, 2023
Rock the Block Fundraiser
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Black Forest Bar & Grill
 Email parks@seuclid.com for more information.

APRIL



Friday, April 28, 2023
Arbor Day Commemoration with South Euclid Tree Commission
 12:00PM
 Stay tuned to social media for location information!

MAY



Saturday, May 6, 2023
City Sweep: Community Clean-Up Day
 9:30AM-12:30PM
 Stay tuned to social media for location information!

Saturday, May 13, 2023
Community Shred Day
 9:00AM-12:00PM
 City Hall's rear parking lot



Saturday, May 20, 2023
MyCom Movie Night
 8:00PM
 Bexley Park

Monday, May 29, 2023
Memorial Day Parade & Commemoration
 9:00AM
 South Green Road & War Memorial

Visit our website and social media pages for more events as they are announced!

Sign-Up for Emergency Alerts with ReadyNotify.

The City of South Euclid has partnered with Cuyahoga County to implement a mass notification system called ReadyNotify to deliver emergency messages to the public when rapid and accurate information is needed for your immediate safety. The system sends messages by phone, text and/or email.

Receive alerts about severe weather, water boil alerts, building closures and other safety messages. Don't delay and sign up for ReadyNotify today visit www.cityofsoutheasteuclid.com and click the "Ready South Euclid" box on our homepage.

JUNE

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Ray Rhode Concert Series

7:00PM

Notre Dame College Lawn



Friday, June 9, 2023

INTERSECTION Community Festival

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Rushton Road Municipal Lot (behind McDonalds)

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration

1:00PM-5:00PM

Garfield Memorial Church

**Saturday, June 24, 2023 &
Sunday, June 25, 2023**

South Euclid GardenWalk

12:00PM-4:00PM

JULY

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Ray Rhode Concert Series

7:00PM

Notre Dame College Lawn

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Ray Rhode Concert Series

7:00PM

Notre Dame College Lawn

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

National Night Out & Bexley Bash

6:00PM

Bexley Park



**Friday, August 18, 2023 &
Saturday, August 19, 2023**

Rock the Block

6:00PM-11:00PM on Friday

2:00PM-11:00PM on Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 16, 2023

City Hall Open House

11:00AM-2:00PM

City Hall

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Community Shred Day

9:00AM-12:00PM

City Hall rear parking lot



Saturday, October 28, 2023

OctoberFeast

12:00PM-5:00PM

Bexley Park

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

4:30PM-6:00PM

City Hall

Sensible Salting and Snow Removal: Over 10 years ago City Council passed legislation adopting sensible salting practices to reduce salt usage, help keep our environment clean and keep our roadways in safe and passable condition during the winter months. This includes limited salting on secondary roadways, except during ice storms. As always, during snowstorms, all roadways will be plowed with priority given first to primary roadways, then secondary roadways, followed by neighborhood streets. A reminder to please help pedestrians travel safely by shoveling your sidewalks.

Spring Yard Waste Clean-up: In the spring, please remember to bag all yard waste in a brown paper bag and bundle and tie trimmings in sections weighing no more than 40 pounds.

2023 Garbage & Recycling Delays

- New Years Day (NO DELAY in 2022 – the holiday is on Sunday)
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day



Construction is underway for the new Victory Park!

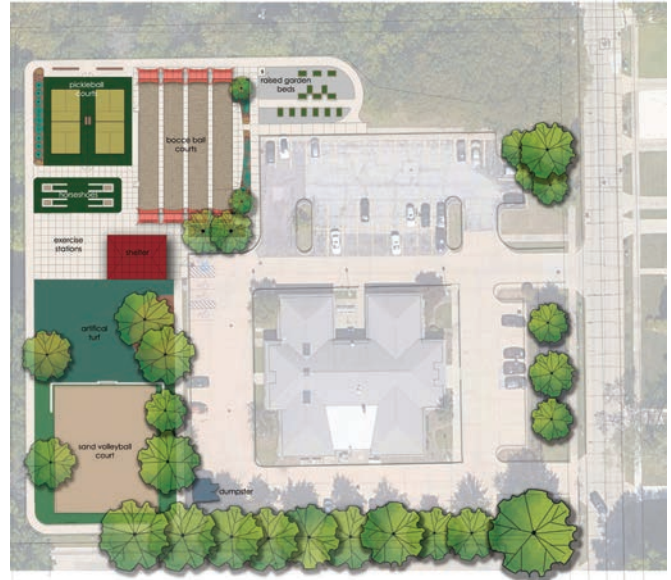
In 2016 South Euclid City Council formed the Community Recreation Advisory Committee comprised of residents of all ages to look at all of our parks and recreation amenities and begin working on a Strategic Parks and Recreation Plan for our future.

The Committee conducted focus groups with residents and key recreation partners: youth recreation leagues (baseball, soccer, swimming, etc.), garden clubs, representatives from our school district, the YMCA, and our Community Partnership on Aging and Commission on Aging.

As a result of the focus groups, the new Victory Park will include requested amenities that are **not currently available** in the City or at any of our other public parks. Victory Park is located adjacent to the Community Center, and the new park is being constructed on the site that once was home to a swimming pool and pool house.

When completed in summer 2023, the new park will include the following new recreation amenities for our residents and community:

- Bocce Ball Courts
- Horseshoe Pits
- Pickleball Courts



- Community Gardens with four-foot raised beds so older adults don't have to sit on the ground.
- Exercise Area with a variety of outdoor exercise equipment.
- Shelter Area with picnic tables and casual seating for socializing, reading, relaxing, chess, checkers, etc.
- An Open Greenspace Area for yoga, tai-chi, outdoor concerts, poetry readings and casual socializing.
- Safe and well-lit walking path around the area with benches, relaxed seating and bike racks.
- The existing sand volleyball court will be incorporated into the new park.

Your new Victory Park will complement our other parks by providing amenities not available at any of our existing parks – and on a scale not available in any neighboring community! For more information about the park construction project, contact Keith Benjamin, Director of Community Development at kbenjamin@seuclid.com.

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One South Euclid

Building a Stronger Community



From left to right: Exterior Home Repair project, Senior Landscaping Program, Mini Grant (Painted Rocks of South Euclid - P.R.O.S.E.)

Have You Heard of One South Euclid?

We are your non-profit, community development corporation that promotes sustainable economic, social and cultural connections to ensure a thriving and vibrant community. One South Euclid has touched the lives of many residents and business owners since its founding in 2009.

We host and promote events that increase social bonding and attract visitors to our city. And, because a healthy downtown is key to a strong community, we are focused on revitalizing the downtown Mayfield-Green district, bringing attention to the heart of South Euclid.

Through our Build, Grow, Thrive program, we return dilapidated residential properties in our city back to productive use and we use proceeds through this program and our fundraising efforts to invest in our community through our Neighborhood Grant Program.

Neighborhood Grant Program

This program has impacted hundreds of residents. It has

provided support for exterior home repair projects, senior grass cutting and snow removal services, and community engagement and beautification initiatives.

Exterior Home Repair Grants

These grants help residents of owner-occupied homes with select exterior home repairs.

Senior Landscaping Grants

These grants help seniors, age 65 or older, remain in their homes to age in place.

Mini Grants

Grants of up to \$500 are available to groups and organizations who work together on projects and programs related to neighborhood beautification, events or other initiatives in support of South Euclid.

More Information

Applications usually open on our website between late January and early March. More information can be found at www.onesoutheuclid.org/grants-for-residents or by calling 216-396-9392.

Help Us Expand Our Programs

One grant recipient's son recently wrote us and said, "Because of the services she received, I didn't have to fly into town to help her with every need. For me, you made big problems very small and I am grateful. Mom is living with me now and she just celebrated her 89th birthday. We both wanted to say that we can't thank you enough for your years of assistance."

This is the kind of impact we hope to make with every grant recipient and we want to be able to help more of our neighbors and friends next year. Please help us continue to touch the lives of those in our community by making a gift to One South Euclid at onesoutheuclid.org/give-today.

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 GARDENWALK!

The annual GardenWalk South Euclid will be held on Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th from noon to 4 pm. This year's free, self-guided tour will be even bigger and better! Last year's GardenWalk South Euclid featured not only over 40 private gardens, but also a nature reserve, a wetland, neighborhood community gardens, and neighborhood 'pocket' parks.

The 2022 event saw a record number of visitors that joined the Walk and reveled in the loveliness they found over the two weather-perfect early summer afternoons. Visitors strolled, discovering spaces you simply do not see when driving by, happy to take a longer look and see the beauty to be found in South Euclid.



SHOWCASE YOUR GARDEN!

GardenWalk South Euclid is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and show community spirit! We're looking for residents to showcase their gardens and green thumbs at the 2023 GardenWalk! Please visit www.gardenwalksoutheuclid.com for more information!

Kindland: Join our Kindness Movement!

By Mayor Georgine Welo

This year, we have witnessed mass shootings, school shootings and drive-by shootings throughout our nation.

Despite boundaries and welcome signs that differentiate states and municipalities, these trends — and toxic incivility — affect us all. No mayor can protect every inch of a city, and no superintendent can protect every inch of a school.

But, one thing everyone can do is to be as kind as possible to others. It appears simplistic, but it can be profound. A common denominator between all mass shooters is that they felt victimized, bullied, lonely and angry. When threat assessment teams identified potential mass shooters, and intervened in a caring way, potential perpetrators have been diverted and became productive citizens.

Kindness generally increases



happiness and life satisfaction and decreases stress and anger. Coaches Jim Tressel and Dru Joyce II have said that they have developed winning teams only when gratitude and kindness were present. This past summer, South Euclid collaborated with Kindland and broadcaster Leon Bibb to spark a Summer of Kindness in Northeast Ohio, joining with other mayors throughout our region to issue a Summer of Kindness Challenge.

Kindland is driven by Values-in-Action Foundation, in partnership with more

than 70 other nonprofits, school districts and governments and 300 community leaders to make Northeast Ohio the kindest land in the country. We invite you to participate in spreading kindness across South Euclid as we work to make our community one of the most kind and caring places in the nation!

Visit the Values-in-Action Foundation at www.viafdn.org to find out how you can participate in our 2023 Year of Kindness!



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SELTA wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and hopes that 2023 will bring much health and happiness for all!



A LOOK BACK AT 2022 EVENTS





Maintaining a Safe Community

By Joe Mays, Police Chief

As 2022 comes to an end, the South Euclid Police Department (SEPD) would like to thank everyone who came out on November 8th to vote to renew our Safety Levy. We are lucky to have such a supportive community here in South Euclid. We are committed to providing you with efficient, effective, and professional police services. Thank you for your overwhelming show of support.

Over the past three months, our officers have been busy doing all they can for our residents. I want to take a moment and highlight some of their outstanding work.

On October 8th, 2022, Corporal McCann, Officer Delehanty, Officer Smoot, Officer D'Eusanio, Officer Bodnar, and Officer Wright responded to a house fire on Emerson Road. Officers D'Eusanio and Wright were the first to arrive on the scene, and at that time, they did not know if anyone was still inside the home. Officers' announced themselves at the door but received no response. When other officers arrived, they directed them to the back of the house to check for a way inside. As they looked through the front windows, they could see the home beginning to fill with smoke. At that point, they decided to kick in the front door and enter the home. Moments after entering, they received information over the radio that the homeowners were not there, but their two dogs were inside, and one was being kept in a crate on the second floor. Officers quickly located both dogs and safely removed them just as the Fire Department arrived on the scene. Although the home suffered some damage, the dogs are doing just fine. Great job by all involved!

On November 21st, 2022, Officer Brandon Wright responded to a home on Stonehaven Road. A caller reported that an 87-year-old female passed out and was unresponsive. When Officer Wright arrived, he quickly determined that the female was no longer

breathing and had no pulse. He immediately began performing CPR. After approximately two full minutes, the female regained consciousness and was transported by South Euclid EMS to an area hospital. South Euclid Fire Department Capitan Greg Duy said that "Officer Wright did a nice job of taking action and providing early high-quality CPR, which is the second link in the AHA Chain of survival." Outstanding work, Officer Wright!

On November 25th, 2022, Detective Ken Patterson spotted two males that were wanted in connection with a rash of car thefts in the area. When officers tried to approach them on South Belvoir near Mayfield, the two males fled on foot. The suspects led the officers on a foot chase that went east to Sheffield Road, then north of Mayfield and through the backyards of a dozen streets between S. Green Rd. and S. Belvoir Blvd. The chase lasted nearly 30 minutes and involved officers from the SEPD, Lyndhurst and Cleveland Heights Police Departments. Ultimately, both males were caught and arrested without any injuries to officers or the suspects. One suspect has admitted to being involved in multiple car thefts and will be charged accordingly. Terrific job by our Detective Bureau and Uniform Patrol Officers! Also, a big thank you to our neighbors at the Lyndhurst Police Department and Cleveland Heights Police Department. Great Teamwork!



Did you miss the chance to advertise in this issue of South Euclid magazine?

The 2023 Issues of South Euclid Magazine are coming up. If you would like more information or have questions about advertising feel free to call or email Sherry Tilson at stilson@cjn.org or 216-342-5204.

Thank you for your continued support and readership and Wishing You & Yours a Happy, Healthy & Safe Holiday Season!



TIS THE SEASON FOR HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY!

The holiday season is a time of year for family and friends, but is also a time for home fires resulting from Christmas trees, space heaters, and candles. Here are some fire safety facts to help you stay safe this holiday season:

- One out of every three Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems. This results from the use of older lighting or overloading the electrical outlet that is powering the tree lights. It is a best practice to plug holiday lighting into a surge protector strip.
- More than one out of every five Christmas tree fires is caused by a heat source being too close to the tree. When placing your tree, please make sure that it is at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, space heaters, candles or heat vents.
- If you have a live Christmas tree, please remember to water it regularly, as a dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.

Heating is the second leading cause of US house fires and injuries, with January being the peak month for heating fires. Space heater sales are on the rise across our cold weather region, but keep these facts in mind as you stay cozy and warm this winter:

- In South Euclid 30% of our annual residential house fires are started by a space heater, the main cause being that the heater was left unattended or too close to combustible materials like bedding or clothing.
- Please plug your heater directly into a wall outlet and not an extension cord and only plug one space heater into an electrical outlet at a time to avoid a power surge.
- To avoid other hazards, keep combustibles three feet away from the heater, never use a heater with a damaged cord,

and never leave a heater unattended. Turn the heater off when you leave the room or home.

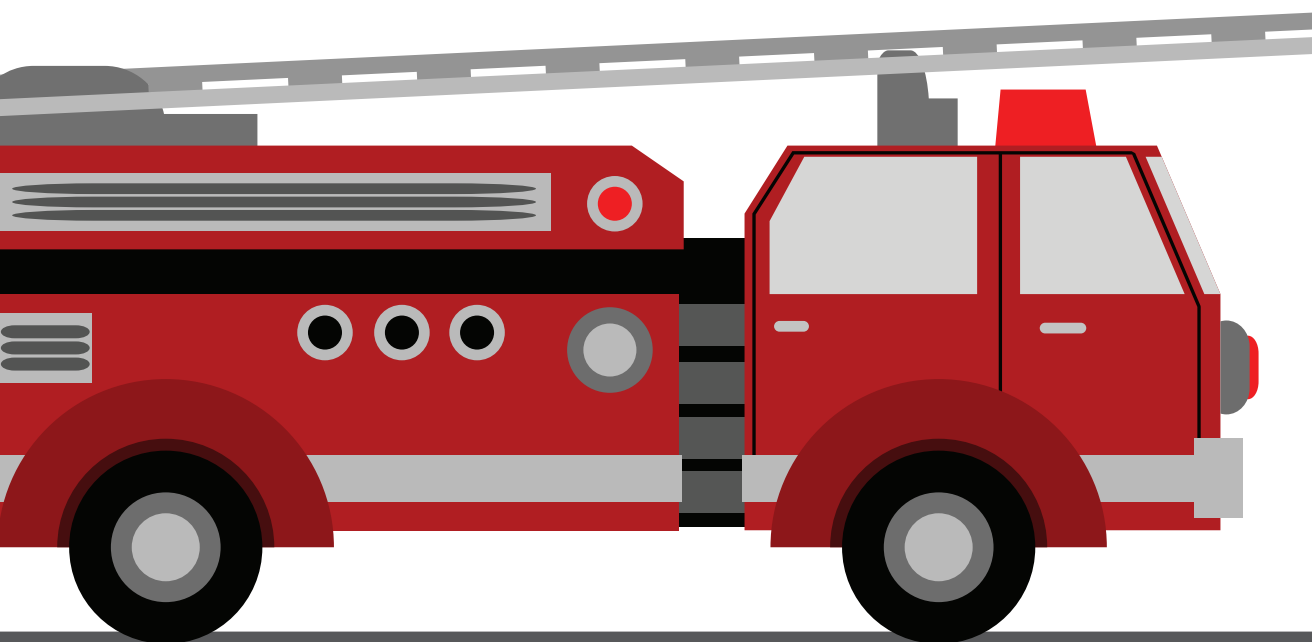
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home. Carbon Monoxide (CO) can build up to life threatening levels in very little time.
- It is best to have at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home and one carbon monoxide detector in your home.

More than one third of home decoration fires are started by candles. Candles in the winter months can bring holiday cheer, but candle fires result in about 6% of house fires in South Euclid, with unattended candles or residents falling asleep being the largest factors of these fires. When using candles:

- It is best practice to place the candle in a proper holder and keep candles at least 12 inches away from combustibles.
- Always blow out candles when you leave home or when you go to bed, and avoid the use of candles in the bedroom or areas where people may fall asleep.
- Candles should be lit by an adult, with matches and lighters being stored out of the reach of children or in a locked cabinet. The South Euclid Fire Department highly recommends the use of battery-operated flameless candles, which now look, smell and feel like real candles.

To avoid a house fire this holiday season, remember to stay in the kitchen when cooking, turn off unattended space heaters, blow out all candles when you leave the home or go to sleep, and keep your live Christmas tree watered and unplugged when you leave your home or go to sleep.

Your Fire Department is here to help! If you have questions regarding winter fire safety, please feel free to call us at 216-691-4273. Have a safe, healthy and happy (and fire-free) holiday season!



Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



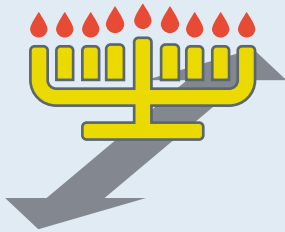
Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.



More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



South Euclid-Lyndhurst
Schools: **216-691-2000**

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools continues to share the high-level accomplishments of students and staff throughout our district, along with several important initiatives that are underway to improve safety, security, and overall health and well-being. This edition provides an update of SEL's performance on the most recent report card, more information about safety and security enhancements taking place in the district, and an understanding of how the Arc QuickMed clinic is making an impact. As always, we express gratitude to the City of South Euclid for this opportunity to keep the community informed. Our working partnership truly makes the SEL Schools the Destination School Community.



Linda N. Reid

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools are excited to share the results of the latest state report card data, and the specific gains made by students in our district over the last school year. Reporting performance metrics for the 2021-2022 school year, the SEL Schools made the most significant improvements in *Gap Closing*, where the district earned a full 5 stars, and *Progress*, which measured 4 stars out of five. *Gap Closing* is a criteria

component which provides a picture of closing the gap in performance and achievement among subgroups in our student body, while diligently addressing absenteeism among our student population. The *Progress* component looks closely at the growth that all students are making based on their past performance.

The significance of achieving 5 and 4 stars in these two components lays important groundwork for improvement in other areas of the report card, such as graduation, achievement, and early literacy. The district has a three-year plan that will continue our students on a path of progress in growth and achievement. We commend the students, staff, families, and support networks that have helped make these gains a true accomplishment.

Safety and security will always be a top priority of the SEL

Schools, and many enhancements and initiatives are underway throughout the district. All elementary buildings will now have the Raptor Visitor Management System to screen all visitors. This easy-to-use system scans each visitor's driver's license and provides a sticker badge featuring their photo. The Raptor system is currently in place at all grades 4-12 buildings. Over 450 indoor and outdoor security cameras provide extensive surveillance capabilities at all buildings. The district has launched a new Safety and Security communications update, so please see the website for this information. The dedication and care of our teachers and staff is valued, and we seek to provide learning spaces that are safe, secure, and promote the well-being of everyone.

Another important initiative is successfully underway at Charles F. Brush High School through the Arc QuickMed clinic. Staffed with a fully licensed and registered nurse practitioner, the Arc QuickMed clinic provides students and staff easy access to health care for sick students or staff to help treat their symptoms and get them back into the classroom. Our nurse practitioner can write prescriptions, and students throughout the district have access to the facility, as elementary students can take a van to the QuickMed clinic, helping to ease the logistics of parents taking off work for traditional doctor's appointments. The intent of the Arc QuickMed clinic is to make health care services more convenient and readily available on a regular basis to students and staff. Some of the services available include sports physicals, childhood vaccinations, treatment for suspected flu, sinus, urinary tract, and other infections. Rapid tests for COVID, flu, strep and mononucleosis are also available. The Arc QuickMed clinic is located in the Arc Fit Health and Wellness Facility in the rear of Charles F. Brush High School on Farnhurst Road, at Door 21, and is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. when school is in session. Our long-term intention is to open the facility for our families as well.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about these milestones and updates from the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. You can always see immediate updates on our website at www.sel.k12.oh.us. Go Arcs!

Councilwoman-at-Large Susan Hardy

Last winter, when the snow was still several inches high, I was driving through my neighborhood when I spotted a younger child standing on the sidewalk alone. She looked confused and a little scared. I did not see any other kids or adults in sight, so I asked her if she needed help. Practically in tears, the child explained that the school bus dropped her off, and she could not finish walking home because there was a large mound of snow blocking the sidewalk.



Susan Hardy

Her mother had told her to never walk in the street, and she did not know what to do since she did not want to disobey her mother. After assuring her that I would stand in the middle of the quiet resident street to block traffic while she walked around the snow mound, the child was able to finish her journey safely home.

Please, please, please, keep your sidewalks clear this winter. We are a pedestrian community. Even in the winter, sidewalks are still used by children walking to school or to bus stops, by dog walkers getting exercise, and by adults walking to work, just to name a few. When sidewalks are not clear, then people start walking in the street.

Daylight is shorter in the winter, and walking in the street in the dark is especially dangerous. Please talk to your snow plow driver to make sure they are not leaving big piles of snow on the sidewalk. Talk to your neighbors about taking the time to clear their sidewalk while they are clearing their driveway. If we all do a little, we can keep our neighbors a lot safer this winter.

Susan Hardy: 216-780-0238

Councilwoman-at-Large Chanell Elston

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your continued support for our Police, Fire & EMS. In renewing the safety forces levy you have allowed us to protect our services, community programs and continue to keep our residents safe.



Chanell Elston

As we prepare to wrap up 2022 and welcome a new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the term engagement. The past elections have been extremely divisive, showcasing ugly rhetoric, anger and sometimes violent exchanges among people. Many looked forward to the November 8th election so we could "move on". Voting is one example of engagement. However it is the daily work of nurturing society, in other words community engagement that matters just as much. Post-election offers an opportunity for all to engage as thinkers, problem solvers, as well as having a stake in the decisions that shape our communities.

I am reminded of the power we each hold to make a positive difference in our community. A simple act or word of kindness such as helping an elderly neighbor or reaching out to someone who may be facing challenges. These types of engagement will help us continue to flourish as a community. Consider sharing your acts of kindness and inspire others at www.viafdn.org/kindland.

Wishing you and your family happy holidays and as always, I am here to serve. You are always welcome to contact me.

Chanell Elston: 216-502-2037

Councilman Joe Frank: Ward 2

As the year ends, we look forward to next year and the projects and programs we're planning. As chair of the Finance Committee, I am currently looking at the 2023 Budget and am excited about the projects included, especially our Victory Park improvements and our road projects and many more!



Joe Frank

Financially, the City is in good shape. Year to date through October, the City's receipts are at nearly \$19.5 million or 94% of our Budget Revenue of \$20.5 million. This was driven by better-than-expected Property Tax Collection and RITA Withholder collections.

Once again, the Mayor and her Department Heads have done a tremendous job of managing expenses. Year to date through October, expenditures are at \$15.3 million or 63% of our 2022 Budget of \$25.4 million. November and

December are large disbursement months historically. Our General Fund balance at the end of October stood at \$7.6 million, about 7% higher than October 2021. The General Fund balance is projected to be approximately \$6.5 million at year end or approximately 26% of the 2022 Budget.

Next year will be an exciting and important time for the City and I look to continue to serve the citizens of South Euclid. I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!

Joe Frank: 216-246-5614

Councilman-at-Large Justin Tisdale

As the last leaves fall and the snow and cold weather creep in, we must be mindful of a few essential tips before hunkering down for winter. First, checking the furnace and filter is crucial to heating a house. It is necessary to check the furnace before turning the heat on because the homeowner needs to ensure there are no gas leaks and the furnace is working correctly. Switching the furnace filter will also help airflow throughout the house. Having a new and clean furnace filter will allow cleaner and crisper air to circulate, lowering the chances of allergies and illnesses.



Justin Tisdale

Finding ways to save money during the winter months on heating and electric bills is another tip for heating a house. A simple and cost-effective way to save money is weatherproofing the home. As the thin, cold air moves in, it is

essential to insulate the inside of your house from the cold air outside. A homeowner can use foam tape, shrink and seal window kits, V Seal Weatherstrip, rope caulk, and window AC covers if there are window units. All of these simple solutions can help save on heating a home. A homeowner should also contact their utility company to see if there are any available payment options to offset the higher costs of heating a house during winter.

When the temperature drops and the lake-effect snow rolls in, please try to check in on your neighbors. It is essential to ensure our community is safe during the harsh winters. A simple gesture anyone in the community can do to help each other out in the winter months is shoveling driveways and sidewalks. This act can help neighbors who need to go to work or allow kids to walk to school safely.

Finally, as families and friends gather for this holiday season, try starting a new tradition. Venture out into the streets of South Euclid and neighboring cities to look at all the beautiful home and city lighting displays. It's never too late to put up lights, and it's always fun looking at them with family. Have a wonderful holiday and an even better New Year!

Justin Tisdale: 216-965-4242

Council President Ruth Gray: Ward 1

During this holiday season, I reflect on the days and months past, and am forever grateful for my loved ones, friends, colleagues and neighbors. I have learned over the years that life is very precious, and our ability to foster healthy relationships with the people around us is vital to building a thriving community. For me, South Euclid embodies the type of community I want to live in, and the residents of South Euclid are the key to our melting pot of community life.



Ruth Gray

Thank you! Thank you! for your continued support in passing the safety levy, which will generate approximately 2 million dollars to fund police, fire, and EMS services for the City of South Euclid. With your support, the city was able to implement energy saving measures, like investing in a new roof at city hall, new HVAC units, lighting, and other building and park renovations to create a comfortable work environment and ensure accessibility for all who visit.

In commemoration of our Annual Juneteenth Holiday, the City of South Euclid approved passage of the Fair and Affordable Housing Citizens Commission to assist the administration in the development and implementation of a housing program to help South Euclid families, once impacted by redlining and other discriminatory practices, to realize their dream of homeownership. In partnership with One South Euclid and other community partners, the commission will bridge the resources together for eligible families to acquire the resources needed to buy their own home.

City Council approved Pay to Stay legislation which approves the right for renters to pay to stay before filing for an eviction action or judgement for non-payment of rent. Currently, South Euclid is one of five communities locally which have adopted a comprehensive fair housing policy to combat housing discriminatory practices and to help families who have acquired third party resources the ability to use them for their rent and/or deposit.

Groundbreaking for new housing construction will begin in late spring or early summer. 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 purchased from the school district, the developer will build single family homes estimated to cost \$250k to \$300k.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you! Happy Holidays!

Ruth Gray: 216-926-4960

Councilman John Fahsbender: Ward 4

First and foremost, I wanted to wish all of our residents and their families a happy, joyous and safe holiday season.

One of the reasons I love living in South Euclid is the sidewalks. No, really. You see, I'm a walker. Most often when walking I can be found at the other end of a leash from a dog. Used to be two dogs, now it's just one. But for those who walk with dogs, sidewalks are the bomb. Weather and time permitting, we can meander through the neighborhood, safely and unimpeded, on the City's well maintained network of sidewalks.



John Fahsbender

If you've never lived anywhere without sidewalks, you might not appreciate them as much. Since moving to the Cleveland area about 20 years ago, I've lived in places that viewed sidewalks as unnecessary, or maybe too urban. So my dogs and I walked on the streets. It was uncivilized and unsafe. Streets were built for cars, not people. I'm a people, not a car. So I prefer South Euclid, and its sidewalks.

South Euclid's winter sidewalks, though, are a different animal. How are they different? In Wards 3 and 4, where I walk most, maybe a quarter of sidewalks are shoveled after it snows. Maybe less than a quarter. Driveways are almost always cleared—in many cases, excess snow is piled onto the sidewalk. I can manage walking on snowy sidewalks when the snow is fresh, but after a day or so, when it turns to ice, it's no fun at all. For our seniors and those less able to get around easily, a snowy sidewalk is a barrier to travel altogether.

We all want to be good neighbors, and shoveling your walk is just one of those good neighbor things to do. It ensures that the chunk of sidewalk in front of your house continues to be accessible to all. It doesn't take much time or effort. If you are not capable of shoveling your own walk, let me know. Send me an email at Jfahsbender@seuclid.com or call me at 216-577-0868. We'll try to figure something out for you.

John Fahsbender: 216-577-0868

Councilwoman Sara Continenza: Ward 3

Hello Neighbors! As we move into the holiday season, a time for joy and gratitude, I wanted to express my appreciation for our community and all those I get to call my neighbors! Please make sure to look out for your neighbors this holiday season—it can be a lonely, stressful time and people sometimes just need a little companionship or support. If you see an elderly or mobility-challenged neighbor with a snowy driveway, it would be a great thing to check in with them and help them out if you're able. Or let them know about our Community Partnership on Aging and Village in the Heights, two wonderful community resources to help seniors.



Sara Continenza

The holidays are a time in which petty crimes often increase in our world. It is an expensive time of year, and inflation hasn't helped. Don't forget to lock doors and keep your lights on—these are easy deterrents to crime.

Lastly, remember, food can be both medicine and poison. We often overeat during the holidays. Try to reduce sugar intake, drink mostly purified water (I use reverse osmosis at home to remove impurities), and avoid highly processed, chemical-laden "food." It's much easier to stay well than to get well.

Please don't forget that we have brought a composting program to Bexley Park! For only \$10 (\$9 for seniors)/month, you can access this central drop-off location to compost all of your kitchen scraps. 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!

Sara Continenza: 216-816-1577

BE A VOICE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

One South Euclid is your non-profit Community Development Corporation that promotes economic, social and cultural connections, and provides grants to residents and businesses!



Would you like to get involved in a committee and help make our community an even better place to live, work and play? Contact our Executive Director Annette Iwamoto at info@OneSouthEuclid.org or 216.316.5373.



South Euclid
Lyndhurst Schools

Safety & Security Active Measures in the SEL Schools

Safety and security of our students and staff has been, and will continue to be, a major focus of the SEL Schools. All elementary buildings will now have the Raptor Visitor Management System to screen visitors. This easy-to-use system scans each visitor's driver's license and provides a sticker badge featuring their photo. The Raptor system is currently in place at all 4-12 buildings. Security guard placements have been reviewed and updated at each building. Over 450 indoor and outdoor security cameras cover all school buildings with extensive surveillance capabilities. These are a few highlights among many that have been instituted in our school district. Safety and security will remain a top priority.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST SCHOOLS
Safety & Security Update
August 2022

Safety & Security in the SEL Schools

SEL Staff
In a bid to help SEL Schools, I want to welcome you back for the 2022-23 school year. As we prepare for the return of students to the classroom, the district has been active in planning and implementing steps to improve the overall safety and security of our buildings. This includes the purchase of new technology to effectively screen all building visitors, ongoing review of existing security protocols, and strengthening partnerships with our local law enforcement, School Resource Officers, and security guards. A team dedicated to current and upcoming safety and security measures is in place. The dedication and care of our teachers and staff is greatly valued, and the SEL Schools will continue to support your efforts in providing learning spaces that are safe, secure, and promote the well-being of everyone. Your feedback is always appreciated. Have a great first week and a wonderful 2022-23 school year!

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Assistant Superintendent - Academics, Technology, Security, and Innovation

Safety & Security

- All emergency buildings will now have the Raptor Visitor Management System to screen all visitors. This easy-to-use system scans each visitor's driver's license and provides a sticker badge featuring their photo. The Raptor system is currently in place at all 4-12 buildings.
- Security guard placements have been reviewed and updated at each building.
- Over 450 indoor and outdoor security cameras coverage of all school buildings with extensive surveillance capabilities at all schools.
- Security staff will continue to work with our police and the Department.
- Security cameras will be added to all school buildings.
- All visitors must be checked at all SEL Schools. The SEL Schools will continue to support your efforts in providing learning spaces that are safe, secure, and promote the well-being of everyone. Your feedback is always appreciated. Have a great first week and a wonderful 2022-23 school year!

Strengthening Strategic Partnerships

August 2022: District received funding from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) for safety and security upgrades in classrooms and the buildings, in the form of interior and exterior locks for all doors throughout the district's campus. In a stroke of innovation blended with this security enhancement, police officers will have immediate access to all doors once locked, if needed during the event of a lockdown scenario. "Safety and security among our students and staff are a top priority for the SEL Schools," said district Superintendent Dr. Linda N. Reed. "We're thankful to the OFCC for their funding support, and we look forward to continued efforts to obtain future safety and security funding from all other available sources as well." Through our safety efforts we are working with the Ohio School Safety Center, and with funding from Senate Bill 133, which passed as part of the 133rd General Assembly, Ohio schools have access to funding for prevention, planning and protection. We will keep the community apprised of future grants awarded for safety and security purposes, and thank the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission for their dedication to student and staff welfare.

District Welcomes New K-12 Families

The SEL Schools proudly welcomed new families to the district during a K-12 New Family Orientation event on Wednesday, August 10th in the Performing Arts Center at Brush High School. Superintendent Dr. Linda N. Reed began the program by introducing herself and providing an overview of the district's mission, vision, and core beliefs. During her remarks, Dr. Reed highlighted several of the diverse opportunities available to students that will help prepare them for and reach their career goals. Families in attendance also learned helpful information related to safety and security initiatives, classroom technology, student services and supports, transportation, school meals, and athletics. Families then enjoyed a delicious lunch featuring additional information, a delicious frozen treat and walked over to Kohn Field to cheer on the Lady Arctis soccer team. The back-to-school activity was warmly received. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success!

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Brush students and staff recently produced a video on AED availability and training in partnership with University Hospitals and the Cleveland Browns. You can watch the video online!

SEL SCHOOLS AWARDED APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 IN SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING

Facilities Construction Commission Awards SEL Schools with Safety and Security Grant

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Already, South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools safety officials are applying to one such additional outside source, in the form of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program. Through this grant, in partnership with the Ohio School Safety Center, and with funding from Senate Bill 133, which passed as part of the 133rd General Assembly, Ohio schools have access to funding for prevention, planning and protection. The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools will keep the community apprised of future grants awarded for safety and security purposes, and thanks the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission for their dedication to student and staff welfare. Thank you for your continued support.

SEL Staff members attended a Threat Assessment training program earlier this school year as a proactive measure in the protocols of an emergency on campus.

Breast cancer care is unique to each patient.



Alicia Fanning, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Beachwood Family Health
and Surgery Center

Breast cancer: two words no one wants to hear. But 1 in 8 women develop breast cancer by age 85. It's important to talk to your doctor about your personal risk and screening recommendations.

If you receive a breast cancer diagnosis, Cleveland Clinic will assemble a care team for you. A unique treatment plan is created for each patient, to eliminate breast cancer and reduce the chance of it returning.

Diagnosed before age 50?

Breast cancer can be scary at any age. But for women age 50 and younger, there may be additional fears. Cleveland Clinic's Young Women's Breast Cancer Clinic addresses concerns like genetic risk factors and effects of treatment on overall health and quality of life for long-term survival.

"Worries about fertility can also trouble patients," says Alicia Fanning, MD, a breast specialist at Beachwood Family Health and Surgery Center. "When a woman of childbearing age is diagnosed, we collaborate with reproductive specialists to plan the best way to

preserve fertility for patients who wish to have a family."

Fertility disruptions can vary depending on the type of chemotherapy used and may be temporary. Unique treatment options may help preserve fertility, including:

- Freezing eggs for future use.
- In vitro fertilization.
- Medications to protect ovaries.

"When patients are diagnosed early in life, it's our goal for them to have a long, fulfilling life," says Dr. Fanning.

It's generally recommended to wait two years after treatment completion to start family planning. Talk with your doctor about your personal situation.

Cleveland Clinic makes it easy to find breast care.

Mammograms are available at 12 East Side locations. Find locations and hours at [ClevelandClinic.org/Mammogram](https://www.clevelandclinic.org/Mammogram).

To schedule a mammogram or an appointment with a breast cancer specialist, call **440.870.8661**.

What does it mean to be a nurse at Cleveland Clinic?

A nursing position at Cleveland Clinic is so much more than a job. It's being at the center of exceptional care with the #1 hospital in Ohio and supporting the health of our community, while getting the support you need to care for your career, your well-being and thousands of lives every year.



Offering competitive salaries, loan reimbursement, paid parental leave and an unmatched experience, there's never been a better time to join Cleveland Clinic.

Further your nursing career at [ClevelandClinic.Jobs](https://www.clevelandclinic.org/jobs).

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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