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November & December Happenings



The Cleveland Orchestra Holiday Concerts

<https://www.clevelandorchestra.com/events/holiday-concerts-25>

Apollo's Fire - <https://apollosfire.org/event/praetorius-christmas-vespers/>

Cleveland's GRAMMY-winning international Baroque orchestra launches its 33rd season with the following performances in our neighborhood. See the northeast Ohio 2025-2026 schedule [here](#). Program #3, Praetorius CHRISTMAS VESPERS happens on December 12 & 18-21.



Happenings, Continued

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights

Saturday, December 20, 5:30 p.m. | A St. Paul's Chorister Christmas (followed by Parish dinner)

Sunday, January 11, 4 p.m. | Kevin Jones plays Messiaen's La Nativité

<https://www.stpaulscle.org/blog/concerts/>

Shaker Heights Public Library, Main Branch 16500 Van Aken Blvd, Shaker Heights

Enter from Lee Road

Garden City Dreams: Shaker Heights and the Van Sweringens

Thursday, January 15, 2026

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Boulevard Room, Fernway Room

<https://events.shakerlibrary.org/event/15563719>

Creative Spaces Orientation

Saturday, January 24, 2026

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: The Workshop

<https://events.shakerlibrary.org/event/15423622>

Tech help

Mondays 10 am – noon

Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am

Alternate Thursdays 3:30 – 5:30 pm

El Sueño Americano / The American Dream at The Maltz Museum

2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood

Exhibit runs through February 16, 2026

Photographer Tom Kiefer's *El Sueño Americano / The American Dream* is a traveling exhibition documenting the migrant experience at the U.S./Mexico border. Kiefer's still-life photographs of the countless items confiscated from migrants that were deemed "non-essential" or "potentially lethal" bring humanity to the viewer.

<https://www.maltzmuseum.org/exhibitions-programs/el-sueno-americano/>

Introducing The Morelands Group

By Sarah Wean

As an active volunteer of the Morelands Group, I invite my Moreland Courts neighbors to learn about and show your support for the good work of this small but mighty grass-roots effort in our neighborhood. The Morelands Group was created by concerned residents in 2021 with the focus of providing support for the preservation, protection and advocacy of the Shaker Square apartment corridors, comprising over 80 buildings and 2200 units. A core part of our mission is supporting the tenants, many of whom are living in highly distressed properties owned by predatory, out-of-state investors, helping them seek fair and lawful treatment under Ohio and Cleveland landlord-tenant laws. For years many of these tenants have suffered through unlivable conditions. The Morelands Group is determined to help them live in safe and stable homes.

Morelands Group, continued

In 2025, among other accomplishments, we sponsored volunteer beautification projects in Helen Simpson Park on South Moreland; connected tenants to local housing, legal, and emergency resources through our online Tenant Resource Center; provided neighborly BBQs, educational events, public meetings, and the annual Morelands Festival on the Square; supported the creation of the City of Cleveland's Residents First agenda that protects residents from predatory landlords and strengthens the city's code-compliance legislation; and, in September, after 3 years of Morelands Group advocacy for residents of the Vista and the Residences of Shaker Square, a landmark settlement was signed, paving the way for new ownership and the promise of extensive rehabilitation.

Partnerships are key to what we do. Some of our partners include the city of Cleveland and the city of Shaker Heights, Cleveland Housing Network, Burten Bell Carr Development Inc., Edwins, NEOCH (NE Ohio Coalition for Homeless,) United Way, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Shaker Square Alliance, SHAD (Shaker Square Area Development Corporation), and Cleveland District 4 Police, among others. For more information about our work, to view our accomplishments, and to get a true sense of what we do, I invite you to visit our website at <https://www.morelandsgroup.org> .

We have been most grateful for start-up grants from the Saint Luke's Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, and the Cleveland Foundation, among others. I am pleased to announce that the Morelands Group now has the ability to collect online gifts, allowing our neighbors and community members to contribute greatly needed funding for this important work. We ask for your help in supporting our programming in 2026. To make a donation online, please visit www.morelandsgroup.org/donate. If you prefer to send a check, please make your check out to "East 66th St Services" (our fiscal sponsor) and add to the memo line: "Morelands Group Donation". Mail to: East 66th St Services, 6601 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44103.

The Morelands Group will be holding an informational coffee for the residents of Moreland Courts in the new year, date and time to be announced. We hope to see you there.



Morelands picnic on North Moreland

Report From the President

Moreland Courts Condominium Association

Board of Directors

By Gordon Wean

Having just enjoyed Thanksgiving, a day when we are grateful for our blessings, I would like to make gratitude the focus of this report.

First, on behalf of the Moreland Courts Board, I take great pleasure in thanking our General Manager, Paul Stroud, who will be retiring near the end of January. Paul's shoes will certainly be difficult to fill. For his stewardship, curiosity about and knowledge of the Association's property, to his open-door policy toward residents and staff, to his remarkable dedication to Moreland Courts, Paul saw us through many challenges and contributed much to a healthy future for the historic buildings which we call home. We thank Paul and wish the very best for him in his well-earned retirement after a decade of loyal service which leaves Moreland Courts in a better position than when he began. Thank you, Paul, for your contributions to our quality of life.

Second, I want to thank the Search Committee which leapt into action shortly after Paul announced his plan to retire. Led by Board member Chris Malstead, the Committee included Board Vice President Jeff Callahan, Board member Liz Patterson and Facilities Chair Ed Rybka. The Committee selected Dominique Litmaath, President of Reneris, a specialized executive search firm to assist them. Dominique is also a former resident of Moreland Courts.

The position listing generated much interest in the Cleveland area and beyond, but the Committee narrowed down the many applicants down to three finalists, whom the Board interviewed recently. A decision will be made in the coming days, and we will make an announcement to the Moreland Courts community when the hiring process has been completed.

Identifying and hiring a general manager is the most important and demanding task that a condominium board faces. A simple "thank you" is not adequate for those individuals who have given so much of their time and insight to this process. The entire community owes them a debt of gratitude for taking on this role, and I am deeply grateful to them.



Grand Junction, Colorado photo by David Smith, MD

A Rare Find

Conjured From the Mind of Alec Pendleton

Recently, I came across a copy of the Help Wanted ad that was used to recruit Paul Stroud to Moreland Courts. It read as follows:

WANTED: GENERAL MANAGER FOR CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX

Unique group of landmark condominiums listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings seeks manager to lead staff in daily operations and be responsible for everything. The property includes about 150 apartments, housing about 250 distinguished residents who together have about 300 opinions on every issue. Buildings have recently undergone significant investment in infrastructure to avoid demolition, but still include unreliable elevators, mysterious and surprising plumbing, an electrical supply subject to frequent interruptions varying from several minutes to several days, and ragged landscaping. The Association carries several million dollars in debt, so monthly fees are the highest in the area, and many of the apartments are for sale at very low prices. The job is inherently impossible. Mental health references are required.

From this ad, the Search Committee found Paul Stroud.

And now here we are, years later, gathered to celebrate Paul's years with us and honor him on the occasion of his retirement, so I think it's appropriate that we look back at how well he has done.

To name just a few of his accomplishments, all the passenger elevators have been replaced years ahead of schedule. General maintenance and cleaning are much better. The landscaping is dramatically improved. Security has been improved. He has led changes to both gas and water metering that have reduced costs, he has added an exercise room and ADA ramps, he has renovated and updated many of the public spaces, including back halls, laundry rooms, even the Board Room. And even in the case of things beyond his control – for example, the COVID pandemic - his leadership has been exemplary. And of course, there's the electrical supply – where he made what changes he could, and significantly improved our response when trouble strikes. Then, on top of all that, he has brought us a delightful concert series from CIM students, and established gallery space so we can have an ever-changing display of the work of various artists. And through excellent fiscal management, he has significantly reduced the debt.

And not incidentally, the value of our apartments has skyrocketed.

I'd say he's done pretty well!

So, Paul, we raise a glass to you, to thank you for your years of great service. We wish you all the best in your retirement, and many years of busyness and health. You will be missed.

A Message From the Moreland Courts Medical Council

From Eric Schreiber, MD and the Medical Council

When COVID-19 was rampant and scary, the Moreland Courts Medical Council was formed at the request of Management. We published several articles both before and after the formation of this newsletter. Since COVID-19 came under reasonable control, you have not heard from us. That said, there are plenty of medical topics that we believe will be of interest to the community. I would like to hear from other health care providers at Moreland Courts who were not part of the original Medical Council who would be willing to participate in this endeavor.

In the October, 2025 issue of the Moreland Courts Newsletter, Dr. Mike Devereaux, retired neurologist, wrote about brain health and the process of aging. Residents have expressed interest in additional articles on various medical topics that tap the expertise of the health care professionals who reside here at Moreland Courts.

In a future issue of this newsletter, Mike will again share his knowledge of neurology. He will discuss the over-the-counter drugs that are heavily promoted to improve memory.

Spoiler alert: Remember this: [Not so fast](#). Stay tuned.

A Note From the Editor

On December 4, 2025, a Moreland Courts Town Hall meeting was held. A major topic was a quite new and rapidly developing opportunity to repurpose a large portion of the CVS parking lot. Since the property in question is owned by the Moreland Courts Condominium Association, our Board of Directors is currently addressing these issues. Board president, Gordon Wean has sent a detailed letter to residents discussing the current state of this possible pathway for the Shaker Square community.

The path we take collectively as an association has potentially significant impact not only on Moreland Courts, but also on the Shaker Square community as a whole. I anticipate that a special edition of this newsletter will be published later this month devoted to this important opportunity.

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