

Shaker Heights History? There's an App for That!

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission and the Shaker Heights Public Library received a pair of grants to preserve and digitize historic resources. The Library received a \$3,500 grant from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board and the City received a \$14,175 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund. This collaborative project will make the Building Index Cards for Shaker Heights residences available online in a free, searchable database.

Meghan Hays, local history librarian and archivist at the Shaker Heights Public Library says, "Every week in the Library's Local History Collection, I help homeowners research the history of their homes. By digitizing the Building Index Cards, we can give Shaker residents direct access to the historical information they seek, such as the architects, builders, and original owners of their homes. In the future, the website will also bring together photos, blueprints if available, maps, and other details about the house, and we hope to enable residents to con-

tribute their memories and images of their homes to the online historical record as well."

In addition, a Shaker Historical smart phone app will allow users to find interesting people, places, and events in Shaker's history and take curated tours of the city. Initially, information about the area's 45 individual landmarks, two local landmark districts (Winslow Road and Shaker Square) and the Shaker Village National Register District will be included. The app will be launched to commemorate the City's Centennial in early 2012.

Fire Department Open House: Saturday, October 1

Save the date for the Shaker Heights Fire Department Open House on October 1 from 1 to 3 pm. Help the firefighters kick off Fire Prevention week by getting a behind-the-scenes peek at the life of a firefighter. Enjoy refreshments, kids activities, station and fire truck tours, and visit the fire safety trailer. Firefighters will also be on hand to review home escape plans and provide fire safety related information, such as proper installation

of smoke detectors.

Bring the whole family, and have fun while learning to be safe. Don't forget to bring a camera.

Building Department Closes at 4:30 pm for Contractor Permits/Registrations

To improve the efficiency of the Building Department, the business day for issuing contractor permits and registrations begins at 8 am and now ends promptly at 4:30 pm. The earlier closing time ensures that staff members can complete paperwork before the close of their business day. Homeowners with improvement projects may wish to let contractors know of this policy, which is also posted on the City's website.

Be a Flu Fighter

The Shaker Heights Health Department makes it easy and affordable for residents of all ages to get a seasonal flu shot. Call to schedule an appointment beginning Tuesday, September



Shaker Heights was the site of county executive Ed FitzGerald's first town hall meeting, held on May 26.

