Elections are confusing, frustrating, and maddening. They breed cynicism, despair, and a lot of newspaper copy. But they are essential to a free society. Those of you who don't vote are voting. You are "voting" to accept whatever decisions the rest of the electorate make. Those of you who do vote, but are in the minority, can at least say you took a position. Voting is a fundamental right, a good habit, very moral, and not fattening.

--Publius

LIBRARY UPDATE

There was little official news about the Coventry Branch at the October 15 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees, but reliable sources say the Board is interested in the old Coventry Library building.

In the course of the meeting, Trustee Paul Salipante announced that the Coventry Branch's circulation increased by 1/6 in the month of September -- very encouraging.

It is noteworthy and praiseworthy that Mike Marcellino, reporter covering Cleveland Heights for the SUN PRESS, has attended Library Board meetings for the last three months.

Authoritative "grapevine" says that behind-the-scenes movement relative to the Coventry Branch is taking place. Observers believe that the Library Board is seriously interested in buying the old Coventry Library building and sharing the space. It will be remembered that Cleveland Heights City Council, in turning down the Library Board's request for federal CDBG funds to help create a community room in a new Coventry Branch, did leave the door open to furnishing monies for improvement of the old Coventry Branch building. This would be in addition to whatever of the $246,429.59 that is presently in the library system's Building and Repair Fund that the Board might see fit to commit to a renovated Coventry Branch. Contrary to the concerns reflected in October's LIBRARY UPDATE, very little change took place in the library system's share of the intangibles tax, so there is no immediate funding crisis blocking firm action on the Coventry Branch. Those interested in the future of the Branch should plan to attend the next Library Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 19 at the Main Library.

QUIZ TIME: Have you taken out any books or other circulatable items from the Coventry Branch lately? Have you met the new (Continued on page 2)

VOTE YES FOR #1

Coventry Neighbors, Inc. adopted a resolution of support for Ballot Issue Number One, mandating returnable containers and prohibiting separable can-tops. CNI hopes that passage of Issue 1 will help us obtain a cleaner Coventry. CNI urges your "yes" vote on Issue 1.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NOTES

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COVF^TRY/cedar-fairmount communities on Tuesday, November 27, 1979 at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Society, 2728 Lancashire Road. This meeting is an opportunity for citizens to submit suggestions and proposals for the year VI Cleveland Heights Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

Proposals will be screened by the CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for recommendations to Council.

Citizen participation is a very important part of the Community Development Planning Process. A free 'primer' on Community Development rules, regulations, eligible and ineligible activities, and the Community Development Process is available from the City of Cleveland Heights. To obtain this 'primer', please phone: Planning & Development Dept. 321-0100, x220, 221, 222, 223; or Community Relations Dept. 321-0100, x286, 287

-Charles Owen
President, CNI
Coventry Member, CAC

*** NEWSLETTER POSITIONS ***

The CNI Executive Committee, acting in its capacity of Editorial Board for the Coventry Village News, will accept applications for the position of Editor and Production Manager of the CVN. If you are interested, address your application to:

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These are non-paying positions.

LIBRARY UPDATE (Continued from page 1)

Coventry librarian, Ms Debbie Graves? Have you attended a Library Board meeting recently? Doing all three of these things is guaranteed to make you feel warm and good about yourself as an effective Coventry Library supporter. And they're all free!

---June Wortman

** CNI ELECTION RESULTS **

Coventry Neighbors, Inc. held its annual election of officers at the October 9th meeting. The new officers are:

President - Charles J. Owen
Vice President - F. David Gill
Treasurer - Diane L Bersnak

Secretary - David R. Burwasser
Trustee at Large - Bruce Hennes
Trustee at Large - Karen Lind
CONGRATULATIONS!

A tip of the lid to Larry Davis and Jerry Weiss, owners of the recently renovated Renaissance Condominiums, 2673 Euclid Heights Blvd. Renaissance Condominiums was a winner of a Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Award. Community Improvement Awards are sponsored by the Heights Community Congress and the City of Cleveland Heights. The prestigious awards, now in their fifth year, are given to outstanding examples of residential and commercial improvement in Cleveland Heights.

COVENTRYARD PROGRESS REPORT

Ed. Note: The following is a construction progress report sent to City Manager Richard Robinson on October 12, 1979 concerning Coventryard. Mr. Ziska the architect in charge of the project furnished Alan Rapoport with a copy.

Cleveland Heights City Hall
2953 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44118
Attn: Richard Robinson

October 12, 1979
Re: Coventryard Construction
Progress Report

Selective demolition is now complete after 7.5 weeks. Progress was steady with rainy weather making the last two weeks the exception. All debris at the rear of the building has been totally removed with the exception of a runway at the gate, which will remain for protection.

The steel joists have been ordered and I am presently reviewing fabrication drawings and assisting in verifying existing dimensions. The structural steel beams have also been ordered. Steel deliveries have been promised by the fabricators during the week of November 22. So far we have reason to believe deliveries are on schedule.

We are presently in negotiation with the Hydraulic Elevator Company and expect to sign an order during the week of October 15.

The masonry contractors are again reviewing the plans and will revisit the cleaned site in order to submit new proposals during the week of October 15. As expected, reactions to the project by subcontractors appear to be more favorable since the rubble has been removed.

A plumbing contractor is being contacted to determine existing sewer locations, size and conditions.

Potential tenants are continually being contacted . . . commitments are pending.

Metal stairway fabricators are presently being contacted regarding the rear exit stairway. The following work is now being scheduled:

1. Masonry footings
2. Drill shaft for elevator lift
3. Utilities
4. Temporary electrical service
5. Concrete
6. Metal stair fabrication
7. Brick Masonry

--Thomas J. Ziska Architect, AIA
STREETWALKING

Now that Halloween is over and Daylight Savings time is no longer with us, things are quieter on the street. Dark blustery, fall evenings are not so conducive to street walking. Be careful, alone on the streets. Remember some of the cautions you discarded on those sultry summer strolls around Coventry and if you see or hear anything strange, don't sit on it, holler. A call to 321-1234 will bring the boys from the "cop-shop" to check it out.

The streets may be empty, but there is still a lot of action. The Ice Man Commeth at Dobama is really fine. If you go to the Theatre to be amused, diverted or entertained don't bother . . . but if you go to the theatre to be touched, absorbed and to gain new awareness of what it is to be human -- don't let this one pass. The show is long but the production is outstanding, and the acting is superb. Somehow, though your butt gets numb - it doesn't matter. The show runs until the 40th of November, curtain at 7:30, Thursday through Sunday. Call 932-6838 for reservations. Besides being one of the best productions currently on the boards in the area, it is probably the best theatrical buy around. Admission is only $3.75 during the week and $5.00 on Saturdays.

Speaking of entertainment I caught Abbey Lenhart at Arabica Thursday night. It is good to see some of my favorites come onto the strip. Abbey was joined by Tim Wallace, a friend from Elyria who has been developing a following here. He's a man who writes and performs some of the most touching, yet funniest material around. Check in at Arabica. They are developing a tradition of some very special musical offerings from 9 - 10:30 Thursdays and on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00.

They couldn't carry off that Surrealism bit at University Circle without including Coventry. The photographic exhibit entitled Kanatachi by Japanese photographer Eikoe Hosoey currently at the Ascherman Galleries are included in the promo for the Circle's celebration. While you're in a surrealistic mood, the abstracts prints and drawings by Ursula Neuhauser and recent sculptures by John Koepnick across the street at Coventry Art Galleries fit right in. Then take a look at the false faces in Carroll Drug's Window.

Women Speak Out for peace & justice annual Holiday Boutique at the Unitarian Society on December 8 from 10 am - 6:00 pm should be worth a visit. There will be all kinds of gift items, plants, white elephants, live music and food. Bobbex Littlec
COVENTRY NEIGHBORS ENDORSES VARIANCES

Coventry Neighbors, Inc., voted support for the parking variance requested by Irv's Deli from the Board of Zoning Appeals, at the October 9, 1979, meeting of CNI. The Neighbors placed a condition upon its support; that the owner, Mr. Irv Gulko, agree to cooperate with Coventry Neighbors in keeping cleanly the corner where Irv's Deli is located. The variance, if granted by the city, will permit Gulko to extend his restaurant space into the shop area he took over from the shoe store and the dry cleaner when Gulko became owner of the building. Coventry Neighbors has previously taken a "no comment" position on a proposal of Gulko's to operate a carry-out from the same space; Gulko assured CNI that the present proposal is not a carry-out, but an extension of the restaurant operation, primarily to accommodate customers who want to relax at a table for a long time without buying an awful lot of food.

At the same meeting, Coventry Neighbors resolved to support the variance applications of World Best Food and Coventry Laundromat, directed respectively to City Council (on review from the Zoning Board) and to the Planning Commission (because the laundromat is in Coventry's "S-2" district). Presentations to CNI were made by Mr. Gary Biller for the laundromat and by Coventry Neighbor Joan Jordan, in her capacity of secretary of the Coventry Merchants Association, for World Best Food.

"ALL DIRECTIONS FOR SENIOR WOMEN"

Senior women around the Coventry area are setting their sights in various directions for this coming month of November.

A number of our elder ladies are joining with others from different districts for a tour of Las Vegas. It will be a three to four day visit for sights and sounds to Gamblers Paradise. They will, of course, return in time to do some voting come November 6th.

Because of the very successful October 17th Recognition Dinner and Dance of The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program given at Wiley Junior High School, some older neighbor women are looking into the volunteer programs available — nice to hear!

Sixty-five-year-old Coventry women may be interested in the "Women's Forum" program to be given at the Jewish Community Center during the month of Nov. Each Wednesday there will be a 1:00 PM coffee hour, followed by a 1:30 PM discussion. The first Wednesday is a medical discussion. The next Wed. will be a beauty session. No meeting on the third Wednesday — too close to Thanksgiving — but then on Wednesday the 28th there will be an intriguing talk on estate planning. The charge is 50¢ for J.C.C. members and $1.50 per session for others. Nuff sed!

Severance Center will be attracting seniors of both sexes when Wednesday, Nov. 14th rolls around. It is called a Senior Citizens Dat at the Mall. There will be reduced prices for luncheon specials, and some stores will be offering other special shopping discounts. The Severance Theatre will have a 'Nickel- odian,' where interested seniors can get in to see the feature movie for a nickel. The current offering is a Walter Matthau comedy, "House Calls." The show with reduced admission will be from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

—Allan Lustig
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SPECIAL PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

This issue of CVN is being distributed on the street one week early, to circulate the election messages on page 1 before November 6. If you get your copy regularly by mail, BE PATIENT: it's on its way. (If you can't wait that long and have nabbed a street copy, please pass it along!)

--Dave Burwasser, Interim Editor.

THE NEXT MEETING OF COVENTRY NEIGHBORS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7:30 PM ON NOVEMBER 13, 1979, DOWNSTAIRS AT THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY, 2728 LANCASHIRE ROAD, ACROSS THE STREET FROM MUSICIANS TOWERS.