

Rain Barrel workshop

Save the Rain for a Sunny Day!

Learn to harvest rain water for all your garden needs, and to combat stormwater pollution in your community! An average house's rooftop generates more than 24,000 gallons of runoff every year! That's rainwater that you could be harvesting to water flowers or vegetables.

Tuesday • April 21 • 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Cleveland Metroparks CanalWay Center
4524 E. 49th Street • Cuyahoga Heights • 44125**

Rain Barrel: \$60

**Additional rain barrel to
make a two barrel system
(hooked to first barrel): \$20**

**FREE to attend workshop
for information only.**



Register online

www.cuyahogaswcd.org

(click on Events - April 21)

or contact Amy Roskilly

216/524-6580, ext. 1005

aroskilly@cuyahogaswcd.org

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JOIN US

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE & SHOWCASE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 | 1:00PM - 4:00PM



- **Enjoy student-led tours of our facilities**, including classrooms, common areas, athletic facilities, and STEM labs!
- **Meet parents, teachers, principals, and community leaders**, all working together to ensure the success of students!
- Experience the **award-winning Cuyahoga Heights Marching Band, Choirs, Elementary Orchestra** and more!
- **Visit community partner booths**, pick up some freebies, and meet our PTO members!
- **Grab a free lunch** and participate in family-friendly activities!
- **Bring your swimsuit and towel!** The pool will be open for the duration of the open house!
- **1:30 -3:00PM** | Participate in an interactive information session and share your input on future school renovation priorities.

RATED 'A' **BY THE STATE**

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOLS
IS ONE OF ONLY 31 DISTRICTS IN
OHIO TO EARN THIS RATING

MOMENTUM **AWARD**

FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR AN "A" IN
ALL VALUE ADDED AREAS

AUDITOR **OF STATE AWARD**

FROM THE OFFICE OF OHIO
AUDITOR KEITH FABER FOR
A CLEAN AUDIT IN 2019





Board of Elections Job Opportunities Announcement

Join the excitement of being part of the Presidential Election Year! The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has a wide variety of job openings with no experience required and we offer work for people of all skill levels. While great computer skills are certainly appreciated, they are absolutely NOT required! Bilingual applicants are also in demand.

Get a firsthand look at election administration and democracy in action while earning extra money.

As you might imagine, the Board is hiring Precinct Election officials (Poll Workers) for Election Day only work. But there's more! We are also hiring for longer-term assignments such as assisting nursing home voters, processing absentee ballots - opening and counting them, telephone operators, data entry and performing many other tasks. Although the 2020 Primary Election is not until March, several assignments will be starting as soon as January, just in time to help with those holiday bills.

Workers will be placed in positions that are a good fit with their skills and schedule. The Board is taking applications now. You can't be hired until you apply! You may apply by calling 216-443-6600 or online at www.443VOTE.us.

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Holiday Season 2019



The Garfield Heights Municipal Court has a satellite facility with extended and weekend hours to better serve the public. The Court has partnered with the Cuyahoga County Public Library Maple Heights Branch to establish the Court Help Center. The Court found it can be difficult for people to get to the Clerk's Office before it closes at 4:30pm weekdays. A Deputy Clerk will be at the Court Help Center to provide online assistance on Tuesdays at 4 - 8pm and Saturdays 11am - 3pm. "The idea is to make the Court more efficient and user-friendly," Garfield Heights Municipal Court Presiding Judge Deborah Nicastro said.

The Help Center does not replace The Court. But, all court matters that can be handled at the Clerk's Office can be done online at the Help Center. "They still have to come to court for their hearing and the judge still has to hear the facts and see the evidence. But, up until that time, they can file everything online and save a few trips to the courthouse," Judge Nicastro added.

At the Court Help Center, one can file a Small Claims case online. Drivers with suspended licenses can pay their fines online and receive notice when the BMV will release their license. A landlord could file an eviction. For tenants who have received Notice of Eviction, the Deputy Clerk can explain the eviction procedure and offer resources for help. "We're trying to remove barriers for people to have their cases and issues resolved. Sometimes people need more time than a few minutes at the clerk's office to have their questions answered. So we want to give them more time and more convenient hours," Judge Nicastro said.

The Court Help Center at the Maple Heights Library located at 5225 Library Lane will be operational for the next six months. Then, this pilot program will be evaluated. Judge Nicastro said that if the Court Help Center proves to be very useful, then the plan is to add extended hours on one more weekday.

The jurisdiction of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court cover eight communities: Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Brecksville, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Newburgh Heights, Valley View and Walton Hills. More information on Garfield Heights Municipal Court and the Court Help Center can be found on the court website: ghmc.org.



The Legal Aid Society
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2020 Brief Advice and Referral Clinics Civil Matters Only (*Not Criminal*)

Legal Aid provides services in the areas of consumer rights, disability, domestic violence, education, employment, family law, health, housing, foreclosure, immigration, public benefits, utilities, and tax.

First-come, first-served. Bring important papers with you!
Questions? Call 216-687-1900 or visit www.lasclev.org for updated clinic listing.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Catholic Charities Ashtabula
4200 Park Avenue –
Third Floor, Ashtabula
Call 440-992-2121 for
an appointment

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Oberlin Depot –
Oberlin Community Services
240 South Main Street, Oberlin
Call 440-774-6579 for
an appointment

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Cleveland Public Library –
Carnegie West Branch
1900 Fulton Road

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Naturalization Clinic
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
1223 West Sixth Street
Call 888-817-3777 for
an appointment

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

U.S. Veterans Only
VA Community Referral
and Resource Center
7000 Euclid Avenue
Call 216-391-0264 for
an appointment

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Cleveland Public Library –
Woodland Branch
5806 Woodland Avenue

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Oberlin Depot –
Oberlin Community Services
240 South Main Street, Oberlin
Call 440-774-6579 for
an appointment

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Catholic Charities Ashtabula
4200 Park Avenue –
Third Floor, Ashtabula
Call 440-992-2121 for
an appointment

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

El Centro
2800 Pearl Avenue, Lorain

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

U.S. Veterans Only
VA Community Referral
and Resource Center
7000 Euclid Avenue
Call 216-391-0264 for
an appointment

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Oberlin Depot –
Oberlin Community Services
240 South Main Street, Oberlin
Call 440-774-6579 for
an appointment

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Catholic Charities Ashtabula
4200 Park Avenue –
Third Floor, Ashtabula
Call 440-992-2121 for
an appointment

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Cleveland Public Library –
Rockport Branch
4421 West 140th Street

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Cleveland Public Library –
Memorial-Northingham Branch
17109 Lakeshore Boulevard

Legal Aid also hosts special clinics for people who need help with a divorce, immigration, expungement or debt collection.
These special clinics are by appointment only. Please call 888-817-3777 for details.

**Attorneys available for brief advice and referral only. Clinic attorneys do NOT represent you.
If you need legal representation you may be referred to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland or another service provider.*



Cuyahoga Heights After Prom Class of 2020

Night at the Races Ticket Request Form

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Holy Trinity Hall – 9672 State Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133

Doors Open at 6:00pm Dinners Starts at 7:00pm Races immediately after dinner

****Please purchase your tickets no later than Sunday, February 23, 2020. A table of 8 is \$200 or a table of 10 is \$250, purchasing either of these will guarantee you will be seated with your party at the event****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

of Tickets - \$25/each

Check #

Names of Guests Attending

Any special requests

. Please make checks payable to: Cuyahoga Heights AfterProm 2020

Return money & tickets to school-Attn: NATR tickets

Questions: please call or email Sandi Stefanko 216.337.9419/Stefankosandra@gmail.com



Cuyahoga Heights After Prom Class of 2020

Night at the Races

Race Horse Naming & Race Sponsorship Form

Horses: \$20/each. 120 horses will be available to purchase on a first come first serve basis. Each horse will be randomly entered into one of the ten races. Each race will consist of 12 horses. ****The first place horse owner will receive \$40.** Owner need not be present to win. Owners will be recognized in the event program. Creative horse names are suggested.

HORSE #1

Horse Name _____
Owner Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

HORSE #2

Horse Name _____
Owner Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to: Cuyahoga Heights AfterProm 2020
Attn: NATR Horses & Races - Questions: Ed Terrigno at eterrigneaux@gmail.com

Race Sponsorship: \$100 Only 11 sponsorships will be available to purchase on a first come first serve basis. Sponsor will receive 1 free ticket for one of the main raffle drawings and will be recognized in the race program at the event.

Business/Sponsor Name _____
Contact Person Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

****All forms must be received by February 7th, 2020****



Better Business Bureau
Senior Awareness Initiative

Brook Park Man Loses \$80,000 in Tech Support Scam

A man in Brook Park, Ohio was recently targeted by tech support scammers and reported to police that he had lost \$80,000 in the process. The man initially received an email informing him that his computer was infected with malware. Following receiving this email, the man was contacted by a company called Premium Tech Support who said that they could “scan to clean” the victim’s computer for a fee of \$599, a service he was told came with a 30-day money-back guarantee.

However, before the 30 days had passed, the man was charged an additional service fee (bringing his total to \$800), and he decided to cancel the service and request a refund. An employee of Premium Tech Support named Sam began calling and emailing the victim, and in the process, \$79,200 was “mistakenly” deposited into the victim’s bank account from Premium Tech Support. In an attempt to rectify the error, the victim worked with Sam to transfer the \$79,200 back to Premium Tech Support. However, the victim later learned that the \$79,200 was actually stolen from one of his other bank accounts, and Sam had defrauded the victim out of his own \$79,200. The victim contacted the police and his bank who are currently investigating.

Tech support scams can be very cunning, as they will sometimes attempt to defraud you both into purchasing fake services and then attempt to defraud you again through a phony refund process.

BBB offers these red flags and tips to protect yourself from tech support scams:

- **Beware of anyone asking for untraceable payments.** Scammers often ask for payment by wire transfer, gift card, or prepaid debit cards. Legitimate companies do not ask to be paid this way.
- **Legitimate tech support companies don’t call out of the blue.** A popular way for thieves to get in touch with victims is through cold calls. The callers often claim to be from a tech company. But remember that scammers can spoof official looking phone numbers, so don’t trust your Caller ID.
- **Be immediately suspicious of overpayments.** Be wary if someone wants to refund you for services never rendered or refunds you over the original amount. Keep an eye on your other accounts to see that all of your funds and transactions are accounted for.



Better Business Bureau Senior Awareness Initiative

Government Grant Scammers Using Your Friends' Facebook Profiles

One Northeast Ohio woman is warning others after being targeted by a government grant scammer masquerading as a close friend on Facebook. The 81-year-old woman received a Facebook message from a close friend. The friend said that she had paid \$4,000 to receive a \$150,000 government grant, and that she was able to pay all of her bills with the money and put the remaining funds into her bank account.

The victim believed that the messages came from her friend, as the lookalike Facebook profile had images of her friend and her friend's family, so the victim continued talking to her alleged "friend" about the grant. The friend then told the victim to contact another individual via Facebook, who told the victim that the money was part of a Facebook lottery. The individual informed the victim that she was a winner and was given a list of tiers of "winnings" she could choose from; the higher tier she chose and the more she was willing to pay for the winnings, the larger grant or winnings she would receive. The victim chose an advertised tier where she could send \$1,500 and receive \$60,000 and sent a cashier's check to an address in Detroit, MI.

However, the victim was then informed that she owed an additional fee before she could receive the \$60,000 and was instructed to buy \$500 worth of Amazon gift cards from Walmart. By this time, the victim had already contacted her friend and family, who informed her that this was a scam. She has not contacted the scammers since and plans to file reports with the police, Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Federal Trade Commission.

BBB has these tips to keep in mind when solicited for a government grant:

- **Don't assume an offer in a message from a Facebook friend is legitimate.** Call or talk to them in person to verify if they contacted you.
- **Remember, government agencies do not communicate through social media avenues like Facebook.** So, be wary of unsolicited messages.
- **Free money doesn't come easy.** If someone is actively soliciting you to give you money, that's a red flag that you are dealing with an imposter.
- **Do not pay any money for a "free" government grant.** If you have to pay money to claim a "free" government grant, it is not really free. A real government agency will not ask you to pay an advanced processing fee. The only official list of all U.S. federal grant-making agencies is www.grants.gov.



Better Business Bureau Senior Awareness Initiative

Gift Card Fraud: Scammers' Holiday Gift to Shoppers

With the holiday season in full swing, many shoppers may find themselves buying a quick gift card as a last minute gift for a friend or loved one or may even receive a gift card themselves. But as much as scammers may like to ask for gift cards as a form of payment, that's not the only way they use gift cards for their criminal activities.

One of scammer's favorite frauds around the holiday season is stealing the funds from gift cards before you have even had a chance to use them. Similar to credit card skimming or shimming, fraudsters will walk up to a gift card display and use card readers to automatically read the gift card's serial and PIN numbers. Some scammers will simply write the numbers down and replace the magnetic strip meant to securely hide a card's PIN with replacement stickers purchased easily online. Scammers will then wait and monitor the gift card's balance until it is activated when sold. Once the card is activated, scammers work quickly to either use the funds to purchase goods or sell the card's numbers on the dark web.

One consumer reported to BBB that they had purchased \$100 worth of CVS gift cards but did not use them for a period of time. When they finally went to use the cards, the consumer found that they had already been drained of their funds by an unknown source months earlier. Another consumer reported being a victim of the scam for a gift card they hadn't even purchased. The victim received a \$50 Visa gift card as a gift at an office party—however, when they went to use the card, the gift card had already been used by a different source.

So how do you avoid becoming a victim of gift card fraud? BBB Cleveland has some tips to help make sure that you're not getting scammed this holiday season:

- **First sometimes really is the worst.** It's easier for scammers to record the numbers of the first few gift cards in a stack rather than ones further back. While buying cards from a display, try taking cards from the middle or back of the stack.
- **Buy gift cards from sources you know and trust.** Avoid buying gift cards from online auction sites, because the cards may be counterfeit or stolen.
- **Inspect a gift card before you buy it.** Check that none of the protective stickers have been removed. Make sure codes on the back of the card haven't been scratched off to show the PIN number. Report any damaged cards to the store selling the card.
- **Use the card as soon as you can.** Scammers depend on you waiting to use your gift card so that they can capitalize on the card's full funds.

Cuyahoga Heights Bus & Activities Calendar - February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 GROCERY SHOPPING	8 WEST SIDE MARKET 7:00 AM
9	10	11	12 GREAT NORTHERN MALL 9:30 A.M.	13	14 GROCERY SHOPPING	15
16	17 Presidents Day VILLAGE HALL & SERVICE DEPT CLOSED	18	19	20	21 GROCERY SHOPPING	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 GROCERY SHOPPING	29