



# NEWSLETTER

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## WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS PICKUP AT MORELAND COURTS DECEMBER 1, 2023

The newly formed Resident Experience Committee of MCCA has arranged for a pickup of donated clothing and shoes by the Salvation Army on December first. With the cold winter months approaching, they would most welcome lightly worn, warm indoor and outdoor clothing, shoes, and boots. Please put your donated items in large plastic bags and bring them to the front desk of Moreland Courts during the last 10 days of November (Monday, November 21st through Thursday, November 30th).

## GREAT PLACES TO DONATE YOUR STUFF FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

*SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE PLACES*

### GREATER CLEVELAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, HABITAT RESTORE

4601 Northfield Road, North Randall, 44128, (216)429-1299, and several other locations. They accept new and gently used appliances and furniture, in good, clean, working condition. You can schedule a home pickup from your porch, driveway, or garage, (216)429-3631.

[HTTPS://WWW.CLEVELANDHABITAT.ORG/RESTORE/SHOP.HTML](https://www.clevelandhabitat.org/restore/shop.html)

## **HUMBLE DESIGN CLEVELAND**

29050 Aurora Road, Solon, 44139, (440)318-1039, email: [info@humbledesign.org](mailto:info@humbledesign.org)

They take furniture, décor, and household goods. Call to schedule a donation appointment. (See their “Donation Cheat Sheet” under Donate, on their website, for specifics on what to donate, and what they don’t accept.) For anyone not familiar with Humble Design, they design and furnish entire apartments for agency-referred families in need.

[HTTPS://WWW.HUMBLEDESIGN.ORG/CLEVELAND](https://www.humbledesign.org/cleveland)

## **CLEVELAND FURNITURE BANK**

13360 Smith Road, Middleburg Hts., 44130, (216)459-2265 x 101 or 114. They take furniture in good clean condition. Drop off there, or call to schedule pickup, M-F 8:30 – 3 pm, which costs \$50 - \$150, depending on the floor of the home.

[HTTPS://CLEVELANDFURNITUREBANK.ORG](https://clevelandfurniturebank.org)

## **CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR**

2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, (216)321-8880. You can donate furniture and household goods to the May or October Flea Market; proceeds go to domestic and international relief. Or donate to the Furniture Giveaway for International Students, in August. Check the website for information on these events.

[HTTPS://WWW.COTSUMC.ORG/ABOUT-US](https://www.cotsumc.org/about-us)

## **MAGNOLIA CLUBHOUSE**

11101 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, (216)721-303, next door to the Music Settlement. They serve adults with mental illness. The Clubhouse shop accepts upscale household goods and will take your unneeded chinaware and silver.

[HTTPS://WWW.MAGNOLIACLUBHOUSE.ORG](https://www.magnoliacubhouse.org)

## **CLOTHING**

### **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

2239 East 55th St., Cleveland, 44103, (216)391-2301 email [programassistant@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:programassistant@dressforsuccess.org). Donate women’s business casual or suits, clean and on hangers. Goes directly to women who need professional clothing. Schedule an appointment to donate.

[HTTPS://CLEVELAND.DRESSFORSUCCESS.ORG](https://cleveland.dressforsuccess.org)

### **THE CITY MISSION OF CLEVELAND**

5310 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, 44103, (216)431-3510. Accept men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing, which goes directly to residents. Drop-off Monday – Friday, 10 am – 4 pm.

[HTTPS://THECITYMISSION.ORG](https://thecitymission.org)

### **ACT II RESALE SHOP**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount, Cleveland Heights, 44106, (216)932-4221. Accept men’s and women’s clothing, as well as small housewares and décor. Open Thursdays and Fridays, 10-3, Saturday 10-1.

[HTTPS://WWW.STPAULS-CHURCH.ORG/ACT2CLE/](https://www.stpauls-church.org/act2cle/)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## NEW ART SHOW IN NOVEMBER



Moreland Courts resident John Saile will be exhibiting his artwork in the gallery beginning mid-November. The exhibit will continue through January. You can find out more about John's background and his portfolio at [HTTP://WWW.JOHNSAILE.COM](http://www.johnsaile.com) and [HTTPS://WWW.SAATCHIART.COM/JOHNSAILE](https://www.saatchiart.com/johnsaile)

 CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC  
*Save The Dates*  
**FALL SEMESTER RECITAL SCHEDULE**  
 2023

NOVEMBER 11, 2023	3:00 PM
NOVEMBER 24, 2023	4:00 PM
NOVEMBER 29, 2023	3:00 PM
DECEMBER 2, 2023	3:00 PM
DECEMBER 9, 2023	3:00 PM

*Located in the Gallery*  
 MORE DETAILS TO COME

**A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

You are invited to join with a group of Cleveland area “pilgrims”, who seek first-hand experience at the U.S. southern border, as they observe and interact in legal, humanitarian efforts, while also enjoying a mid-winter respite in mild climate and luxurious landscape! Come join...

**Wednesday, January 10 - Monday January 15, 2024**

**In Green Valley/Sahuarita, Arizona, USA**

**Sponsored by:**

**Plymouth Church UCC of Shaker Heights, Ohio**

**and**

**Good Shepherd UCC of Sahuarita, Arizona**

**Led by Don and Brenda Grauer, residents at Moreland Courts and members at Plymouth Church United Church of Christ**

*Read more about the Arizona event:*

[HTTPS://COMMONGROUNDONTHEBORDER.WORDPRESS.COM](https://COMMONGROUNDONTHEBORDER.WORDPRESS.COM)

*Interested in this pilgrimage?: Contact Rev Brenda Grauer at:*

[pilgrimagebjg2024@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimagebjg2024@gmail.com)

*or gather with others to ask questions and receive more details at these conversation times in the Gallery at Moreland Courts:*

**Thurs, November 9th, 10am; or Mon, November 13th, 6:30pm**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

*Happy Holidays*

MORELAND COURTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

IN THE GALLERY

SERVING LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES, COCKTAILS AND WINE

MONDAY

DEC 4 6PM

PLEASE RSVP TO [RECEPTION@MORELANDCOURTS.COM](mailto:RECEPTION@MORELANDCOURTS.COM)

OR CALL 216.751.1100 BEFORE NOVEMBER 29, 2023

## LIVE MUSIC IN THE GALLERY

by Paul Stroud, Manager

In September 2016 former Moreland Courts residents Joan & Bill Houghton sold their unit and moved to New York to be closer to family. Wanting to downsize as part of the move, the Houghton's asked me if Moreland Courts would be able to use their fully restored, 1913 Baldwin grand piano. This fine piano now sits in the Gallery Drawing Room and has been *instrumental* in establishing the Association's 8-year relationship with The Cleveland Institute of Music. Resident Marcia Ferritto was a key organizer for this as she had relationships with faculty and administration at CIM, as well as great contacts from her long career as a professional violist.

We have enjoyed performances by numerous other musicians, most notably Shaker Heights High School graduate and grandson of Marcia, Sam Rosenthal. Sam has performed regularly here dating back to his days at Shaker, through his undergraduate work at Julliard, and now as a postgraduate student. Sam will be performing a viola recital once again on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

Over the years Moreland Courts has hosted over 90 student performances in the Gallery. We have had solo pianists, violinists, cellists and violists, string quartets, quintets, piano trios and even a couple of vocalists, and one bassoonist! The concerts serve as a "warm up" for the students who are preparing to play in recitals that mark the academic year, which is why most of the Moreland Courts performances are closer to the end of the semester. We have also had recitals by students preparing for top level US and international competitions. Most of these performances have been very good, some extremely good where the sophistication of artistry was impressive and well beyond what would normally be expected of students.

The students come from all over the US and the world. All the recitals have been offered free of charge, and we regularly enjoy audiences ranging from 15 to 35 people.

Some sit through the entire program, others find a seat in the Gallery away from the Drawing Room, able to linger for a while, and sometimes residents passing through discreetly sneak past the piano as they move down the Gallery.

Our calendar includes 7 programs this fall, one of which just occurred over the weekend of October 28th. It was another remarkable performance. Another slate of 6 or 7 recitals will also occur during the spring semester. We are always glad to see everyone and look forward to this continuing for many years to come.

## BOARD NOTES, OCTOBER 2023

By Kathleen Hickman

Last month, Jan Devereaux reminded us of the no-tipping policy and encouraged your generous inclinations be applied to the annual Holiday Fund. You should have received the Holiday Fund letter and envelope by now and should note the plan is to distribute the fund in early December, so timely response is important.

We encounter staff often and usually with a friendly greeting and perhaps a little conversation. It can be easy to forget sometimes that the staff are employees with job descriptions. From time to time, residents have asked employees to perform tasks that are not within their expected duties, and for which they are not equipped or trained. It is important to be mindful of such boundaries.

It has come to our attention that in the past few months, other boundaries have been crossed – personal ones. It is a rare occurrence, but not rare enough. I want to state this as clearly and as forcefully as possible: we expect respectful speech from residents and employees alike. There are no circumstances in which offensive or abusive speech or any kind of demeaning interaction, based on personal matters or race or religion, can ever be acceptable at Moreland Courts.

Our employees deserve and should expect a safe and pleasant workplace in which their human dignity is recognized and valued.

## HOW TO BE A SMARTER TRAVELER

By Fran Golden and David Molyneux



Here's some advice gleaned from their many travel experiences.

- 1. Do your research.** When you leave your hotel or get off a cruise ship at a port of call, have a plan. That said, wandering off the beaten path should be part of that plan. It's great to go to that famous museum and those key attractions, but some of your most memorable experiences may be more locally focused; do as the locals do.
- 2. Interact with local people.** Towards your goal of being more than an everyday tourist, find ways to meet locals. We've had amazing discussions just sitting on a park bench in Africa, Chile or having a beer at a dive bar in Alaska. Ask advice and try to get into the rhythm of everyday life in the places you are visiting.
- 3. Don't bubble in a tour group.** Tours are fine if you are short on time or seek commentary – which in our experience is not always completely accurate (as writers, we often have to fact-check!). But before or after the tour, or even during the tour if you notify the guide, take time to explore on your own. Linger at a painting that touches you in an art museum, for instance; a passing glance may not be enough.

4. **Seek authentic local cuisine.** One of our favorite things to do is ask a shopkeeper where to eat. This has produced amazing results – like the time in Parma, Italy, when Fran was directed to a women-run pasta enterprise hidden in the back of a small grocery store. In Madeira, Portugal, a shopkeeper graciously wrote out where to go and, in Portuguese, what to order – never mind that it was enough *Espetada* (skewered marinated beef) for a family of four.

5. **Be careful, but don't be overcautious.** We were lost on the side streets of Singapore's Chinatown, at night, and an older gentleman offered to help. "Follow me," he said, turning into a dark alley. We sized him up and followed him. He turned out to be the country's retired Minister of Transport. There are kind people everywhere.

6. **Use your phone to communicate.** After reading local blogs, we chose a tiny restaurant in Tainan, Taiwan. There was no set menu, and dishes kept coming out of the kitchen. As we finished our feast, the chef came over to talk, using a translation app. He was excited to have American visitors and had great advice on what to see and do in the city.

7. **Live like a local.** These days, our favorite experience is renting an Airbnb apartment and doing some shopping and cooking. In seaside Minori, Italy, in the winter off-season, we were the only Americans around and the whole town seemed to adopt us. The pasta maker invited Fran into his kitchen. The butcher stocked the sausages we liked best. When our two weeks were up, Fran and our favorite vegetable vendor were tearfully hugging goodbye.



# NOVEMBER 15TH NATIONAL CLEAN OUT YOUR FRIDGE DAY

by Eric Schreiber

Yes, this really is a thing, a day to identify USOs (unidentified shriveled objects) and UBEs (unintended biological experiments) lurking in your refrigerator. Possibly, the origin of this tradition began with the Whirlpool Corporation as far back as 1955. The date did not appear on the calendar regularly until about 1999. The CDC has weighed in on preventing a toxic waste site from developing in your own home. You can find out more here about techniques and tips for cleaning your refrigerator:

<https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/communication/clean-refrigerator-steps.html>

The fixed date on the calendar is also a convenient reminder to annually replace the batteries in various home alarms such as smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Did you know that Moreland Courts has a Resident Directory? To find it, go on our website <https://www.morelandcourts.com> and log on to the Residents' Login. The Residents' Login and the directory are both password protected. You can get the passwords at the front desk or a from member of management. Then find the link to the Resident Directory in the middle bar at the bottom. You can then log into the directory using the directory password. You must then type in the name of the resident you are trying to locate.

To protect the privacy of Moreland Courts unit owners who may not wish to share this information, the directory requires you to opt-in to be listed. If your name is not on the resident directory, please consider adding it.

To add your name and contact information to the Resident Directory, contact Tae'Lour Block at [tblock@morelandcourts.com](mailto:tblock@morelandcourts.com) or Tiara Smith at [tsmith@morelandcourts.com](mailto:tsmith@morelandcourts.com).

## REMINDER

Hey there! If you're experiencing any issues in your unit, do not hesitate to let us know by submitting a formal work order request. This can be done on the Moreland Courts web site. Alternatively, there are paper requests available at the front desk. We want to make sure we take care of any problems you may be facing, so please do not rely on word-of-mouth requests - they often get lost in the shuffle.

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