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South Euclid Magazine is a quarterly publication of the City of South Euclid. We are looking for interesting South Euclid people and places to profile in upcoming issues. If you have any story ideas, please share them with us by contacting Keith Benjamin at 216.691.4234 or kbenjamin@seuclid.com.

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Make sure to schedule your advertisement in the Summer Issue publishing in May 2019. Call Sherry Tilson at 216.342.5204 for further information.

Special thanks to resident Jean Nadeau for her editing and proofreading expertise!



South Euclid is a community on the move! The spring season is about renewal – and in South Euclid it is a time to celebrate our neighbors, neighborhoods and all the great things that make us a great place to live, work and play. Soon our trees and flowers will bloom, roadwork will begin throughout the City, and our parks and public spaces will be filled with residents both young and old. Please turn to Page 16 to see all of the great events we have planned for spring!



Mayor Georgine Welo | 216-291-3769

Creating & Building Community!

How can you help celebrate another great South Euclid summer?

- Plan a Block Party with your neighbors! Go to our website www.cityofsoutheuclid.com or call us at city hall and we will help you plan your event!
- Pitch in and help neighbors in need of painting, planting flowers, and trimming bushes. Curb appeal keeps your neighborhood looking great
- If you need tips on gardening, the South Euclid Garden Club can help. The club holds monthly meetings at our community center with great speakers and even a plant swap. Check the calendar in this issue for dates of upcoming events.
- Consider joining the South Euclid "Little Free Plant Library" Facebook group where residents swap plants and share gardening advice!
- Do you have time to help our seniors? Many of them need help with tasks that we take for granted, such as painting a garage or trim. Maybe even washing windows, mowing the grass, planting flowers or even raking up the remaining leaves that Mother Nature left behind. Contact our Community Partnership on Aging at 216-291-3902 if you are willing to provide

assistance.

- South Euclid is blessed with not only its own four wonderful parks, but also with Euclid Creek Reservation of the Cleveland Metro Parks Emerald Necklace. We have grills at Bexley Park and Quarry Park North for cookouts and a great nature trail at Oakwood Green. You can also enjoy our Bicycle Pump Track and Swimming Pool and Playground of Possibilities at Bexley or take your toddler to the Splash Park or your family pet to the Dog Park, both at Quarry Park. If you have time, take in boy's baseball games or girl's softball games at Quarry and Bexley Parks and cheer on our youth! Want to play sand volleyball? Visit Victory Park at the Community Center!

Seeking Financial Stability

Since the national recession and housing crisis, we have worked hard to maintain critical health, safety and welfare services and invest in important quality-of-life initiatives that keep South Euclid attractive for prospective residents and businesses.

In January, City Council hosted a series of three Town Hall Meetings with residents (and all three were nearly filled to capacity!). I was encouraged at the meetings about how much residents understand the challenges we face and willingness to consider how we can take a more permanent, long-term approach to ensure the stability of our great community.

By the time this magazine publishes, City Council will have made important decisions about how to keep our community strong and begin making long-needed capital and infrastructure investments.

Community Improvement Plan

In collaboration with City Council, the Administration will be preparing

a Community Improvement Plan, which will outline important community projects, projected costs and timeline for implementation. We encourage you to follow along with us at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/CommunityImprovementPlan to find out how we are working to be creative, innovative and transparent about how we spend your tax dollars.

Transparency

We are also proud that South Euclid was the first city in Northeast Ohio to agree to put our checkbook online with the Ohio Treasurer's Office. Feel free to visit www.southeuclid.ohiocheckbook.com to see how your tax dollars are spent.

As we begin another great South Euclid spring, please remember that our diversity is our strength, and as a proudly progressive and welcoming community we need to continue to work together to keep South Euclid a great place to live. Please check out Page 16 to find out more about upcoming events that promote diversity and inclusion in our community.

If you ever have any suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to email me your thoughts or schedule a meeting with me at mayor@seuclid.com or 216-381-0400 ext. 221.

I look forward to seeing you in our neighborhoods, parks, playgrounds, block parties and community festivals! On behalf of all of your elected officials and hard working employees, we thank you for all of your guidance and support, and may this spring and summer be a time of health and happiness for you and your loved ones.

*With gratitude,
Georgine*

Specialized spine care: Providing relief when you need it.

Acute neck and low back issues can cause extreme pain and may impact every aspect of your life – sitting, standing, sleeping, working. For some people, it becomes impossible to think of anything else but the pain.



Marzena
Buzanowska, MD

Common areas of pain that stem from the spine include:

- Lower back
- Neck
- Sciatic nerve
- Arm

The Specialized Spine Clinic (SSC) at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital addresses new spine pain that has been present for less than six months.

In one appointment, patients see a specially trained medical spine practitioner

and a physical therapist, who together develop a care plan tailored to the patient's specific needs. The first physical therapy treatment usually occurs during the initial visit.

"This care model helps ensure that the right patient gets the right care at the right time," says Marzena Buzanowska, MD, a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist at Hillcrest Hospital.

"The team-based approach decreases unnecessary medical visits, facilitates patient education and accelerates access to the right treatment."

Physical therapy is the primary mode of treatment for spine issues. In some cases, patients may be referred for additional medical or surgical intervention.

To find out if the specialized spine clinic is right for you, or to make an appointment with Dr. Buzanowska at Hillcrest Hospital, call 216.636.5860.

"Pieces of Hope" for Autism

In honor of National Autism Awareness Month, the 45 Panera Bread bakery-cafés in Northeast Ohio are hosting the annual "Pieces of Hope for Autism" campaign. From Monday, April 8, through Sunday, April 14, 100 percent of proceeds from each Puzzle Piece Shortbread cookie sold will be donated to Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism.

Puzzle Piece Shortbread cookies can be purchased in the Cleveland, Akron and Canton area Panera Bread bakery-cafés or preordered online at covelli.com/autism.

17th Annual Minority Men's Health Fair

Thursday, April 11, 2019
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

FREE screenings and health information for all members of the public.

Locations and Screenings

Cleveland Clinic Main Campus
9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

Cleveland Clinic Lutheran Hospital
1730 West 25th St., Cleveland

Screenings: blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, kidney function, prostate cancer and more.

Visit clevelandclinic.org/mmhf to register. Registration is also available in person at the event.

Screenings offered vary by location and may be subject to change.

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colorectal cancer before it starts!

50 Start colorectal cancer screening with colonoscopy at age 50 (age 45 if you are African American).

Talk to your doctor about earlier screening if you have a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps or if you are experiencing any symptoms, such as bleeding or changes in bowel habits.



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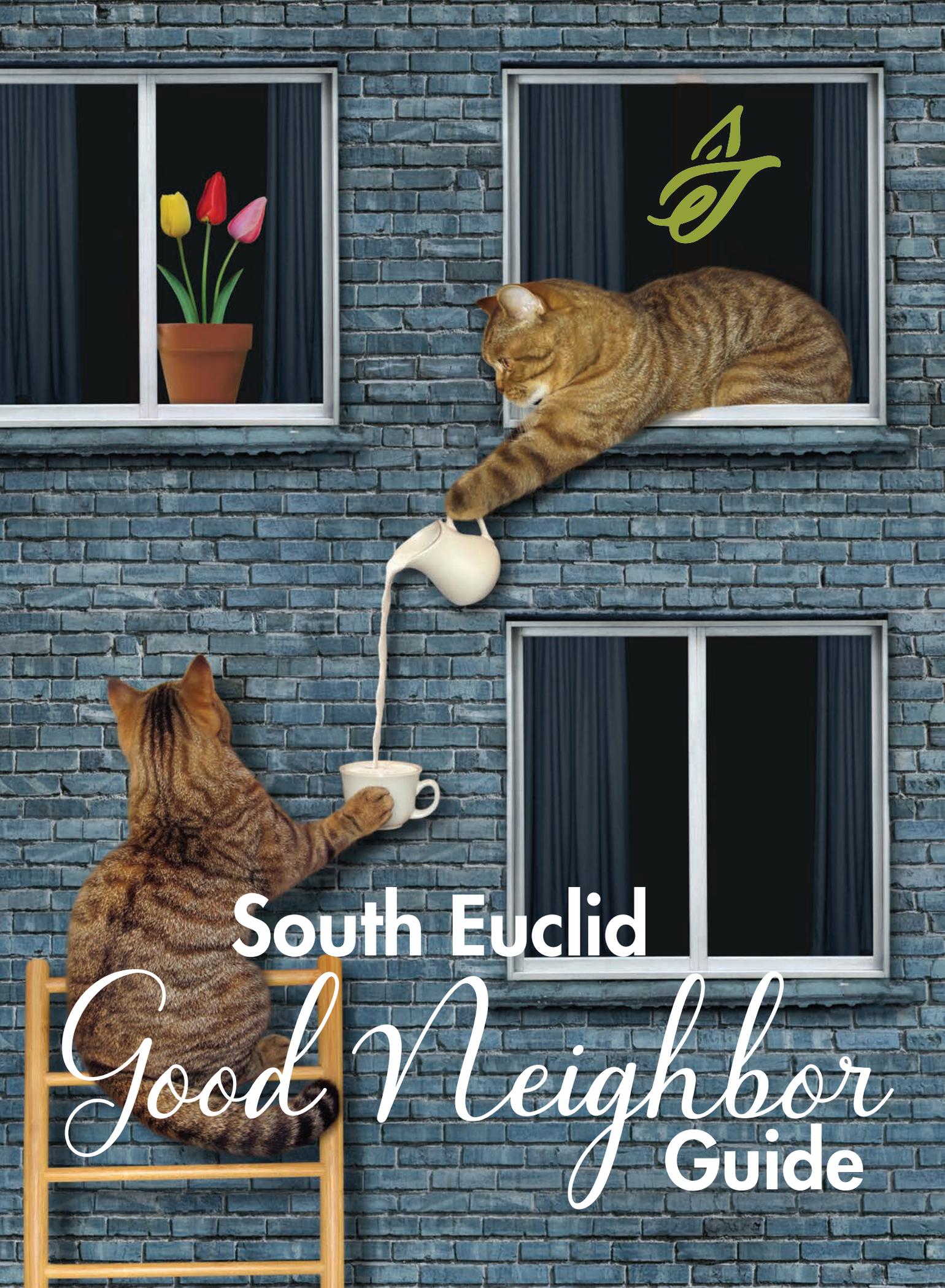
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South Euclid

Good Neighbor
Guide

Why do we need a Good Neighbor Guide?

It's important that residents know and understand various laws and community-accepted standards for being a good neighbor and contributing in a positive way toward quality of life in our community.

Thanks to you, our city is comprised of friendly down-to-earth people who are genuine in their community pride and neighborly respect.

South Euclid's neighborhoods are active, vibrant, cool and fun. They are chock full of diverse people, businesses, schools, and residences. This makes all of our neighborhoods unique and South Euclid as a whole a richer community.

Well maintained homes and peaceful and vibrant neighborhoods provide a better quality of life not only for you, but for your neighbors as well. The City of South Euclid wants our residents to enjoy their homes and neighborhoods and make them meaningful and vibrant places to live.

Our brand "Come Together & Thrive" is not just a slogan. It was

created in response to a resident-driven process in 2012 that asked residents what makes South Euclid a great place to live, work and play. Key advantages identified included that our community is sustainability minded, family friendly, diverse, progressive and culturally rich.

This Good Neighbor Guide is meant to be a resource that you keep and utilize whenever you're looking for basic information about rules and regulations in South Euclid. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at commservices@seuclid.com or 216.381.0400 and we'll be happy to help you with additional questions that may not be in this Guide.

By providing helpful information on city services and regulations in this Good Neighbor Guide, we hope you can get the most out of living in South Euclid and your neighborhood and help keep South Euclid a great place to "Come Together & Thrive"!

Keys for Peaceful Living

Get to Know Your Neighbors! Your neighbors would love to get to know you! It's always great to stop by and introduce yourself, or you can even stick a note on their door. If that's not your style, a simple "hello" or even a wave and a smile are great ways to begin building neighborly connections.

Appreciate & Celebrate Our Differences! The great thing about South Euclid is that we are diverse and inclusive and each of us a unique individual. Think about all of the different lifestyles of people on your street. Some are single young professionals, married couples with small children or teenagers, retirees or college students. Some may even have different work and sleep schedules. Consideration of different lifestyles and work schedules are important components when thinking about how

to be a good neighbor. Also, many of us have dogs and cats, so please don't forget to make sure your pets are considerate to others.

Communication is Key! Talking to your neighbors is a great way to make friends and build relationships. They are a wealth of info about what goes on in the neighborhood. If you're planning on having guests, it's always helpful to ask about parking or noise that may be intrusive. Opening the line of communication can help keep concerns or issues from turning into conflicts.

Lend a Helping Hand! If you notice your neighbor's yard looks like it needs a helping hand, it might be nice to ask if they need a little help before reporting it to the city. In South Euclid you'll often see neighbors helping out older folks in the neighborhood. That's what makes living here great. So, join in, grab a rake or a shovel and be a part of helping them out. Your neighbors will appreciate it and may even offer to help you too!

The Good Neighbor Guide is intended to help support a high quality of life for all of those that call South Euclid home. A good neighbor is considerate, friendly and participates in actions that support community. While the Guide can be utilized as a reference for common scenarios related to neighborhood issues, we recommend reviewing the following tips and resources that are critical to creating and maintaining good neighbor relationships.

Quick Good Neighbor Tips:

- Make meaningful contact. Introduce yourself to your neighbors. A simple hello goes a long way to building relationships.
- Know neighbors on a personal level. Ask questions about their interests, professions, backgrounds and family.
- Be considerate. Please think about your neighbors' schedules, which may be different from yours, and be considerate. Making too much noise, particularly late at night, is a nuisance and against the law. Large parties can also cause friction with your neighbors and violate city ordinances.
- Be respectful. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming and inclusive community. Please treat others as you would expect them to treat you.

- Know your city and neighborhood. Familiarize yourself with regulations on things like noise and litter, parking and snow removal. Much of this information can be found in this edition of South Euclid Magazine.

Our Good Neighbor Vision

South Euclid will become a community of friendly people who demonstrate consideration of and respect for diversity across racial, ethnic, age, religious and class lines. We seek to establish common values reflecting understanding of how behaviors affect our neighbors. This is paramount to our continued development as a community. South Euclid's strength is in its people, neighborhoods, elected officials, amenities, educational and religious institutions and commitment to civic responsibility.

Our Good Neighbor Mission

The mission of the Good Neighbor Program is to promote the highest quality of life for all residents in South Euclid through initiatives that encourage and empower neighbors to support and respect each other and come together and thrive!

Good Neighbor Guide Top Five

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WE ALL LOVE MUSIC, BUT...

In order to make our neighborhoods enjoyable to everyone, the City of South Euclid has noise control ordinances regulating noise levels in the city. Just know that any excessive noise from loud music, outdoor activities, cars, and guests coming or going to your home during late night or early morning hours might cause concern with your neighbors. Please be considerate.

2

KEEP IT CLEAN

In South Euclid, we're known for being a clean and green community and we take pride in our sustainable efforts. You can help by making sure that trash and recycling bins are only taken to the curb on the evening before pickup and collected within 12 hours after collection. Join the Plogging Craze and when out walking consider taking a bag with you to pick up trash when you see it.

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GREEN AND LOOKING GREAT!

The City also has ordinances that ensure our homes are kept up and looking good. In general, we ask that you keep your grass mowed, your sidewalks and driveways edged, and your flower beds weed free. Also, if your siding or porch is painted and starts to peel, sand and repaint to keep them looking nice. One South Euclid, our community development corporation, has a yearly grant program to help residents with exterior maintenance issues. Visit www.onesoutheuclid.org for more information.

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PARK SMART!

Parking in front yards, on sidewalks, in front of fire hydrants and other people's driveways, or on-street overnight, is not allowed in South Euclid. Since no one likes to see that ticket on their car windshield, please make sure that guests are aware of these rules. Of course, on occasion, we understand if a car needs to be on the street overnight. Please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 216.381.1234 to notify the police so they won't ticket your car.

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BARK. MEOW.

Pets make great friends, but disruptive pets can put a strain on your neighborly relationships. Please be considerate of your neighbors and help keep your pets from making excessive noise and wandering onto neighbors' properties. Also, remember that all dogs must be licensed through Cuyahoga County (call 216.443.6938 for information). Take additional care to make sure that your pets are properly vaccinated and cared for, prevent excessive pet-related noise, keep pets restrained in an appropriate manner, and very importantly, dispose of your pet's waste. Dogs are allowed in Parks, but only in non-recreational areas and only on leash. The only exception is at our Dog Park at Quarry Park, where your dog is allowed to play, romp and roll around freely and have fun with other furry friends!

Maintaining South Euclid as a Peaceful Place to Come Together & Thrive!

Being a good neighbor and keeping our neighborhoods clean and peaceful are goals, which all South Euclid residents should strive to achieve.

Whether it's providing a helping hand to a neighbor or serving as the vital link in a neighborhood Block Club or watch program, the value of having residents who are cooperative and respectful of each other's rights can never be underestimated.

Loud Noises

Sound producing devices are prohibited between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays, 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturday and 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Sunday.

The following are examples (not exclusive) of noises subject to "disturbing the peace" when exhibited at a loud or unnecessary level: Yelling and shouting (including children at play), swearing, exhausts, sound producing devices, e.g. stereos, TVs, horns and alarms, etc.

Trespassing

Please be respectful of other people's property. Do not cut across someone's yard, sit on a neighbor's porch or steps without their permission, or congregate on someone's lawn. Parents, please remind your children and young adults to stay off other people's property and be respectful of our neighbors.

Simple "Do's & Don'ts" for Being a Good Neighbor!

While most people recognize the value of being a good neighbor, there are a number of neighborly practices, which everyone should keep in mind. The following list of "Do's and Don'ts" highlights some of the essential building blocks necessary for a vibrant, vital and peaceful community.

Please Do ...

- Help maintain the appearance of your neighborhood by parking either on the street or in your driveway.
- Remove empty trash cans and any remaining debris from the curb within 12 hours after your trash has been picked up. Leaving trash cans at the curbside for an extended period creates an impression of an untidy neighborhood and also contributes to health and sanitation problems by attracting flies and other pests.
- Perform minor repairs and maintenance work including oil and tire changes, brake inspections, or fluid checks in your driveway or garage instead of the roadway. Doing this avoids creating a hazardous situation, which could endanger your life as well as the safety of motorists, who are properly using the roadways.
- Enjoy your radio, television, or music – but not at the expense and irritation of others. South Euclid has various noise and disturbance regulations designed to restrict excessive levels of noise. Violation of these noise regulations constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.
- Keep your lawn, trees, and shrubbery well watered and neatly trimmed. Since the appearance of our homes and lawns speaks to the pride of living in South Euclid, diligent property maintenance of lawns and associated landscaping will increase property values as you do your part to beautify our community.

- Obtain a license for your dog and always walk it with a leash. A dog whose turf includes every yard on the block can quickly upset the tranquility of a neighborhood. Remember that being a good neighbor includes being a responsible pet owner.
- Make sure to have Smoke/CO2 Detectors in your home and check the batteries twice a year. Call the Fire Department if you need any help with the installation or inspection of these life saving devices!
- Get to know your neighbors and give them a hand if they need help.
- Don't hesitate to call the Police Department or 911 if you are ever suspicious of any criminal activity taking place.

Please Don't ...

- Don't park cars on your front lawn. Aside from giving your home and neighborhood an unsightly appearance, lawn parking is a violation of our code and can result in the issuance of a citation to the owner of the vehicle.
- Don't leave your car parked on the street overnight. If you must leave the car on the street for any reason, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 216.381.1234.
- Don't leave trash cans at the curb after your trash is picked up.
- Don't perform maintenance work or make repairs on vehicles parked on public streets.
- Don't play loud music or make loud noises that disturb the peace and quiet of your neighbors. This includes playing radios loudly while operating cars, vans, or SUVs.
- Don't allow overgrown vegetation rubbish to accumulate in your yard. This situation creates an unsightly appearance for your home as well as your neighborhood. It also can result in a fire hazard if the vegetation dries out, as is often the case during summer months.
- Don't house an unlicensed dog or allow that animal to roam the neighborhood unleashed.
- Don't raise or keep chickens on your property without first obtaining a valid permit from the city.
- Don't use your garage as additional space either for yourself or for others. This is unsafe, unhealthy, and unattractive.

Get to Know the Neighborhood

Getting to know the people in your neighborhood is essential to developing a cohesive neighborhood and can be fun as well!

One of the best ways to develop an effective system for neighborhood communications is through participation in a Neighborhood Block Club. Block Clubs provide a means for residents of the area to get together and discuss neighborhood concerns. They also provide a forum for dialogue between City officials and local residents.

Block Clubs

While there are many active Block Clubs throughout the city, it's possible that your block may not yet be organized. If that's the case, the City can assist you in starting your own neighborhood block club. Information for forming a block club can be obtained by calling 216.381.0400 or emailing kbenjamin@seuclid.com.



Animals, Pets & Urban Agriculture

General Laws for Dogs

- Dogs should be leashed at all times when they are outside.
- Don't let your dog bark or howl so that it disturbs the peace.
- Remove all feces deposited by your pet on public or private property and dispose in your own trash.
- Please do not put it down the drain!!!
- All dogs must wear valid license tags issued by the County.
- Dogs must be leashed when off the owner's property.
- Dogs must be contained or leashed while on their property.

Are Dogs Allowed in Parks?

In 2015, City Council revised rules allowing dogs in parks as long as they are kept on leash, cleaned up after and under control of the owner at all times. Dogs may not enter any playground area, tennis court, ballfield, swimming pool, splash park or community garden.

Does South Euclid Have a Dog Park?

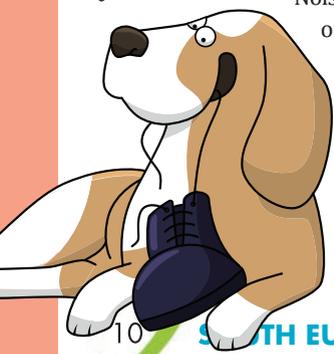
Yes! South Euclid has one of the only dog parks on Greater Cleveland's east side. The Dog Park is located at Quarry Park North on the corner of South Belvoir and Monticello Boulevards. Please be aware of and follow all posted rules and regulations regarding use of the dog park. The Dog Park was expanded in 2017 to add a fenced area for small dogs.

Chickens & Urban Agriculture

- In 2015, City Council passed legislation allowing for the keeping of a maximum of four chickens as a "conditional use." A permit is required from the building department and coops, cages and sanitation measures must meet strict regulations.
- Please note that roosters are not permitted and slaughtering of chickens is not permitted. For more information see Section 722.05 of the City's codified ordinances or call 216.381.0400.

Guidance Regarding Nuisance Issues, Dangerous or Vicious Animals

- While South Euclid has a vicious dog ordinance, the law is not breed specific. A dangerous or vicious animal is determined by behavior and not breed.
- While on property pets must be either indoors or in a locked pen or structure with at least a 6 foot high fence with top.
- A visible warning sign must be displayed and contain the following "Warning – dangerous animal – keep away". Specifications can be found in Ordinances Section 505.01.
- Noisy dogs can be a problem. Barking, howling, or whining that bothers neighbors is included in Section 505.09.
 - Humane treatment is required (Section 505.07). Neglect of animals is in section 505.07 and 505.071.



- With the exception of guide dogs and service animals, pets are not permitted on school property, in any public building or median strips on South Belvoir or Warrensville Center Road.

South Euclid Humane Society

The South Euclid Humane Society is a not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to finding homes and providing the proper care for homeless, abandoned, injured, and sick animals.

Animals contribute great joy and beauty to our world, yet many of these wonderful creatures are dependent on humans for their continued well-being. To care for these animals in our local community, South Euclid Humane Society was founded in March 2000.

The Society recognizes the value of each animal's life, and therefore will not euthanize any animal unless determined by a veterinarian to be the most merciful treatment.

The volunteers of the South Euclid Humane Society are committed to finding the most suitable match for available pets with prospective owners. We require every adoptive pet owner to sign our adoption agreement promising the best possible care of the animal and the return of the animal to South Euclid Humane Society should problems occur after adoption. The adopted animals are spayed/neutered prior to adoption unless the animals are too young.

The cats and kittens are housed at Petsmart in South Euclid and the Beachwood Petco and are available for adoption during store hours. If you are interested in adopting a cat, dog, or bunny, please visit us and meet these wonderful animals. Please support our friends at Petsmart and Beachwood Petco and thank them for helping their local community.

We also encourage residents to join our foster care program and offer temporary homes to homeless animals until forever homes can be found. If you are interested in fostering an animal, please contact us. We pay all medical expenses and provide food and litter. Initial immunizations are given to our fostered dogs and cats.

For more information about the Humane Society, including how to make a donation, please contact County Councilwoman Sunny Simon at 216.291.8773 or visit the Humane Society's webpage at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com.

South Euclid shares an Animal Warden with neighboring cities. Please call 216.381.0402 or 216.381.1234 to report an issue with an animal.

For ordinances regarding other pets and dogs see Section 505 of the Codified Ordinances of South Euclid.





LET'S TALK ABOUT SAFETY!

Our Safety Forces are here to serve and protect you! If you ever feel in danger or see something suspicious, please do not hesitate to call 911. If you would like to talk with the Police Department about a non-emergency issue, feel free to call 216.381.1234. If you have a question about fire safety, including assistance with Smoke Detectors/CO2 Detectors and fire extinguishers, feel free to contact the Fire Department at 216.381.1212.

Each resident should be concerned about the impact their behavior might have on the community or their neighbors. The following ordinances are designed to keep our properties safe and appealing while conducting ourselves in a responsible manner.

Is there a Curfew for our youth?

Yes. Young people, when not accompanied by an adult, are subject to the following hours (i.e., they should be indoors between these times):

- Under 12 years old: Curfew between sunset and 6 a.m.
- 13-15 years of age: Curfew between the hours of 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- 16 & 17 years of age: Curfew between the hours of 11:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Minors in violation shall be dealt with in accordance with Juvenile Court law and procedure.

Do I need to register Bicycles?

All bicycles must be registered with the police department. Registration also helps us contact you in the event that a bike is stolen and found. The traffic code applies to all bicycle riders. All bicycle riders under age 14 must wear an approved helmet. All riders must ride single file and all riders must ride on seats. Contact the Police Department at 216.381.1234 for registration information.

Can I park my car overnight on the street?

No. Parking is prohibited on all city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and in all snow conditions over a 2 inch accumulation. However, if for some reason, you must park overnight on the street, please notify the Police Department.

Can I park my car on my front lawn?

No. Parking is not permitted on lawns.

What if I have a Commercial Vehicle?

All commercial vehicles must be parked inside a garage or enclosed structure with the door closed.



How about Recreational Vehicles and Boats?

All boats and recreational vehicles must be parked indoors unless in a screened enclosure approved by the zoning administrator. For more information, contact the Building/Housing Department at 216.381.0400.

What if I have an Inoperable or Unlicensed Vehicle?

Parking of inoperable/unlicensed vehicles is not permitted unless they are stored in an enclosed structure.

What are our Open Burning laws?

Open burning is allowed, but regulated, in the City. Fire Pits and Chimineas are allowed, but cannot be located on any combustible surface like a deck or wooden platform or under a combustible overhang. The approved container must be at least 15 feet from any combustible structure or materials.

Open flame cooking on outdoor grills and charcoal burners is allowed, but not on balconies or within 10 feet of combustible structures.

Can we set off Fireworks?

No person shall possess, sell, or discharge fireworks in the city.

What about Firearms?

Discharging firearms, or other arrow, missile, pellet, stone, metal or other substance capable of causing physical harm or property damage is not permitted in the city.

Are there regulations regarding the use of Motorcycles?

All motorcycles must have a muffler and all operators under age 18 must wear a proper helmet. When riding upon the streets of South Euclid, all motorcyclists shall ride in single file.

Mini Bikes/Go carts

No person shall operate any unlicensed Mini Bike/Go Cart on any street, public way, or park within the city.



QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES & LAWS

In South Euclid, we take great pride in being an inclusive, diverse and progressive community. Because many streets are densely populated with neighbors living in close proximity, the following ordinances and good neighbor policies are in place to insure we all have a quiet, peaceful existence.

HOUSING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Trash & Recycling Collection

- Trash and Recycling are collected weekly utilizing collection carts provided to every household.
- Please do not place rubbish on the tree lawn prior to 6 p.m. the day before your scheduled pickup and remove empty containers within 12 hours after pickup.
- **How do I find out what day my trash is scheduled for pickup?** A map with the weekly pickup schedule is posted on the city's website on the Service Department page. For specific questions, please call City Hall at 216.381.0400 or the Service Department at 216.381.0402.
- **Is pickup delayed on holidays?** Yes. Trash and Recycling Collection are delayed one day on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- **What about large items that won't fit in the containers?** Bulky articles such as large boxes, large furniture, crates, cartons and any other items too large to be placed in containers must be collapsed and weigh not more than 50 pounds. Mattresses and box springs will have to be wrapped in heavy plastic and secured with duct tape.
- **What should I do with Yard Waste?** Tree and hedge trimmings must be tied and bundled, not over 4 feet in length, and not more than 1 foot in diameter and not weigh more than 40 pounds; all other yard waste must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags.
 - Leaves may be piled on the tree lawn for collection from October until December for curbside collection. Please

DO NOT put any sticks, grass, perennials, trash or any other foreign material with the leaves. At all other times, they should be placed in brown paper yard waste bags. Leaves should be raked in a pile and placed by the curb (NOT IN STREET) on your property only. Do not put branches or other waste in the leaf pile.

- **What about home renovation materials?** Rugs, carpeting and carpet padding must be tied and bundled, not over 4 feet in length and not more

than 1 foot in diameter, and not weigh more than 30 pounds.

- **Large Appliances:** Refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed and must lay down flat before placing outside for collection. Do not stand upright.
- **Are there any materials that won't be collected?** The following materials will NOT be collected: any building materials, tires, dirt, rocks, broken concrete, explosives, poison and any other hazardous or toxic materials or substances.
 - Latex Paint disposal: Remove the lids and solidify paint with kitty litter and put in your trash container for regular pickup.
 - Any large amounts of miscellaneous trash (ex: moving out), must be removed by a private contractor at owner's expense.
- **Where can I safely dispose of old medication?** The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office provides an ongoing disposal option for unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs or medications. A convenient drop box is located at the front window of the South Euclid Police Department for safe disposal of unwanted medications.
- **Where can I dispose of old tires?** When you buy new tires, dispose of your old tires through your tire retailer at the time of purchase. If you already have tires at home, contact one of the following store chains who provide tire disposal for non-customers. These include Conrad's Tire Express, Firestone Auto Care and National Tire and Battery.

In 2019, South Euclid will have a special drop off September 3-27 at the city service garage. Automotive only (20 inch or less) and no tires on rims. Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- **What if I have hazardous household waste?** You can dispose of your household hazardous waste at the City's Service Garage, 4224 Monticello Blvd, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

What is Recyclable?

Please place the following materials loose in your Recycle Bin (Do not put recyclables in plastic bags).

- Cans: Please empty and rinse
- Cartons: Empty, rinse and replace cap
- Glass: Empty & Rinse
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs: Empty, rinse and replace cap
- Paper and Boxes: Flatten cardboard
- Please note that plastic cups and utensils are not recyclable.

For more information about Recycling please visit: www.CuyahogaRecycles.org.



Recycling Events in South Euclid

The South Euclid Recycling Committee and the City hold several events each year to promote recycling including a Computer Recycling Roundup, Community Shred Days, FreeCycle & E-Cycle. Please call 216.381.0400 for more information about upcoming dates, check the events schedule of South Euclid Magazine (page 16), or visit our website at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com.

Grass, Weeds and Landscaping

Grass and weeds should not exceed 6 inches in height. If a homeowner or occupant doesn't comply with this rule the city will issue a 72 hour notice to those properties in violation. If the grass is not cut within 72 hours, the housing department is authorized to abate the nuisance and the owner of the property will be charged for the cost of abatement at any time grass exceeds 6" for the remainder of the growing season.. The city will issue violations for properties that have predominantly dead grass, trees, shrubbery or lack of landscape maintenance that debases the property with respect to the overall appearance of other properties in the immediate area.

Shrubbery and Hedges – Sight Obstructions

All hedges or shrubbery along any driveway between the public sidewalk and property line must be kept at a height of three feet or less. In addition, any hedge or shrubbery along the front property line abutting the public sidewalk must be a height of 3 feet or less.

Litter and Waste materials

A Good Neighbor practice is to pick up litter on your property or any public areas and deposit into an appropriate container. No person should permit accumulations of waste paper, litter, hay and/or straw, dirt, concrete, rubble and construction materials, on their property.

Window Coverings/Newspapers

Window coverings, treatments, drapes, shades, blinds, shutters and rod/supports shall be maintained in working order

and perform their intended function. Also, windows cannot be covered with newspapers or plywood for more than 30 days unless approved by the Building Commissioner.

Maintenance of house exteriors and other structures on your property

Any house, or other structure on the property whose exterior surface is not in reasonably good condition, deteriorated, decaying, disintegrating or whose exterior surface has weathered with dirt and grime, or has peeling or flaking paint shall be repaired, repainted or resurfaced.

All exterior parts of the house or other structure on your property including exterior walls shall be reasonably maintained in a safe condition and weather tight so as to resist decay or deterioration.

All buckled, rotted or decayed walls, doors, windows, porches, floors, steps, railings, trim and any of their missing members must be replaced and put in good condition.

Exterior house inspections are part of the City inspection program whereby each property is inspected every five years.

Gutters

All roofs of every structure shall be maintained weather tight and shall be equipped with gutters and downspouts connected to a public storm sewer.

Sidewalks

Every owner of a building, or lot or land fronting on any street, road, or other public highway of the City is charged with the construction, maintenance and repair of necessary sidewalks. The owner is liable for injuries to any person or property while in the lawful use of such sidewalk as a result of failure to maintain sidewalk in good repair.

Sidewalks are part of the City inspection program. Sidewalks which are defective (such as cracks greater than 1/2 of an inch or uneven blocks greater than 3/4 of an inch), can be repaired by a contractor of choice.

Permits and Inspections

The issuance of a permit notifies the local municipality of work that is being performed. It also prompts an inspection to assure that minimum standards to safeguard life, limb, health, property and public welfare are maintained and followed.

Helps Protect Property Values

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the City or State of Ohio, the value of your investment could be reduced.

Saves You Money

Property insurers may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.

Improves Safety

Your permit allows the code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe constructions to provide for public health, safety and welfare. Mandatory inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances resulting in a safer project and making sure your project is completed safely and correctly.

Does the City conduct inspections on my home?

To ensure that South Euclid remains a desirable and vibrant community, the Housing Department conducts complete exterior inspections of all residential premises approximately every five years. Each year the housing department will mail letters to any street that is on the inspection list for the given year.

If I am making home repairs and/or renovations, how do I obtain a permit?

For your protection, permits are required before any home construction or improvements can be done. Permits are issued to the person who will physically perform the work for which the permit is sought.

Permits are obtained at the Building Department from 8 a.m.-

3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Check with the Department before beginning any construction, electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning work. Permits are also required for garage sales and satellite dishes. Feel free to contact the Building and Housing Department with any questions at 216.691.4242.

Permits and Forms are available on the City's homepage: www.cityofsoutheuclid.com. Click on "Permits & Forms" at the top of the page.

Does the City have a list of Contractors?

Upon request and for informational purposes only, the Building Department can provide homeowners with a list of contractors who have met the registration requirements for the City of South Euclid, and are licensed, bonded and insured to work in the city. Although neither the Building Department nor the City recommends contractors, the Registered Contractors list can be a great help to the homeowner in choosing a licensed contractor for their project.

Do I need a Permit for a Garage/Yard Sale?

Yes. Permits are required, but there is no fee for the first three (3) permits in a calendar year for any residence. Residents shall pay a fee of \$5 for every additional permit after the first three permits.

Do I need a permit for each consecutive day I have a sale?

No. A permit for each sale shall be valid for three consecutive days.

What if our street or neighborhood group wants to have a streetwide yard/garage sale?

We encourage residents to work together to promote organized yard/garage sales. While a permit is required by the organizer, no fee shall be charged.

How can I advertise/promote my garage/yard sale?

We encourage you to advertise on your personal social media pages or in the weekly paper. You are permitted to place a sign on the address of the property – but not on the tree lawn, poles or trees in the right-of-way.

Is the Permit available online?

Yes! Please visit www.cityofsoutheuclid.com and click on "Permits & Forms" at the top of the homepage.

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Search all of the City's laws and ordinances at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com. Click the "Charter/Ordinances" button at the top of the homepage.

Common Questions

When are Council Meetings?

Council Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month, except August when Council is on recess. If a Council Meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting is usually rescheduled for the following day.

Are Agendas and Minutes from Meetings Available for Review?

Yes. Agendas for each Council meeting are available on the City's website a minimum of 48 hours prior to each meeting. Minutes from meetings are posted following their approval by Council.

What are the hours of operation at City Hall?

City Hall departments and offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Who is my Councilperson?

The City has four elected "Ward" councilpersons and three at-large councilpersons. Contact information for all elected councilpersons are available on the City's website at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/city-council. A Ward Map is also on the

page so you can determine your Ward. Please feel free to call us at 216.381.0400 if you need assistance locating the information.

How do I reach the Municipal Court?

The South Euclid Municipal Court is a separate branch of government with an elected Judge and is not under the jurisdiction of the Mayor or City Council. The Court is located on the second floor of City Hall. For hours of operation and more information on cases, fines and payments, please visit the court's website at www.southeuclidcourt.com or call 216.381.2880.

How do I reach the School District?

The majority of residents reside in the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District, although a few streets near Cedar Center are in the Cleveland Heights University Heights School District. Each public school district is a separate branch of government with their own elected School Board and is not under the jurisdiction of the Mayor or City Council.

Contact the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District at www.sel.k12.oh.us or 216.691.2000 or Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools at www.chuh.org or 216.371.7171.

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APRIL

Thursday, April 25, 2019
Creating Community Diversity Series
- FREE - Connecting the Generations
 6-8 pm at South Euclid Lyndhurst Library
 See page 24 for more information.



Friday, April 26, 2019
Arbor Day Celebration at Langerdale Marsh on South Green Road
 12 p.m.

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
 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

MAY

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
 Pool Passes on Sale at Community Center.
 See page 20 for more information.



Saturday, May 11, 2019
Spring Community Garage Sale at the Community Center
 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, May 11, 2019
Community Shred Day at City Hall (Back Parking Lot)
 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Limit 3 (Three) Boxes Per Resident



Monday, May 27, 2019
Memorial Day Parade
 South Green Road from Notre Dame to the War Memorial
 9 a.m.



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JUNE

Saturday, June 1, 2019
 Bexley Pool & Quarry Splash Park Open!

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Creating Community Diversity Series
- FREE - Allyship 101: Supporting our LGBTQ+ Community
 6-8 pm at South Euclid Lyndhurst Library
 See page 24 for more information.

Saturday, June 8th-Sunday, June 9th, 2019
South Euclid Garden Walk
 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Each Day
 Community Center Open, Various Homes, Community Gardens, Pocket Parks, etc.

Monday, June 10, 2019 - Friday, July 19, 2019
Summer Youth Program - FREE
 See page 26 for more information.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Bexley Bash at Bexley Park
 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Farmer's Market, Food Trucks, Music
 Music By: Natalie Stamper and The One Show Highway

Saturday June 15, 2019
Oakwood Commons First Responders at Moe's Southwest Grill Entrance
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 FD/PD/Service Touch-a-Truck, Info Tables, Activities, Moe's food sales for PD/FD Charities



Saturday, June 22, 2019
Rock the Block on Mayfield Road from Sheffield Road to South Green Road
 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 Live Music, Food, Beer Garden, Kids' Activities, Entertainment, and more. Music By: The Big 5 Show, Cocktail Johnny, Tony Quarles & The Discovery Band, and The Spazmatics

Friday, June 28, 2019
INTERSECTION at Mayfield & Green
 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Food Trucks, Beer Garden, Games, Music
 Music By: Billy Likes Soda



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“Project Fish Bowl”: Protecting Our Homes from Tax Foreclosure

A starfish sits on the table in Michael Sweeney’s office. Given the enormity of the task at hand, it calls to mind the often-shared parable of the starfish:

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, “What are you doing?” The youth replied, “Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them back, they’ll die.” “Son,” the man said, “don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can’t make a difference!”

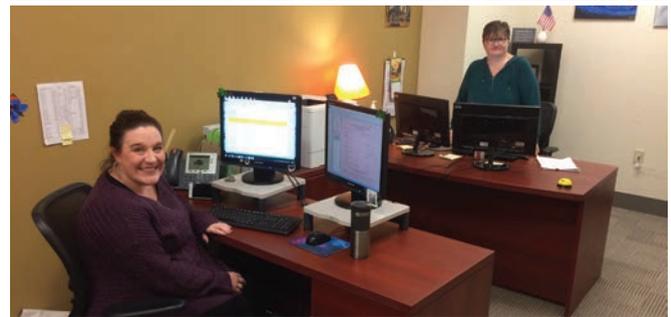
After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said... “I made a difference for that one.”

Project Fish Bowl, the initiative Sweeney is spearheading for Cuyahoga County, is completing its first full year and just like the boy in the parable of the starfish, he spends his day helping one person at a time, working toward the Herculean goal of collecting the more than \$357 million worth of unpaid residential and commercial property taxes that plague the county. A joint effort between the County Fiscal Office and County Prosecutor Michael O’Malley’s Office to increase property tax collection, Project Fish Bowl, or its official name: the Delinquent Tax Outreach Department, uses a personal approach that is more than a little unexpected coming from a tax collector.

It’s an understatement to say that Cuyahoga

County has a problem with delinquent property taxes. In the aftermath of the housing crisis, nearly 36,000 parcels have a delinquent balance which can lead to the loss of property through tax foreclosure. Property tax revenue pays for essential services like schools, libraries, parks, and city services. When taxes go unpaid, communities suffer. In the years during the housing crisis, fiscal constraints resulted in a reduction of staffing levels in the Treasurer’s Office by more than half. Today the department has approximately 40 employees compared to over 100 prior to the housing crisis. Proactive outreach to taxpayers was no longer feasible with remaining staff. Meanwhile, delinquent balances grew at exponential rates.

The Vacant and Abandoned Property Action Council (VAPAC), an ad hoc group of housing stakeholders and policy experts that have been meeting monthly for over 13 years to collaborate on ways to promote neighborhood stability and increase governmental response to housing issues, called attention to the problem in a paper the group published on tax delinquency and tax lien sales in 2015. The paper suggested reestablishing a collections call-out process that the County used many years before to reach out to taxpayers prior to filing a tax foreclosure. The project was then known as the Fish Bowl — originally named for the public-facing glass cubicles that used to house Treasury employees in the former county administration building. South Euclid Housing Director Sally Martin co-chairs



VAPAC’s Delinquent Tax Working Group. “We saw an opportunity to improve a number of processes related to property tax collection and are very pleased that county leadership took the initiative to implement many of the suggestions outlined in the report, including bringing back Project Fish Bowl,” said Martin.

In early 2018, the county’s Chief Fiscal Officer Dennis Kennedy and County Prosecutor Michael O’Malley made the decision to bring back Project Fish Bowl, and Sweeney, a 30-year County Treasury employee, was tapped to run it. According to Sweeney, “We are focused on trying to catch delinquencies early, when they can more easily be solved.” This approach relies on letters, phone calls, and even the occasional personal visit. Currently Sweeney and his team of two part-time interns, and two staff members from the Prosecutor’s Office, are personally reaching out to every

delinquent taxpayer receiving a homestead exemption. To receive a homestead exemption a taxpayer must be a senior citizen or disabled individual living in the exempted property. The exemption reduces the taxable value of the home, reducing the property taxes owed. “Some of the people we call have no idea that they have a delinquent balance. Sometimes they have paid off their mortgage and don’t realize that their taxes are no longer being escrowed or perhaps they have been recently widowed and weren’t aware that there was a bill due,” said Sweeney.

In 30 plus years of tax collecting Sweeney has seen it all, from the most heart-wrenching to the most heart-warming of stories. “I recently received a check from an elderly taxpayer with a thank you note attached. She had no idea her taxes were delinquent and she was grateful that we let her know,” said Sweeney. Recent outreach to an area business yielded a



\$1.9 million check to pay off back taxes. The owner of the business was surprisingly not aware of the delinquency. A local family with 17 different properties— some family businesses or vacant land parcels, some homes where relatives resided— had become tax delinquent after the family suffered job losses and a relative’s death, and foreclosure proceedings were imminent. After months of effort on the part of the family with the guidance of Fish Bowl staff, all of the properties were brought current and remain in the family.

To address property tax delinquencies the county can take three approaches. Taxpayers can pay off the delinquent balance by paying in full or establishing a payment plan; the county can sell a tax lien where the delinquent tax debt is sold to a third party who then attempts to collect from the taxpayer; or the County Prosecutor can file a tax foreclosure, taking the property back at Sheriff’s Sale as payment on the debt. The county currently files approximately 4,000 tax foreclosures a year, and usually offers one bulk tax lien sale annually.

In addition to Sweeney and his team’s personal calls and letters, he has enlisted the help of municipalities as well. “Mayors in many communities are helping us by sending personal letters to delinquent taxpayers to encourage them to call us to get on a payment plan to get their taxes back on track,” said Sweeney. So far the approach seems to be working. Project Fish Bowl has

collected over \$11 million during its first year of operation.

The process of tax collection is tightly regulated by the Ohio Revised Code. The county must work within state law to collect taxes, which can limit their flexibility. For taxpayers who are delinquent, the county is permitted to offer a payment plan of up to five years to pay off back taxes. During the time of the payment plan, current taxes must be kept up-to-date. To make it easier for taxpayers to stay current, the county offers Easy-Pay, an automatic monthly payment process to pay property taxes in equal installments. For those needing budget counseling and more personal attention to get their taxes back on track, the county is funding local HUD-approved housing counseling agencies to provide the service to taxpayers at no cost.

In South Euclid, Mayor Georgine Welo has been reaching out to delinquent taxpayers for years, and advocated for the return of Project Fish Bowl. “I send letters to residents whenever I see that their taxes are falling behind or when I know that the county is planning to sell a tax lien on their property. There is no substitute for a personal approach,” said Mayor Welo. In addition, in 2015, South Euclid City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the registration of rental properties with delinquent taxes—a move that has since been replicated in several other cities. According to Housing Director

Sally Martin, “the ordinance and the outreach efforts have made a big difference in resolving the city’s property tax delinquency. One landlord came in with a receipt showing he paid off his \$30,000 delinquent balance. That ordinance, along with the Mayor’s outreach efforts, is going a long way toward reducing the city’s \$3 million delinquent balance.”

At Project Fish Bowl, Michael Sweeney never tires of working with one taxpayer at a time. “This

work is very rewarding. We do everything we can to help people keep their homes or businesses. We’re here to help.”

To reach the Delinquent Tax Outreach Department, a.k.a Project Fish Bowl, call 216.443.7698 or visit the Treasurer’s website: [https:// treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us/](https://treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us/). For a list of HUD approved housing counseling agencies, visit the www.cityofsoutheuclid.com.



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SPRING 2019

“Spring Time Is Fire Drill Time”

Spring is an excellent time to implement a home fire escape plan. Fire drills are an important part of fire safety. Most people who are injured or die in fires are in their own homes. By having a home fire drill several times a year it can greatly reduce the chances of a tragedy occurring in your home. Home fire drills only take a few minutes and should involve the whole family. Follow these simple steps to complete your home fire escape plan.

Step One

This spring make sure your home has adequate smoke alarms and they are in working condition. Each home should have at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home, with one being outside of the sleeping area. We always recommend that you change your smoke alarm batteries during daylight saving time. This is also a good time to review your smoke alarms, manufactured dates. National Fire Protection Association recommends that you replace your smoke alarms every ten years. It is important to teach younger members of the family what the smoke alarm sounds like, so if they alarm, they will know that there is smoke or a fire in the home.

Step Two

Make a home fire escape plan for your household. The plan should be based around having two ways out of every room. A diagram or sketch of your home is often helpful. Next, choose a meeting place where everyone goes when they exit the home, so all can be accounted for. When calling 911 for an emergency it is important for all age appropriate members to know what to tell the 911 dispatcher. The emergency dispatcher will need to know your name, phone number, address, and what the emergency situation entails.



Step Three

Practice your plan. It does not have to be in the middle of the night or in bad weather. Pick a time when everyone is home and has time to practice. Remember, if you expect smaller children to open a window or door, make sure they are able to do it. Practice that upon exiting you encounter smoke and the importance to stay low and to crawl through it. If you own chain escape ladders you should practice going out a first floor window. Keep the ladder accessible under the bed or behind a dresser. Do not store it in a closet. When you are done practicing your fire escape plan, review it and make any necessary revisions.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Home Escape Plans, contact the South Euclid Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at 216.691.4273.

SUMMER FUN IN SOUTH EUCLID!

Pool Passes On-Sale May 1st! Pools Open June 1st!

Get ready for Summer Fun at the Bexley Park Pool and Quarry Park Splash Park!

Swimming Pool passes will go on sale May 1, 2019 at the Community Center, 1370 Victory Drive (behind Giant Eagle). Passes are available Monday-Friday from 9 am – 4:30 pm, with late hours until 7:00 pm on Tuesdays.

Please bring a valid driver's license or state ID AND a current utility bill (gas, electric, water, sewer or landline phone), or a current bank statement, or current lease

agreement. (We **CANNOT** accept mortgage bills/books, cell phone bills, car loan statements or other documents/personal mail as proof of residency.)

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

How About Joining in the GardenWalk?

Open your garden for GardenWalk South Euclid! The third annual GardenWalk South Euclid will take place on Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th from noon to 4 p.m. each day.

Last year's two-day gardening event attracted more than 400 visitors with a "bouquet of ideas, delighting folks with natural innovations, sometimes even mixed with the gardener's own artistic creativity". GardenWalk 2018 indeed featured a variety of gardens, including a 21-acre nature reserve, a nine-mile wetland, eight community gardens, three pocket parks and the Sanctuary on the Green. Forty-eight private gardens added to the excitement. We invite you to become one of those residents who opens their garden.

Visitors taking part in the 2018 GardenWalk were very appreciative of the beauty to be found in South Euclid. "An explosion of creativity," "fudge for the eyes," "a cornucopia of green ideas" were but a few of the positive reactions from visitors.

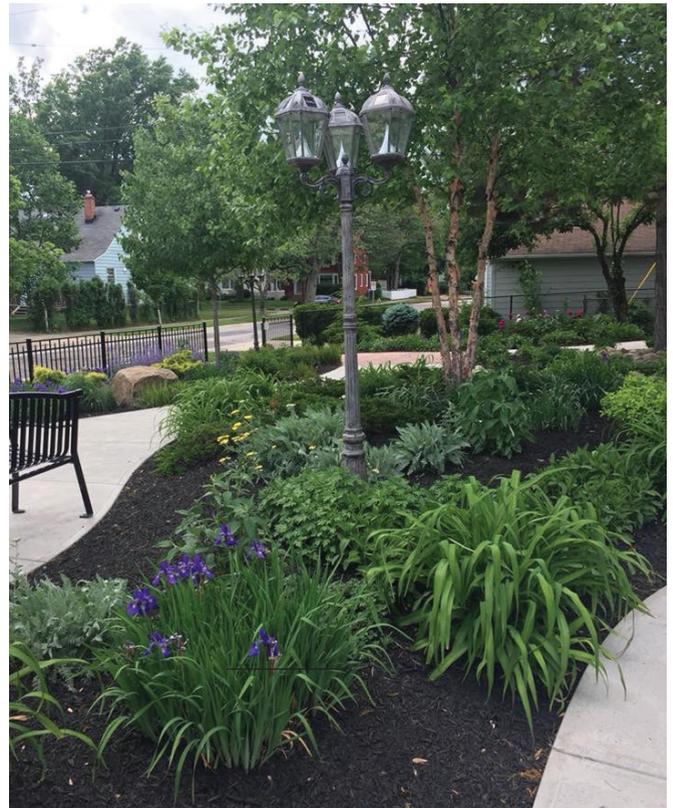
Gardeners enjoyed the opportunity to share their ideas: one gardener nestled stained glass among perennials, while another combined her own paintings with a carved totem pole acting as a fountain among flowers and plants, and a family of five showed how they grow enough food to sustain themselves through all four seasons.

The GardenWalk's diversity brought praise from experienced garden-walkers and gardeners alike. Howard Simon of Lyndhurst related, "I have been to many GardenWalks and this compared quite favorably. The gardens were remarkably nice. I was really quite impressed. Even more so was the development of the nature preserve behind Walmart." Another enthusiast was Louise Gerlak of Cleveland Heights, a longtime gardener herself. "I thought the GardenWalk was at least comparable with the best of those I have seen if not better." She said she was particularly impressed with Pam's garden, a pocket park, done by Pam and Jim O'Toole, which "has so much soul."

Meeting neighbors and visitors makes GardenWalk fun! Participating gardeners last year commented: "I enjoyed meeting my neighbors and making new friends." Another was "surprised people actually took pictures of the annual flower bed around the big elm tree" (his only flower bed was a big hit). Another family shared the fruits of their labor: "our children loved greeting every visitor with fresh strawberries."

So, join in the fun and open your garden! No garden is too big or too small. All types of gardens are welcome: vegetable, stone, rain, sustainable, flower, container, permaculture, orchards—new or mature, large or small. All are welcome—you only need to be a South Euclid resident.

You can open any part of your garden: front, back, side or your entire garden—it is entirely up to you! Whether just a small plot, a pond, a bench, a path with assorted garden ornaments—any and all are welcome—the more the merrier. Share your ideas and personal



style, and show your welcoming community spirit!

We need to know by April 1st whether you wish to open your garden for this year's GardenWalk. To open your garden, or to ask a question, or to volunteer your time to help with this terrific community event, please send your contact information to contact@gardenwalksoutheuclid.com or leave a message for Marge Koosed at 216.291.2774. For more information, you can visit our website at Gardenwalksoutheuclid.com.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the beauty to be found in our South Euclid community by opening your garden for the 2019 GardenWalk South Euclid!

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We invite you to join us as we continue our exploration of our diverse society with certified diversity professionals and discover ways that help us continue to “Come Together & Thrive”.

*All Forums are FREE and will take place at the
South Euclid Lyndhurst Library, 1876 South Green Road.*

*FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER VISIT:
www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/diversity*

APRIL 25, 2019 at 6 PM: CONNECTING THE GENERATIONS

Our community is made up of people of all ages, encompassing several generations: Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, GenX’ers, Millennial, and Gen Z’ers, and each generation has their own beliefs, values, world-view and gifts.

Join us as we explore the social, cultural and economic factors that shape the generations present in our world and community today and gain increased understanding and appreciation for the similarities and differences present across the generational spectrum.

JUNE 5, 2019 at 6 PM: ALLYSHIP 101

In 2018 South Euclid became one of the first cities in Northeast Ohio to pass a comprehensive non-discrimination ordinance, which includes protections for members of the LGBTQ+ Community.

It’s important that all members of our community understand how we can be allies and work to create a supportive community for LGBTQ+ people and to transform knowledge and perspective into beneficial and positive actions.

AUGUST 13, 2019 at 6 PM: INTERRUPTING BIAS

Have you ever witnessed discrimination and had no idea how to respond? It happens every day, people with their hearts in the right place find themselves frozen, unsure what to say or do. This workshop will outline and define the four levels of discrimination: internalized, interpersonal, institutional and structural. Participants will also learn the framework for and tenets of civil courage. This experience is more than thinking about what you “would say or do”—it’s about saying and doing in the moment, building your capacity to act if/when you are faced with these obstacles in your daily lives.

OCTOBER 2, 2019 at 6 pm: LET’S GET REAL ABOUT RACE

Exploring race is still something that many of us avoid, some have been socialized that it’s impolite - yet the race-based issues that we continue to wrestle with in our society are not going away.

This workshop will support participants to recognize some of their own biases along with the race-based institutional and systemic barriers that still plague us. Participants will engage in candid conversations and be introduced to a few simple tools that increase the likelihood that conversations about race will be productive.

Questions?

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Future-Ready Skills for Students



The Charles F. Brush High School Mock Trial Team had a successful season this year!

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools places an emphasis on providing our students with future-ready skills that will make



Linda N. Reid

them productive and contributing members of a global society. Whether their respective trajectories take them to college, a career, the military or beyond, we promote the skills, resources and

meaningful learning experiences that will propel our students toward future success. With this focus in mind, the District is pleased to share with you some of the accolades, pursuits and achievements of students from Charles F. Brush High School.

Charles F. Brush High School is home to a wide variety of dynamic and successful accomplishments on both an individual and student organization level. Earlier this school year, Julia Kiefer, a senior at Brush High School, was named a Commended Student for the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. This ranks Julia among 34,000 students

nationwide who have achieved such a high level of academic success, having placed in the top 50,000 scorers out of the 1.6 million who participate in the SAT/Preliminary National Merit Qualifying Test. Owen Seddon, a junior at Charles F. Brush High School, was recently invited to the 2019 Individual Player National Championship Quiz Bowl Tournament in Chicago, Illinois, making him one of only 96 students to earn this opportunity in the entire country. In addition, Brush High School was proudly represented at the 24th annual Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show, as Jake Young, Krystal Simmons, Julia Kiefer and Sloane Boukobza joined a select group of more than ninety students from twenty-four Cleveland-area schools to have original artwork submitted and featured at the prestigious exhibition. A number of our talented art student also earned Gold Key Honors and had their artwork displayed at the Cleveland Institute of Art earlier this spring. The Brush High School Mock Trial Team at

Charles F. Brush High School had a successful season, notching hard-earned victories against nearby schools along the way, in pursuit of developing the next generation of legal minds. Finally, Brush High School joined every building in the District, by blending cultural awareness along with a positive co-curricular activity, through the 2nd annual Black History Living Legends Chess Tournament. This special event assembled students from nearly ten school districts in Welsch Gymnasium for an afternoon of chess competition, after inviting and recognizing the achievements of 15 notable African American women in and around the Northeast Ohio area.

Undoubtedly, the students of Brush High School are being prepared for their futures while developing the skills that will make them contributing members of a global society. These examples of positive student success stories are a few, among many, that are taking place in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools.

SOUTH EUCLID MYCOM SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Summer Youth Program for youth grades 5-8 will be held this summer for six weeks from June 12 through July 19 from 9 am – 2 pm, Monday-Friday.

This FREE Academic & Recreation Enrichment Program is for qualified South Euclid youth who participate in the free &



reduced meal program during the school year. Registration Day for the program will be Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 10:00 am –

Noon at South Euclid City Hall.

In addition, the City also sponsors a Free Summer Lunch Program for youth ages 18 and under.

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Important Information about the 2019 City Finances

On March 25, 2019, as this issue was going to print, City Council voted unanimously (7-0) on several pieces of legislation to help ensure the future health, safety and welfare of our community.

City Council's decisions were the result of several years of monthly discussions, as well as eleven town hall and community meetings (five in 2017, three in 2018 and three in 2019) to discuss the need for additional funding to stem the loss of federal and state funding to maintain our services, provide for critical infrastructure and capital improvements and reinvest in our future to keep South Euclid a stable, vital and vibrant place to live. Key pieces of legislation approved by City Council include:

- Legislation decreasing the tax credit for residents who work in other communities. As discussed at the Town Hall Meetings in January, it is the intention that this will be a temporary measure to help fund critical city services, and will be reinstated as longer-term solutions are approved by residents and/or critical capital and infrastructure improvement projects are completed.
- Dedicating 7.5% of all revenue to the Capital Improvements Fund to ensure that funding will be available for these capital projects.

Why did we take these actions?

In the next few years the City will need millions of dollars to:

- Restore our main streets (especially South Green Road and South Belvoir Blvd).
- Make critical repairs to city facilities and invest in keeping our parks and public spaces attractive.
- Provide for investments in our business districts and in your neighborhoods to improve our quality of life and protect the value of your home.
- Maintain our Safety Forces.
- Implement new services to more effectively communicate with residents and make sure that you continue to have a voice in how we provide services.

We are not alone in needing to take these kinds of actions. Many of our neighboring cities have implemented tax increases, income tax rollbacks and have begun charging residents for trash pickup as they work to address many of the same challenges we are facing.

Our commitment to you is that we will be transparent about how your tax dollars are spent and the many critical investments we need to make. You can find out more information and follow our progress at:

www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/CommunityImprovementPlan

The webpage will provide you with up to date information about how your tax dollars are spent, the capital improvements we need to fund, and how we are working to keep your housing values stable and reinvest in South Euclid to keep your community a vital, attractive and safe place to live.

Councilwoman Ruth Gray: Ward 1

The Ward One Meeting will be held Thursday, April 25th, at South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr, at 6:30pm. Come learn more about the what's happening in South Euclid.



Ruth Gray

The City Council's Recreation Committee has agreed to implement an education campaign to provide our citizens with more information about the growing deer population in the South Euclid area and how we can co-exist. The city of South Euclid will begin its education efforts with providing information in this magazine and on our website about the deer population. A resident survey regarding the growing deer population

in South Euclid will be conducted by the committee to collect information from you. The data collected will help frame the deer & deer management education campaign in South Euclid.

The resident-led Recreation Advisory Committee is moving forward with prioritizing a plan for our parks and recreation services. The committee will also be proposing to city council that the initial model be implemented at Victory Park. The committee is set to present a schematic plan to council and the community by later April. Both council and the advisory committee believe that parks, facilities and recreation programs provide the most-community-wide benefits and most certainly improve the quality of life. The full plan should be completed and presented to the public by later summer.

Ward 1 Council Ruth Gray: 216-926-4960

Councilman Joe Frank: Ward 2

During the first part of this year, City Council presented our financial situation during several open town hall meetings. Major items need to be addressed in our municipal buildings and throughout the City. We, as a city and a community, need to have the vision and the wisdom to do what is right for the people of our city. We need to temporarily reduce the tax credit on our Municipal Income Tax and be able to address the problems we have been putting off for so long. It is not easy and it is not without pain, but it needs to be done. We can no longer afford to look the other way, hope that things will change and somehow, things will work out. We have some hard decisions to make, for the future of the City, and the present. Many other Cities are in the same situation



Joe Frank

as us. They have chosen the same path. They are charging for trash, reducing credit for Municipal Income taxes paid, raising Municipal Income Taxes and cutting services.

Decisions like these are hard to make. Council does not take making these decisions lightly and have met to explore all avenues to meet your needs. Dedicated resources to address the Capital Improvements needs of the City will be created. Continuous review of both revenue and expenses must be upheld as the Committee of the Whole meets the second Monday of each month to review these items.

Spring is coming! It might be hard to tell from the looks of it, but it is!

Ward 2 Council Joe Frank: 216-246-5614

Councilwoman Sara Continenza: Ward 3

As I wrap up my first year on City Council, I reflect on the whirlwind of experience that I have already gained in this position. It has been wonderful to serve as a liaison between our City and the amazing residents I represent, as well as to work with Council and our Administration on budgeting, finances, policies and more. It certainly hasn't been easy to determine how to move forward in a financially sound manner, but the more I learn about the creative solutions we have worked toward and continue to achieve, the happier I am to call South Euclid home.



Sara Continenza

For example, I was at our new Planet Fitness recently when I ran into Mayor Welo and a group of City personnel who are actively becoming healthier not only to better themselves, but to lower our staff insurance costs! That, to me, is practicing what we preach. We can't ask our residents for more money if we haven't pursued all feasible options.

Furthermore, I was blown away by the hundreds of residents who came out to our series of community budget discussions to learn and to have their voices heard! Council is certainly doing the best we can to accommodate resident concerns and ideas as we move forward, and your involvement and support help us do just that. As a community organizer, I am proud to be part of a Council that sees the value of regular community outreach and engagement. I am confident this will help us resolve our immediate and future budget needs both creatively and efficiently. We will continue to work hard for you!

Speaking of community engagement: please consider getting involved with planning the 2019 Bexley Bash! concert series. We hold monthly planning meetings at the Community Center behind Giant Eagle on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting schedule is as follows: April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11 and August 15. We are looking for new leadership in this group as our beloved Chair Laura Smith will be stepping down to pursue new opportunities. Please contact me if you'd like to join us!

The Bash! is scheduled for second Tuesdays in June, July and August from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the pavilion and Community Garden areas of Bexley Park. Here are the dates: June 11th, July 9th and August 13th.

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. Also, don't forget that NextDoor.com is a wonderful social network for neighborhoods, and is totally free to join!

Ward 3 Council Sara Continenza: 216-816-1577

Councilwoman Jane Goodman: Ward 4

We joke that Northeast Ohio has two seasons: winter and road construction. As the orange barrels take over major and minor roadways, let's all try to make it through with minimal stress. Leave for your destination earlier than you normally would. Be patient. This, too, shall pass. Keep our service department folks safe by slowing down when you pass them patching potholes and pruning trees.



Jane Goodman

This is also the time when the street sweeper gets the gunk away from the curb so that it doesn't wash into and stop up the storm drains. For that, and to make trash pickup go more smoothly, please park in your driveway whenever you can. Clear streets are clean streets.

Speaking of clean streets, please note that trash and recycling bins and yard waste may not be on the curb before 6pm the night before pickup or after 6pm on the day of pickup. Yard waste goes in brown paper bags and pickup starts April 1. Simple Recycling picks up clothing, textiles, and other reusable items in their orange bags all year 'round.

See the trash/recycling page on the city website for all kinds of information about what, when, where, and how to dispose of and recycle all your waste. You can also download the Good Neighbor Guide, which pulls together a ton of information about codes and contacts. In fact, make it a habit to use the website to find out everything about everything in our fair city. The more you know, the happier you'll be.

Ward 4 Council Jane Goodman: 216-291-0442

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