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What's Happening at **HRRC?**

Spring 2012

Fundraiser event with Bremec on the Heights Garden Center

April 23rd to May 6th

You can help Home Repair Resource Center while you spruce up your lawn and garden. Again this spring, **Bremec on the Heights Garden Center** will partner with HRRC for a special fundraising event to support our programs. Between April 23rd and May 6th, all purchases of materials and gift cards at Bremec's will result in a donation to HRRC.

Bremec on the Heights Garden Center is located at **13410 Cedar Road**, just west of Taylor. From their selection of plants to garden decor and supplies, Bremec on the Heights is geared toward the needs of the urban homeowner. They are also a source of organic alternatives for sustainable gardening – organic fertilizer and pest control, rain barrels and compost bins, and more.

As an added benefit to gardening enthusiasts – experienced or novice – Bremec's will offer free classes in conjunction with our event:

Saturday, April 28th:

11 a.m. Vegetable Gardens
2 p.m. Native Plant Gardens

Saturday, May 5th:

11 a.m. Tree Selection
2 p.m. Garden Hedges

(No reservations required.)



Plan to visit Bremec on the Heights between April 23rd and May 6th for all the lawn and garden supplies you'll need this spring. Gift cards are also available, so you can make your purchase later and still benefit HRRC. On page 5 of this issue is a voucher to cut out and turn in with your purchase. HRRC volunteers will be at Bremec's both weekends to distribute vouchers and information about Home Repair Resource Center. (If you are

interested in volunteering, call Kathryn Lad at 216 381-6100, ext. 11.) Vouchers will also be available at our office and at the registers at Bremec's.

Practical Sustainability: new thinking for older homes

Check out our new series of monthly lectures designed to help owners of existing, older homes take steps – large and small – toward household energy efficiency and sustainability. The series will draw on the knowledge and experience of some of the best sustainable housing practitioners in Greater Cleveland to make the vast body of information surrounding sustainable housing more manageable – with action steps that are practical and affordable.

These free presentations will be held at the main branch of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, 2345 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights, and are open to residents of all communities.

Reservations are requested; call (216) 381-6100, ext. 16 to save your spot for the first three presentations:

Lights, Cabinets, Action! Sustainability & Kitchen Remodels

Fred Cortright (oneloom.net) & Michael Palcisco (MVP Consulting)

Wednesday, April 11th, 2012, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Your Roof: Bottom/Up, Top/Down Sustainability

Chuck Miller (Doty & Miller Architects)

Wednesday, May 9th, 2012, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sustainability in Bits & Pieces: Developing a Life Plan for Your House

Thomas Meyer, LEED AP

Wednesday, June 13th, 2012, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Future sessions will cover such topics as sustainable lawn care and design, sustainability on a tight budget, and developing sustainable neighborhoods. Presentations will be listed on HRRC's website, www.hrhc-ch.org.

Vikki Nowak Elected to HRRC Board

Vikki Nowak is the newest member of HRRC's Board of Directors. A seven-year resident of Cleveland Heights, Vikki is a Strategic Project Director at Nottingham Spirk, where she leads game-changing innovations for Fortune 500 companies. With over 20 years creative leadership experience, including eight years as Art Director for American Greetings and seven years as Web Director for Progressive Insurance, she will support HRRC in their branding and marketing efforts. Vikki is married and has three children. As a member of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, she feels a responsibility to the growth and vibrancy of Home Repair Resource Center, the organization her church founded 40 years ago.

HRRC “Energized” by GoodCents Donation

On March 12th, HRRC received \$1,525 from GoodCents, the company that provides energy audits through the Dominion East Ohio Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program. This donation resulted from HRRC’s partnership with GoodCents last November to encourage area homeowners to order energy audits. When homeowners mentioned HRRC, Home Repair Resource Center received a donation – and the homeowner received a “deep discount” on the cost of the audit itself.

“The response from the community was impressive,” said Cynthia Trotta, Energy Advisor at GoodCents. “We know that this program helps homeowners reduce energy costs, but we are thrilled that Home Repair Resource Center has also benefited.”

HRRC will receive another check from GoodCents, this time for energy audits ordered during March 2012. Kathryn Lad, HRRC Executive Director, expressed appreciation to all the homeowners who made it possible for HRRC to receive these donations “They made sure they followed the necessary procedures, calling GoodCents at the right time and informing HRRC so we could track their order. Their efforts really paid off!”



Cynthia Trotta of GoodCents (front left) hands check to HRRC Treasurer John Reece (front right), while Board president Alex Pesta (back right) and Board member Shouresh Amir-Tahmasseb (back left) look on.

Looking Back over **40** Years

As Home Repair Resource Center celebrates our 40th anniversary, we take pride in all that we have done to “maintain and strengthen the houses of Cleveland Heights to support the community’s rich diversity.” During our history, this local nonprofit has had many significant achievements that have impacted the homes and people of our community, including:

- HRRC has helped people complete over \$14 million in home repairs.
- HRRC has developed three model programs: the Challenge Fund, which guarantees bank loans for repairs for people who don’t qualify for conventional financing; Project Repair, which offers hands-on classes and a tool loan so people can undertake repairs on a do-self basis; and Home How-To, a course that teaches women to do basic carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs.
- HRRC has produced numerous videos and handouts that focus on repairs to older homes, as well as repair specifications for contracted work.
- HRRC has completed quality renovations of nine foreclosed, deteriorated houses, most recently through our *Home in the Heights* subsidiary.

We could not have achieved all of this without the individuals, businesses, and institutions that have provided financial support for our services and contributed time and talent to make those services possible. Thanks to all of our partners!



Now, it’s time to celebrate that history! Please join us for our 40th anniversary benefit party:

“Raise the Roof – Celebrate 40 Years of HRRC Keeping Cleveland Heights in Good Repair”

Sunday, June 17th, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Heights Grill
2206 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights

We’d love to see you for this evening of good cheer and recognition, as we look back at our history and forward to our future. A house-themed auction will add to the festivities. Tickets are \$40 per person; call (216) 381-6100, ext. 16 to reserve yours. Space is limited.



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April 23 - May 6, 2012



*Show this voucher, and a portion of your purchase will benefit HRRRC**

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Gift cards are available, so you can make your purchase later and still help HRRRC.

**Excludes contractor & commercial sales, and service charges (such as delivery charges or tree planting fees.)*

Free Workshops

at Bremec on the Heights Garden Center:

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2 pm Native Plant Gardens

Saturday, May 5

11 am Tree Selection

2 pm Garden Hedges

Call (216) 932-0039 for workshop reservations. Visit www.hrrc-ch.org for more details.

In recent months, HRRC has been purposefully working to expand the reach of our services, both within Cleveland Heights and throughout the larger community. Our efforts have been paying off:

- News of our hands-on repair workshops has been eagerly received by residents of other communities. Since January, we've had a waiting list for most classes.
- There's a lot of excitement in our home buyer classes, where prospective buyers mix with people who have already put an offer on a house. People who have already taken the course are referring their friends.
- Our women's repair course, redesigned and opened to all communities, will get underway in May.
- With the newly expanded income guidelines, more Cleveland Heights homeowners are now eligible to use our Tool Loan.

What's Your Legacy?

As a supporter, client, or friend of Home Repair Resource Center, you can provide a future gift to HRRC by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust. Your bequest will provide lasting support to HRRC without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime.

There are many benefits of bequest gifts to the HRRC Endowment Fund:

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime
- You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change
- You can designate a certain dollar amount or percentage of the net proceeds of the estate
- You can name HRRC as a secondary beneficiary and leave the bulk of your estate to your family members
- Your bequest may help you reduce or avoid federal estate taxes
- There is no upper limit on the estate tax deductions that can be taken for charitable bequests
- You will have the satisfaction of knowing your bequest will support HRRC in the way you intended after you are gone.

While HRRC suggests that you consult an attorney about any legal concerns, we will be happy to discuss your options and ensure that your gift can be used as intended. For further information on legacy gifts, please see our website (www.hrrc-ch.org), or call Kathryn Lad, HRRC Executive Director, at (216) 381-6100.

Yes, I want to support HRRC's Annual Fund

Name (as you want to be listed in HRRC's Annual Report):

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Amount enclosed (check payable to Home Repair Resource Center):

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$____ Other

In honor memory of: _____

Please mail to: Home Repair Resource Center
2520 Noble Road
Cleveland Hts., OH 44121

*Donations are tax-deductible. Donations can also be made
online at www.hrhc-ch.org*

HRRC to Co-Sponsor Lecture Series with CH Historical Society

HRRC has joined the Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Landmarks Commission, FutureHeights, Cleveland Restoration Society, and Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library to co-sponsor a short lecture series on preserving older homes. The series will kick off on May 24th with a presentation by CH City Planner Kara Hamley O'Donnell on "Researching the History of Your Cleveland Heights Home." Future presentations are scheduled for June 7th, June 21st, and July 12th, and topics will include deep energy retrofits at the roofline, the evolution of the American home interior, and maintenance and efficiency.

All lectures will be held at the CH-UH Library in the evening. When the series is finalized, information will be posted on HRRC's website, www.hrhc-ch.org.

Operating support for HRRC is provided by individual donations, foundation grants, and HUD Community Development Block Grant funds through the City of Cleveland Heights.



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