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Dear Residents:

We are pleased to announce that South Euclid is once again participating in the Heritage Home Programsm of the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) in order to provide owners of older homes with access to guidance on home improvement and maintenance projects. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with details on this wonderful service that is now available to you.

The most important feature of the Heritage Home Programsm is that it offers free Technical Assistance and advice to the owners of houses that are over 50 years old. An employee of Heritage Home Programsm will come out and visit your house and evaluate the types of repairs that are necessary and appropriate for the house. The HHP employee will help identify the proper materials to be used for repairs and replacements that will be consistent with the architecture and style of the home.

The free Technical Assistance and advice offered by the Heritage Home Programsm is completely impartial and independent. HHP does not have any products or services that it sells to the homeowners and does not charge the homeowner for the advice. Sometimes HHP may advise the homeowner that replacement products being recommended by sales representatives or contractors are not necessary and that simple repairs are all that are needed. HHP can also provide a homeowner with a list of contractors that do the type of work that the homeowner needs. HHP will even review contractor bids and advise the homeowner on the bids.

Another feature of the Heritage Home Programsm is its low-interest equity loan program. These loans are made by KeyBank (Key) and Third Federal Savings and Loan (TFSL) to homeowners that are improving their houses as certified by HHP. The interest rate on these loans is a fixed rate as low as 2% with a term up to 15 years. Heritage Home Programsm loans can be used for interior as well as exterior repairs, maintenance, additions and modernization projects. Kitchen and bath remodels are two popular uses of Heritage Home Programsm loans. The only projects that cannot be done with a Heritage Home Programsm loan are luxury items such as swimming pools or hot tubs, installing vinyl siding or windows not original to the home, and new construction.

Additional information can be mailed directly to residents' homes, upon request, by the Heritage Home Program or can be found online at www.heritagehomeprogram.org. You can also learn more about the program by attending an upcoming Information Session scheduled for **September 18, 2019** at the **South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library at 6:00pm**.

We hope you will take advantage of this excellent service and, as always, please don't hesitate to call the South Euclid City Hall offices with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mayor Welo