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Georgine Welo

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Welcome to the Safety Issue of South Euclid Magazine!



Mayor Georgine Welo

“We must find new ways to deliver excellent services to you in a more efficient and cost effective manner. As a result, we have been researching and implementing new technologies, organizational efficiencies and new best practices that help to reduce costs, while maintaining the high level of safety services that you expect.”

Because of your support of the Safety Levy (nearly three-years ago) we have been able to maintain vital safety services and keep South Euclid strong.

The current Safety Levy expires at the end of this year, and we hope you will consider the new three-year Safety Levy, which will be on the ballot this November.

Working towards Regionalism

Today’s new economic realities, including funding cuts from the State of Ohio and reduced revenues (as a result of the national recession and housing/foreclosure crisis) have forced us to be more open to change, creativity and innovation.

In government, just like the private sector, we must find new ways to deliver excellent services to you in a more efficient and cost effective manner. As a result, we have been researching and implementing new technologies, organizational efficiencies and new best practices that help to reduce costs, while maintaining the high level of safety services that you expect. We have also embraced regionalism.

In this edition of South Euclid Magazine we feature stories about how we are working to promote regional strategies and approaches that save taxpayer dollars, improve public services and implement creative solutions to provide important community services. These regional efforts include:

- The merger of our Emergency Dispatch 911 Center with Shaker Heights, University Heights and Cleveland Heights.
- Regional EDGE SWAT Team with University Heights, Shaker Heights & Beachwood.
- Mobile Field Force Police Team with University Heights, Shaker Heights, Beachwood and Cleveland Heights.
- Heights Area Special Rescue Fire Team with Euclid, Beachwood, Shaker Heights, University Heights and Cleveland Heights.

Diversity, Cultural Competency & Police Training

People choose to live in South Euclid, not just because it’s a great place to live, but also because we are committed to equality, diversity and

inclusivity.

Earlier this year, our South Euclid Police Officers began attending a new Cultural Competency Program at Cleveland State University that works to improve interactions with the public and have a better understanding of competencies (like implicit bias). While our police officers have attended diversity trainings in the past, this new program focuses on creating a better understanding of issues related to personal and perceived bias, power dynamics, racial profiling, multiple realities and cultural competencies.

The “Building Mutual Respect and Community Trust” program at Cleveland State was co-founded by Keith Benjamin, South Euclid’s Director of Community Services. Director Benjamin is a graduate of the Diversity Management Program at CSU and is certified by the State of Ohio Attorney General’s Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to facilitate the university program.

Director Benjamin worked with a diverse team of experts and law enforcement professionals (including South Euclid Police Chief Kevin Nietert) to create the program that has trained more than 100 officers in more than 17 police departments in Northeast Ohio in the last several months. So far, 24 South Euclid Police Officers have completed the training, with the goal of having all officers participate in the training in upcoming months.

In South Euclid we have an ongoing commitment to improving relationships between our safety forces and residents, and in this edition of South Euclid Magazine you can read more about community programs like our Citizens Police Academy, Youth Police Academy and other outreach activities.

We are very fortunate to have a hard-working and dedicated safety force. They are the people who keep all of us safe and are here for us when we need them the most. While no community is immune from safety issues, we will continue our work to keep South Euclid a safe, vibrant and great place to live, raise a family and own a business.

By working together South Euclid will remain a community where we can all come together and thrive. Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes for a great new year! ✍



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—Dr. Louise Keating, Judson at Home member since 2013

About the Safety Levy & Issue 101

On November 8, 2016, South Euclid residents will have the opportunity to decide whether or not to support the renewal and increase of our Safety Levy (ISSUE #101 on the ballot).

The three-year Safety Services Levy is dedicated solely to funding operations related to Police, Fire, EMS, Dispatch and other services affecting the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Why is the Issue 101 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 over millions 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. Issue 101 will

continue the Safety Levy and help replace those lost dollars.

How much is the proposed levy?

Issue 101 is a 5.75 mill Safety Levy for three years and will cost an additional \$87.50 a year per \$100,000 in property value. The additional cost for most South Euclid residents will be about \$7 a month for the temporary three-year levy, which will generate approximately \$2 million a year.

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

Yes, grants are applied for each year, but more communities are in need of dollars and funding awards are competitive and limited.

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

Failure of Issue 101 will 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 101. A Vote FOR (or YES) the Levy means that you support the 3-Year Safety Levy. A Vote AGAINST (or NO) the Levy means that you do not support the Levy.

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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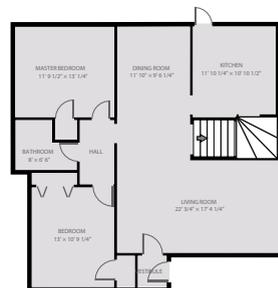


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south euclid 2016 SAFETY LEVY

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SAFETY LEVEL 5.75 MILL RENEWAL AND INCREASE ON THE BALLOT FOR VOTER CONSIDERATION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The 5.75-mill levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$87.50 a year.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

The levy expires after 3 years

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO FUND OUR SAFETY FORCES:

It costs over \$10 million a year to fund:

- Fire 2015: \$5,603,561
- Police: 2015: \$4,528,101

HOW MUCH WILL THE SAFETY LEVY GENERATE?

If approved, the Safety Levy will generate approximately \$2 million a year, with the remaining necessary funds (approximately \$8 million) coming from the City's General Fund.

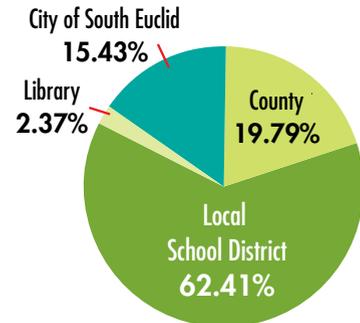
WHAT CAN THE SAFETY LEVY MONEY BE USED FOR?

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 GOVERNMENT CUTS:

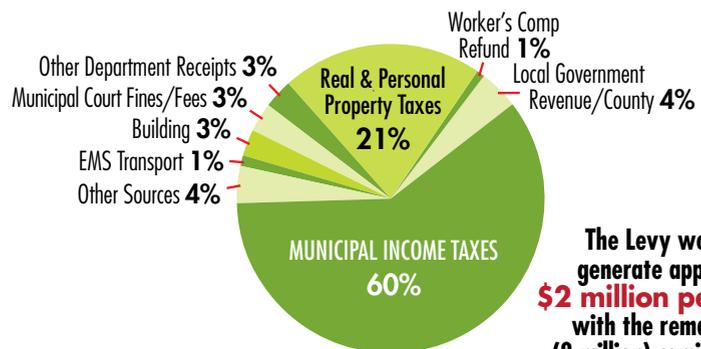
- Local Government Fund
2010: \$1 million
2015: \$475,000
- Real & Personal Property Tax
2010: \$4.6 million
2015: \$3.4 million
- Commercial Activity Tax
2010: \$170,000
2015: \$0
- Estate Tax
2010: \$500,000
2015: \$0

PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION



Only 11¢ out of every Property Tax dollar goes to the City of South Euclid.

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID 2016 ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES



The Levy would generate approx. \$2 million per year with the remainder (8 million) coming from the general fund.

WHY WE NEED TO CONTINUE THE SAFETY LEVY:

In 2012, in the middle of one of the greatest economic recessions in American history and the burst of the real estate bubble which cause over 12% reduction in South Euclid property values, **Governor Kasich and the Ohio State Legislature voted to cut the historic Local Government Fund by 50% and other sources of revenues for South Euclid and other Ohio communities. State cuts have included:**

- 50% reduction in South Euclid's Local Government Fund from the State of Ohio.
- Elimination of the Commercial Activities Tax by State of Ohio.
- Elimination of the Estate Tax by the State of Ohio.
- Revenue reductions as a result of the proposed revisions to Municipal Income Tax Collections.

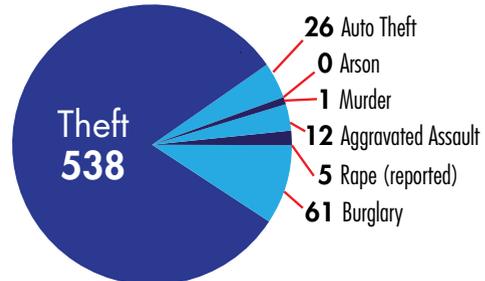
south *euclid* 2015 POLICE DEPT.



South Euclid Police Dept. GENERAL STATISTICS

- Number of Officers: **36**
- Number of Auxiliary Officers: **4**
- Total Number of Police Personnel: **58**
- K9 Officers: **3**
- Nuisance Abatement Properties - **216**
- Security Alarm Calls: **1,560**
- Total Arrests: **885**
- Total Prisoners: **510** (357 Male & 153 female)
- Total Cost to House & Feed Prisoners: **\$31,450.12**
- Number of Traffic Accidents: **732**
- Injuries from Traffic Accidents: **114**
- Property Damage from Traffic Accidents: **616**
- Fatal Traffic Accidents: **2**
- Driving Under the Influence: **39**
- Parking Violations: **1,510**

2015 CRIME STATISTICS* City of South Euclid



Total number of offenses: 1051

* These statistics are a partial list of offenses.

SEPD TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Cops in Court
NIBRS Training
Violence against Women Seminar
Black Law Enforcement Conference
Police Officers Cultural Competence Workshop
Public Records/Record Retention
Female Officer Combat Workshop
Suicidology: Prevention Intervention and Post Event
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Bite Building and Problem Solving Seminar
Great Lakes Leadership Seminar
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Crisis Intervention Training



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



south euclid 2015 FIRE & RESCUE

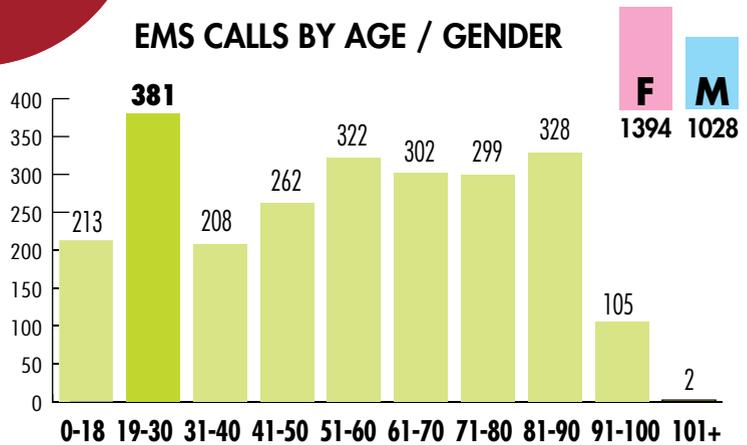
South Euclid Fire Dept. GENERAL STATISTICS

- Responded to 3,491 Emergency Calls for service
- Up 3.2% from 2014
- Responded to 24 structure fires
- Zero (0) fire fatalities
- Responded to 2,445 medical emergencies
- Average response time: 5.13 minutes
- Busiest days: Mondays
- Busiest time of day: noon
- Slowest days: Saturdays
- \$1,213 cost per incident - up \$81 from 2014
- 52¢ daily cost per capita
- \$4,235,119 annual expenditure 2015

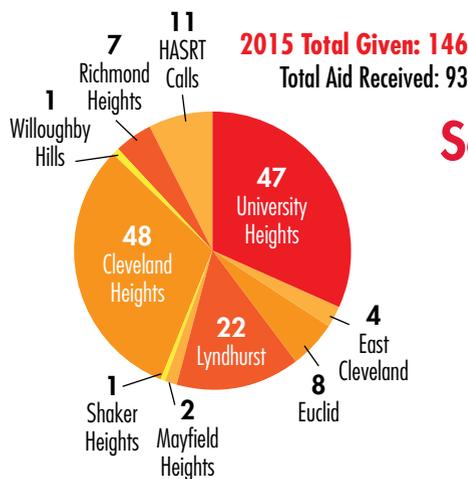
Personnel Statistics

- SEFD members total 427.6 years of service
- 13 average years of service per member
- 32 years longest service / 2 months least
- SEFD for a total of 5,570 man hours of training in 2015

EMS CALLS BY AGE / GENDER



SEFD AID GIVEN To Other Communities



**Keeping
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SEFD responded to
multiple emergencies
at the same time:
24%

SEFD Services Provided Annually:



2445

Emergency Medical
Service Calls Received



1572

Patients transported
to Hospitals



1728

Fire Inspections by
SE Fire Inspector
(up 20.7% from 2014)

TYPE OF CALL

TYPE OF CALL	# INCIDENTS
Fires	59
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	2445
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	210
Service Call	155
Good Intent Call	139
False Alarm & False Call	479
Special Incident Type	5
TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED	3492

Regionalism at Work:

The Heights Hillcrest Communication Center

In 2012, the City of South Euclid received a Local Government Innovation Fund Grant to study the potential of merging emergency dispatch and 9-1-1 services with other communities. Through collaborative efforts regionalizing our Emergency Dispatch is moving forward and in 2017 the Heights Hillcrest Communications Center (HHCC) will become a reality.

South Euclid Dispatch Merging with Three Other Communities

In July of this year, the cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights received \$1 million from Cuyahoga County to build and equip a regional dispatch center that will consolidate the communities' dispatch operations into one facility.

Why Regional Dispatch?

This project originated as a result of

continuing cuts to local governments by the State of Ohio and other reduced revenue sources and is another example of the recognition that cities need to foster working relationships outside the boundaries of our respective communities in order to create a more effective, efficient, and cohesive delivery of public safety services among the participating cities.

This opportunity will allow all of the participating cities to reduce operating expenses and increase operational efficiency and effectiveness. The Center will also have room to grow and provide dispatch services to other neighboring communities that wish to participate in the future.

New Regional Dispatch Center to Open in 2017

Construction is expected to begin in September with the buildout process being completed in approximately 6 months.

After that, dispatch operations from each community will start migrating into the new Center. It will take a total of a year to 18 months from start to finish before all the agencies' operations will be housed under one roof.

Working Toward A Seamless Transition

For residents this should be a seamless transition yet one that has many benefits. Residents will be provided with a Center that not only employs dispatchers trained in emergency medical dispatching but will have the staff available to provide emergency medical dispatching services.

Even though we will be reducing staff overall among all of our operations, we will actually have greater capacity on hand to address peak call volumes and major events because all the dispatchers will be located in one facility. ✍

Working Together to Provide Outstanding Community Services

In today's fragile economic climate, South Euclid has been working hard to promote regional strategies and approaches that work to save tax-payer dollars, improve public service and implement creative solutions with our neighboring communities to provide important community services.

One important regional organization is the **Community Partnership on Aging** made up of the cities of South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights and Mayfield Village. In the last few years, we have worked with our neighbors on several safety-specific regional efforts, which have resulted in the creation of the following regional organizations:

- **EDGE SWAT Team (Police)**
South Euclid, Euclid, University Heights, Shaker Heights, Beachwood
- **Mobile Field Force (Police)**
South Euclid, Euclid, University Heights, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, Cleveland Heights
- **Joint Emergency Dispatch (9-1-1 Dispatch)**
South Euclid, Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Shaker Heights
- **The Heights Area Special Rescue Team (Fire)**
South Euclid, Euclid, Beachwood, Shaker Heights, University Heights, Cleveland Heights
- **Regional Animal Warden**
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Regionalism at Work:

EDGE SWAT Team

In early 2011, the five Chiefs of Police from the cities of Euclid, South Euclid, University Heights, Shaker Heights and Beachwood, got together to begin discussion on working together to form a regional SWAT team.

SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Teams are specially trained personnel who provide tactical response to high risk incidents including barricade/hostage situations, terrorism incidents, crowd control during major disturbances or riots, work or school place violence and other high risk calls for services. Upon completion of specialized training that lasts more than a year, the regional SWAT Team was activated on May 1, 2013 as the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement SWAT Team (EDGE SWAT).

Since 2013, EDGE SWAT has been deployed on over 100 tactical operations. These SWAT deployments have included responding to barricaded/suicidal gunmen, high-risk (armed robbery/homicide) warrant service and narcotic search warrants. In July of 2016, the team was utilized as counter assault teams, assisting the Cleveland Police Department during the Republican National Convention.

In the near future the team will be conducting one of its forty (40) hour training week at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This is an opportunity to train at one of the best tactical training facilities in the country and to be trained by some of the best federal tactical instructors.

The Mobile Field Force

With the success of EDGE SWAT, the five cities began discussing the formation of a Mobile Field Force (MFF) in early 2016, at which point the City of Cleveland Heights became involved. The Mobile Field Force Unit would be deployed to large disturbances/protests similar to the events that occurred in Ferguson, Missouri.

This 40-person unit began training in April 2016. The entire team had its initial training of two weeks at Fort McClellan,

Alabama. With the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security, the training was free to all participants including air transportation to Alabama. After returning from Alabama, the team trained for the next 4 months and in July 2016, the team was officially activated. The Team Commander of the Mobile Field Force Unit is Sgt. Bill Martin of the Shaker Heights Police Department. ✍



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Keeping your Fire & EMS Services Safe & Strong



By Fire Chief Doug Stefko

In the coming years, the South Euclid Fire Department will face many challenges. The greatest challenge will be to maintain appropriate staffing levels so we can continue to provide an exemplary Emergency Service to the community. Staffing levels are essential to the safety of the residents and the firefighters whose mission it is to provide that service.

Increasing Demand for EMS Services

Over the last 25 years, we have witnessed a roughly 3% annual increase to the number of emergencies that require a Fire Department response. In 1990, your Fire Department responded to 2,042 emergencies; in 2015, that total was 3,492.

Demands for Emergency Medical Services will continue to rise at a rapid rate as we are going to become a vital part of the Affordable Care Act. Mobile Integrated Health Care (MIHC), commonly referred to as "Community Paramedicine," will become a major component of reducing high readmission rates



to our local hospitals. Someone will be providing this service in our Community and your local Fire Department is best suited to take a leadership role.

State Budget Cut Challenges

We continually strive to make adjustments and maximize efficiency; however, at some point our current resources will not be able to meet the increased demand without your help to offset funding cuts from the State of Ohio to local governments.

Another challenge will be in meeting vehicle and equipment demands. As service demands increase, wear and tear on

vehicles and equipment also increase, thereby reducing the usable lifespan. Our ability to replace vehicles on a timely schedule reduces long-term maintenance costs and ensures we remain on the front end of technology improvements.

This year, City Council approved an increase to the Emergency Vehicle Fund. The Emergency Vehicle Fund is like a savings account, and funds are deposited each year to pay for the purchase of fire trucks and ambulances. With prudent oversight and well-researched purchasing practices, this fund will remain solvent for the foreseeable future.

Equipment needs will

need to be addressed in the near future. These include the necessary upgrade and purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), EKG monitors/defibrillators, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Costs for these critical technologies continue to see drastic cost increases as technology and safety standards improve. Many of these items have a life span and must be replaced on a regular basis.

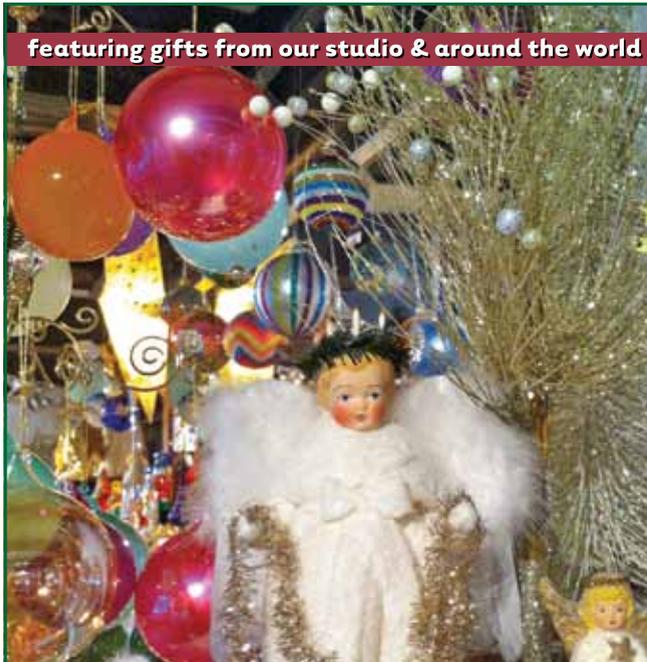
Firefighter Training

It is imperative that we maintain a well-trained and educated staff. Each member of the Fire Department is required to complete 40-50 hours of continuing education per year. These training hours are mandated by the State to maintain professional license requirements. Although we provide as much of this training as possible in-house, it is necessary to send personnel to outside educational opportunities, not only to maintain professional licenses, but also to invest in the young officers and upcoming leadership so they have the tools and knowledge to solve future community-based issues.

In South Euclid we strive to be open and transparent to the community we serve. Our South Euclid Fire Department 2015 Annual Report can be viewed on the Fire Department Website at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/fire where you will also find a link to follow us on Facebook and learn more about the work our Fire Department does to keep you healthy and safe. ✍



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Regionalism at Work!

The Heights Area Special Rescue Team

By Assistant Fire Chief David Csire

The South Euclid Fire Department is one of six cities that belong to the Heights Area Special Rescue Team (HASRT). The other fire departments that participate on the team are Euclid, Beachwood, Shaker Heights, University Heights and Cleveland Heights.

The team was organized in 1995 and is currently comprised of 46 firefighters with six members from the South Euclid Fire Department. They are trained in confined space rescue, ice rescue, mud rescue, high angle rope rescue, tower rescue, trench rescue, wind turbine rescue, and structural collapse.

Each team member is trained in the above disciplines and is responsible to attend bi-monthly training classes to make sure their skills are current and meet the national standards. When an emergency takes place all on duty HASRT members respond to the location and work with the host fire department to resolve the emergency.

There is another rescue team east of the HASRT communities called Heights-Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team (HHTRT). HHTRT provide the same rescue capabilities and also are trained in dive rescue and recovery. The cities (9) on the HHTRT are Beachwood, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights, and Willoughby Hills.

For over 5 years the HASRT and HHTRT teams have been creating a strong working relationship in the hope of becoming one regional team. They began with purchasing of complimentary equipment, uniform packing/stowing of equipment, together attending bi-monthly training exercises and yearly technician training classes. If there is an emergency in either jurisdiction both teams respond and work as one team.

A committee representing both rescue teams was formed in 2015 with the goal of

merging into one team in 2017. The merger would give northern Ohio one of the largest rescue teams in the area and covering a large geographic region.

There are many benefits to having one team, such as shared resources, reduced costs, standardized operating procedures, even distribution of resources, and enhanced ability to secure funding through grants from outside resources such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

HASRT and HHTRT currently provide special rescue services to eighteen cities that are in the Chagrin/Southeast Region. The Chagrin/Southeast Regional Hazardous Material Responses Team in return, provide HAZMAT protection to the HASRT and HHTRT communities. This is a collaborative effort by the rescue teams to share resources. All the communities that are involved are able to have both of the necessary protections at a reduced cost to the communities.

Be assured, if an emergency occurs that involves a special rescue, or there is a need for a HAZMAT team, your South Euclid Fire Department will be ready to handle the situation. ✍

Fire Safety Prevention Tips!

Now that school is back in session it is important that families introduce or familiarize themselves with home fire safety. The biggest way you can make your family safe is to have working smoke alarms and create a home escape plan.

Smoke Alarms

Photoelectric smoke alarms should be on every floor of the home including the basement. Having a smoke alarm in every bedroom or outside every sleeping area is ideal. On all floors the alarm should be placed at the base of the stairs to the floor above. Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling or high on the wall.

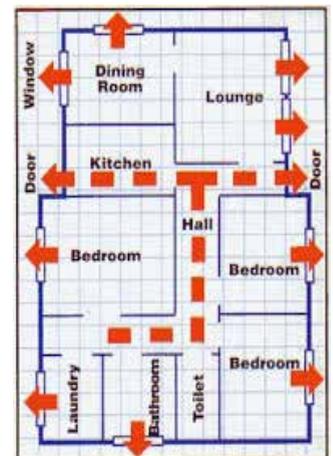
Have an Escape Plan

Making a home escape plan is easy. Have a fire safety meeting with everyone in your household. Discuss possible escape routes and exits that lead outside the home. Once you are done, draw a floor plan of your home marking 2 exits out of every room – usually doors and windows. When the plan is complete, walk through your home, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and ensure that the doors and windows can be easily opened by everyone in your home. The next step is to choose an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the front of your home. Make sure to mark the meeting

place on your escape plan. Once you're out, stay out! You should never go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatcher when you call and tell the fire department once they arrive on scene.

Everyone in the household must know and understand the escape plan. The best way to learn it is by practicing it. To make it more realistic, practice at night with the lights off.

If smoke or fire prevents you from exiting your home or room close the door to keep the smoke and fire from extending to you. Place a blanket or towel to seal the door cracks. Open a window to let fresh air in



and wave a light-colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

If you have any questions about smoke alarms or on making a home escape plan contact the South Euclid Fire Prevention Bureau at (216) 691-4273. ✍

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South Euclid Police Bring Residents Together to Learn & Serve

Not only does the South Euclid Police Department protect and serve the residents of the community, it offers programs to engage and help develop positive relationships between the community and the police department.

- The **Citizens' Police Academy** program educates residents on police related topics to provide understanding and awareness of the day-to-day encounters officers face. The program provides benefits to the Police Department, students and the community.
- The department offered its first **Youth Police Academy Program** in 2015 and it was well received. The program is taught by police officers along with a dispatcher. The program is a weeklong interactive academy designed to educate youth in our community, along with an inside look at what a police officer's role is. Other areas of the program include training, education on current challenges police officers face, and the current challenges of today's youth.
- The **3rd grade Safety Belt Program** is offered to all public and parochial schools in South Euclid. One of our

officers instructs the students through videos, handouts and demonstrations on the importance of seatbelt usage.

- **Eddie Eagle** is another program that is taught by one of our officers, to help educate K through 3rd graders on gun safety and accident prevention. The officer educates students with a gun-safe curriculum, which includes videos, handbooks, with an emphasis on prevention and safety.
- The last two years, the City of South Euclid has hosted a **Community Open House**, where residents are able to meet the staff from City Hall, Police, Fire and Service Departments. There are activities for children as well as parents, from "Touch a Truck," fire prevention and "Shoot and Don't Shoot" scenarios.

These programs foster positive relationships between the community and law enforcement, in hopes of establishing an open line of communication between officers and residents. The programs also help generate mutual respect, which leads to greater cooperation and ultimately working together to solve public safety issues. ✍

HOMETOWN PROUD

Some of our Police Officers are also your neighbors!



Officer Dionne Moton

Dionne is one of the newest Officers of the South Euclid Police Department. She is a resident of South Euclid and has been since 2007. Dionne served in the military and spent some time overseas in Germany, Panama, and Romania. In 2011, Dionne obtained a Bachelor of Technical Management from DeVry University. Dionne attended and graduated from the Police Academy at Cuyahoga Community College in August of 2015. She is also a current member of the Ohio National Guard, and has been serving since 1999. She enjoys traveling and working with her hands. If you see her in passing, don't hesitate to say hi!



Officer Robert Abele, Traffic Commissioner

Bob began his career in the South Euclid Police Department on February 4, 1991 as a patrol officer and was assigned Traffic Commissioner in December of 2000. He has lived in South Euclid since he was 6 years old and attended St. Gregory the Great School, Greenview Jr. High and graduated from Brush High School. He has stayed in South Euclid with his wife, Holly and their two daughters.

"As a resident and as an officer who works in this community, I try to go the extra mile providing services to the resident. I feel this is a good community to raise your family and when I retire, I plan on staying in South Euclid." – Traffic Commissioner Abele



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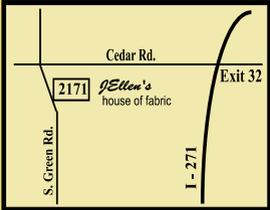


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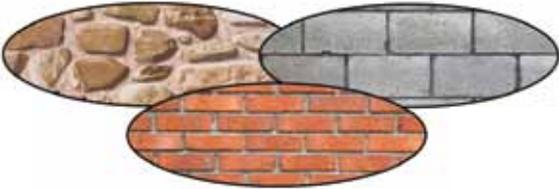


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Community Partnership on Aging News

Medicare Open Enrollment reminder from Community Partnership on Aging (CPA)

Medicare Open Enrollment will take place October 15 through December 7. Open enrollment is a great time to review your plan to make sure it still meets your needs. Not only do your healthcare needs change, but the plans change over time as well. If we can help you compare your options, please contact our certified staff at 440-442-2628. Our staff members are trained and certified by the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP).

Senior residents of South Euclid (age 60+) can also make an appointment with a CPA Social Worker for an Ohio Benefits Bank (OBB) check-up. The Ohio Benefits Bank is an internet-based service that allows you to access to a variety of programs that can assist with healthcare coverage, food assistance, childcare assistance and much more. Call our main office in South Euclid at 216-291-3902 for an appointment. ✍



4th Annual CPA 5-City 5-Alarm Chili Cook-Off Benefits the CPA Safe at Home Program!

Fire Department staff from South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights come together once again to raise money and vie for the title of Best 5 City Chili at the 2016 Chili Cook-Off! The event will take place Saturday, November 5 at Lyndhurst Community Center (doors will open at 11:00 AM). The ticket price of \$15/person (or 2/\$25 or a table of 8 for \$90) includes a full lunch of chili samples, pizza, salad, cornbread, dessert and beverages. Also included this year is a Chinese raffle of gift baskets and prizes. All proceeds will benefit the CPA Safe at Home Program. For ticket information or information about the Safe at Home Program, call CPA at 216-291-3902. ✍

Next Year is South Euclid's 100th Birthday! Get Ready for SE100!

South Euclid is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2017 and we want you to get in on the fun!

Next year we are celebrating our Centennial beginning with several special events (to be announced in the coming months) as we spend the year learning about South Euclid's historic past, vibrant present and limitless future!

We can't do this without you! Whether you're a long-time resident or just recently joined us, we hope you will celebrate by volunteering to serve on a sub-committee, sponsor an activity,

share your story and photos, or even donate to help defray our costs.

If you are interested in joining us as one of our "Centennial Ambassadors" to help plan activities for South Euclid's 100th birthday, please contact Meg Martines at mmartines@seuclid.com or call 216.291.0771.

For more information about events and how to get involved visit www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/SE100. ✍

Planning for Success This School Year while Looking Back with Pride



Linda N. Reid

School officially began on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools and thus far a great deal of excitement and renewed energy has filled the district. The SEL Schools thank the parents for their preparatory work over the summer months to help ensure a smooth start to the school year. The district has high expectations for the upcoming year. However, before we look forward, the SEL Schools would like to share an academic achievement that was awarded to the district last spring.

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools were recently awarded the state's first annual Momentum Award. This award was presented to the district on behalf of the Ohio Board of Education and has been given to the SEL Schools for their strong performance on the 2014-2015 State Report Card. Specifically, the SEL Schools earned A's in every Value-Added metric, placing it among the elite school districts in the state, according to the State Board of Education, that ensured its pupils received a year's worth of academic growth in reading and mathematics. The Momentum Award is designed to recognize school districts that support academic growth of students from every background or learning ability. From the perspective of the President of the Ohio Board of Education, the SEL Schools are "keeping the learning momentum high." Awards such as this one cannot be earned alone. Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents of the SEL Schools for earning this year's Momentum Award and for operating each of our schools at a level that meets students precisely where they need intervention or enrichment and delivering a quality education. This is certainly a strong way to finish the academic year.

We ride this wave of momentum into the 2016-2017 school year, and plan to continue the success for students from both academic and co-curricular standpoints. Communication continues to be a top priority for the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. You will continue receiving the "Arc Pride" newsletter, which is a publication of our

school district designed to keep the community informed about the most important topics in our district. The community can always view past editions online by visiting www.sel.k12.oh.us. In addition, be sure to visit the website so that you can sign up for regularly sent emails from me to stay posted on relevant updates from the district. Entitled our "Key Communicators" email, last year a total of more than 12 emails were sent to community members, elected officials and others with new and exciting information. Once again, visit the website to sign up for these important updates. The SEL Schools began a very meaningful outreach to our senior citizens this past school year where students visited both the Lyndhurst and South Euclid Senior Centers to spend time with our communities' golden agers. Students interviewed senior citizens, played card games and spoke with them about their respective histories. The SEL Schools thank the Community Partnership on Aging for their help in the process, and for the continued work we will do together in the future. Look for new partnerships formalizing in the near future with our local business community.

In previewing the 2016-2017 School Year, the community can also expect a heightened emphasis on technology and training for our youngest students with 21st Century Skills. Facilities are being upgraded and enhanced to advance such skills on a regular basis. In fact, the final year of the SEL Schools' major technology upgrade will be nearing completion, and once so, the entire district will be wired for innovation, technology and success. This substantial project was executed under the direction of the SEL Schools' technology team, and they are to be commended for their diligence, precision and hard work. Thank you for your continued support of the SEL Schools, and GO ARCS! ✍

Linda N. Reid
Superintendent of Schools



"The SEL Schools earned A's in every Value-Added metric, placing it among the elite school districts in the state."

Community Calendar

Saturday October 8th:

Community Garage Sale (Fall)
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community Center

Saturday October 15th:

Community Shred Day
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. City Hall Rear Parking Lot

Sunday December 4th:

Pets Light Up Our Lives Lighting Ceremony
2:00 p.m. Mayfield & Green

Sunday December 4th:

City Hall Holiday Lighting Ceremony
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. City Hall

Youth Strategic Planning Process

In January 2017 the City will begin a comprehensive community-based Strategic Planning Process for Youth that will result in a three-year plan that improves the developmental skills of our youth and creates a healthy community environment that empowers, serves and engages youth and their families.

We need your help! We will be hosting two Community Planning Sessions and need input from parents, youth and community

members. The meetings will take place at the South Euclid Lyndhurst Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library located at 1876 South Green Road. Please save the following dates: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 10 am to Noon. For more information contact Keith Benjamin at kbenjamin@seuclid.com.



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Technology Grants



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In May 2016, the South Euclid Municipal Court received two grants totaling \$18,229 to provide 80% funding to cover the expense of providing security and surveillance cameras to the front of the Municipal building and to improve technology access on the court side of the complex. The cameras enhance the safety of the city's elected officials, employees, litigants and visitors. The remaining funds were used to increase the internet

bandwidth and access to the court. While the grants covered 80% of the project costs and were received from the Ohio Courts

Technology Initiative, the remaining 20% came from the South Euclid Municipal Court's computer fund. General fund tax dollars were not used to fund these much needed upgrades.

The Ohio Courts Technology Initiative was established by the Ohio Supreme Court to facilitate the exchange of information and storing of electronically generated data through the creation of an Ohio Courts Network. The goal is to make Ohio courts more technology and internet friendly for users.

The South Euclid Municipal Court applied for the grants in response to long lasting security concerns for city officials, employees, litigants and visitors. We are proud to have been able to help. For a list of all court initiatives and grants awarded to date, please visit the South Euclid Municipal Court website at www.secourt.org.

Sign Up for the ReadyNotify Emergency Notification System

One of our top priorities in South Euclid is not only keeping you safe – but making sure that you know when there are emergencies in our community.

The new emergency notification system will allow us to notify you of time-sensitive emergency information and can deliver messages to residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail and the system is capable of sending

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If you have not done so already, please register by going to the City's homepage at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com and click on the "ReadyNotify Registration" button. If you need more information, please contact Keith Benjamin at kbenjamin@seuclid.com or call 216.381.0400.

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Notes From the Council

Councilwoman Ruth Gray: Ward 1



Ruth Gray

The Ward 1 Fall Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m., at the South Euclid Branch Library. Come get up-to-date information on what's happening in South Euclid. If you would like to learn more on a specific topic, please call or send me an email and I will make sure it's covered at the Fall or Spring meetings.

The South Euclid Recreation Committee's primary focus is to establish the legislative guidance to undergo a strategic planning process for recreation in South Euclid. Strategic planning will provide the opportunity to lay the foundation for its future direction for recreation in our parks and where we need to be.

Your participation will play an integral role into a successful strategic plan. With your help the city can utilize the strategic plan to improve our outdoor facilities, and create long-term partnerships to help sustain a thriving community. For more information on the dates and times of the Recreation Committee meetings and to express your interest in being a part of the strategic planning group, please contact me at (216) 926-4960 or ruthgray@sbcglobal.net or Keith Benjamin, Director of Community Services at (216) 381-0400, ext. 234, or kbenjamin@seuclid.com.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Vote early, vote by mail to avoid long lines or delays. If you are not certain if you are registered, type in boe.cuyahogacounty.us. Click on Am I Registered? If you are not registered, you can register online. The last day to register is October 8.

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Councilman-at-Large Dennis Fiorelli



Dennis Fiorelli

It has now been four full years since South Euclid switched to the current Kimble automated trash and recycling pick-up method. During this period, because of the new methods and resident support of recycling, the City has successfully reduced expense and saved over one million dollars.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has published 2015 results and South Euclid ranked ninth out of fifty-nine communities with a 54.27% recycling rate. We also achieved a City record recycling of 1,928 tons. Please keep it up!

Over the summer, it was very nice to see and be welcomed to so

many streets hosting block parties and so many residents joined the Rock the Block event. These events strengthen our City and promote "good neighbor" communities. Start planning a block party for next year!

November 8, 2016 is Election Day. Please take the time and care to vote. It is our duty! You may vote in person or vote by mail. Please learn about the candidates, issues, and the local Safety Levy, and cast your ballot responsibly.

The County Board of Election web site (boe.cuyahogacounty.us/) has most of the information that you will need that includes instruction on voting by mail, registration (if necessary and how to), and Voting Location.

As always, you are welcome to contact me with questions, comments, or suggestions.

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By now, South Euclid residents are aware of Purple Heart Homes. With 2 homes completed on Avondale and Harwood, and a third “Mission Complete” scheduled on Piermont, South Euclid has more Purple Heart Homes than any city nationwide.

Dale Beatty, PHH’s co-founder and Strategic Development Officer and an Iraq War veteran, says that nearly 80% of our nation’s veterans are World War II, Korea, and Vietnam era vets while only about 20% are post 9-11. Iraq and

Afghanistan vets make up an even smaller percentage.

“Aging-in-Place is our primary focus,” said Beatty from his office in North Carolina. “The needs of aging veterans are so widespread across the nation, we decided to form chapters so communities could help local

veterans and increase PHH’s overall capacity to help more families.”

Fortunately for South Euclid and communities throughout the region, a Northeast Ohio chapter, PHH’s 10th, is forming to work with local veterans to prepare their homes as they age. Ramps, improved access, safety features and other remodeling may be needed to help folks stay in their homes as their needs change.

Paul Tuggey, a Cleveland Heights resident and Marine veteran who served in Vietnam, is leading the local effort. He says that board members, non-board leadership, volunteers and donors are needed to make PHH’s local chapter succeed.

For more information on being part of it, contact Tuggey at 216-952-2884 or Beatty at 704-838-4044. And always feel free to contact me about this or any other matter of concern at 216-298-9100.

Councilman Ed Icove: Ward 3



Ed Icove

As a councilman for over 25 years, and a public interest attorney for over 39 years, many residents ask me about our Court. Judge Gayle F. Williams-Byers has instituted various programs to increase the Court’s efficiency and performance, and promote justice. Here are a few:

Housing Docket: Understanding that the City’s single most valuable asset is its housing stock, Judge Byers has a bi-weekly dedicated docket designed to address cases involving housing matters. The docket focuses on cases involving maintenance, upkeep, and code violations.

Night Court: In order to give citizens an opportunity to settle cases and disputes without having to take time off from work or school, the

Court holds Night Court the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. For dates, visit www.secourt.org.

Hearing Dockets: The daily docket schedule for traffic/criminal and civil cases are posted online for review at www.secourt.org. You are encouraged to visit the site to determine court dates/hearing times. The website allows for a docket search by defendant’s name and other identifiable characteristics.

Online Fine Payments: “Waiverable” citations for offenses that do not require court appearance can be paid online. See www.secourt.org.

Specialized Drug Court and Mental Health Docket: Our Court was the first among suburban courts to institute a specialized mental health docket and also helped create the Suburban Drug Court program. Counseling and treatment are required for both. See: www.secourt.org.

If you would like to get information from me by email about similar topics and other City matters, please email me at: ed@icovelegal.com.

Councilman-at-Large Jason Russell



Jason Russell

That was one hot summer, wasn’t it? I think my grass is still recovering from the scorching heat and drought. As we transition from summer to fall, the leaves begin to turn colors and daylight hours become shorter. With this transition comes the beginning of school. As always please drive safely and slowly as children are back to their morning and evening commutes to our schools, let’s all do our part to help ensure safe routes to schools. (That includes shoveling sidewalks in

the winter.)

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the upcoming election. This isn’t where I advocate for a particular candidate or issue, but rather

its my reminder of the importance of exercising your right to vote. No matter the candidate, issue, or cause you support, it is essential that you vote! To that end, voter registration closes on October 11. If you have recently moved or simply haven’t voted in awhile, take a moment to ensure you are properly registered at the Board of Elections. As usual, Election day is the second Tuesday after the first Monday, which this year is November 8. Mark your calendar. Sure, we are voting for a president and U.S. Senator, but there are many other local offices on the ballot including judges. Be sure to vote the entire ballot. The decisions made by these local office holders have a tremendous impact on your life. Voting absentee is great way to be able to review your ballot and research all the candidate and issues to help inform your decision. Join me in voting on November 8.

Joe Frank: Ward 2



Joe Frank

I am honored to have been appointed by City Council to fill the unexpired term of retired Ward 2 Councilperson Moe Romeo after his retirement.

For those who might not know my professional background, I bring private sector experience in financial analysis and leadership to Council as well as economic development from the public sector, creating and saving jobs. After returning "home" 19 years ago with my wife and son, we are proud to say we're from SE!

I was excited to attend the official groundbreaking for the Mayfield-Green Redevelopment project that includes construction of our new

Marc's. Unfortunately, shortly after, Alesci's announced that they'd be closing their doors on Mayfield Road. A South Euclid institution that had a loyal following that will be missed.

Our challenge as a community is how do we replace "institutions"? It is our responsibility to step up to support our neighbors. Local stores and shops deserve our support as they strive to earn it every day. Supporting our local businesses supports our city, supports our schools and provides value for our homes.

Finally, the upcoming Election has the future of our country and the opportunity to support our city and keep us safe at stake. It is our duty and privilege to pay homage to those who have fought for our right to vote.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Police & Fire Emergency: 911
- Police (Non-Emergency): 216-381-1234
- South Euclid City Hall: 216-381-0400
- South Euclid Community Services: 216-381-0400
- 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
- South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools: 216-691-2000
- 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
- First Call For Help: Dial 211

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

- South Euclid**
- Mayor Georgine Welo: 216-291-3769
- Council President Jane Goodman (Ward 4): 216-291-0442
- Ward 1 Council Ruth Gray: 216-926-4960
- Ward 2 Council Joe Frank: 216-246-5614
- Ward 3 Council Ed Icov: 216-691-1751
- President Protem, Council-At-Large Dennis Fiorelli: 216-269-8730
- Council-At-Large Marty Gelfand: 216-371-8827
- Council-at-Large Jason Russell: 216-242-6442
- Judge Gayle Williams-Byers: 216-381-2880

State & Federal

- Ohio Governor John Kasich: 614-466-3555
- Ohio Rep. Kent Smith: 614-466-5441
- Ohio Sen. Kenny Yuko: 614-466-4583
- U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge: 216-522-4900
- U.S. Sen. Rob Portman: 216-522-7095
- U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown: 216-522-7272

Cuyahoga County

- Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish: 216-443-7178
- Cuyahoga County Council Representative: Sunny Simon: 216-291-8773
- County Fiscal Office for Property Taxes, Dog Licenses, etc. 216-443-7010

Jane Goodman: Council President, Ward 4



Jane Goodman

People notice trees mostly in summer, when we seek shade, and in fall, when the leaves turn brilliant shades of red and gold. Our South Euclid Tree Commission would like you to think about the services trees provide all year 'round. Our urban forest is part of the city's infrastructure, just like the power and gas lines and the sewers and streams that carry stormwater from our neighborhoods to Lake Erie.

A tree will absorb as much as 50 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and give us the oxygen we breathe. One mature tree can absorb as much as 100 gallons of stormwater in one day. They cool us off, not just with shade but also by releasing that moisture through their leaves. When you park under a shade tree you use less gas to cool down the car on a hot summer day. The tree by your house lowers your heating bill in winter and your cooling bill in summer. Trees along streams keep the soil in place, cool the water, and drop leaves that turn into fish food.

The most important thing you can do to keep our trees alive and working for us, both those on the tree lawn and on your own property is this: Never ever pile mulch up against the tree trunk. It smothers and rots the part of the tree that needs to breathe. It's called "volcano mulch" and it kills trees. Healthy trees withstand storms. Let's keep them that way.

Holiday Garbage & Recycling Collection

Garbage & Recycling will be delayed one day for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



The Destination School Community

SEL Schools Earn State Momentum Award! We are committed to our community

The SEL Schools recently earned the Momentum Award from the State Board of Education. This award demonstrates the academic growth of students from varying backgrounds and ability levels. Read below to learn more about this significant accomplishment. Specifically, the Momentum Award:

-  Recognizes districts that received A's on every Value Added measure included on Ohio's report card
-  Honors districts that ensured its pupils received a year's worth of academic growth in reading and mathematics
-  Salutes school staff, leaders, teachers and parents for their hard work in the academic process
-  Demonstrates positive momentum for our school district



Congratulations SEL Schools!