

MOVING TO CLEVELAND SURVIVAL GUIDE

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I. RELOCATING TO CLEVELAND

A. FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

Your first priority will probably be finding a place to live. Most people find the cost of both renting apartments and buying houses very affordable. Plan a visit to Cleveland in mid-April. A long weekend with at least one weekday is desirable. If you cannot get here until June, relax - you will still be able to find somewhere to live. Come prepared with a clear understanding of what you want, what you can afford, and what your priorities are.

The winding Cuyahoga River geographically divides the city of Cleveland into two areas: the East and West sides.

The West Side suburbs are closer to downtown, have easier access to freeways, receive fewer inches of snow, and generally offer more modern housing.

The East Side suburbs, which are closer to University Circle, CCF, and many of the cultural institutions, offer historical charm and nice, affordable housing.

The Downtown area boasts newly renovated apartments for those who want “city style” living arrangements.



See “Rating the Suburbs” from Cleveland Magazine’s June issue for area statistics and demographic information. This information is published every June in Cleveland Magazine.

On average, the majority of residents and fellows live on the East Side in the following suburbs:

<u>SUBURB</u>	<u>TRAVEL TIME TO CCF</u>
Beachwood	20-25 minutes
Cleveland Heights	10-20 minutes
Lyndhurst	20-25 minutes
Mayfield Heights	25-30 minutes
Shaker Heights	10-20 minutes
South Euclid	20-25 minutes
University Heights	15-20 minutes

On the West Side, the majority of residents/fellows live in:

<u>SUBURB</u>	<u>TRAVEL TIME TO CCF</u>
Bay Village	25-30 minutes
Fairview Park	20-25 minutes
Lakewood	15-20 minutes
Parma	20-25 minutes
Rocky River	20-25 minutes
Westlake	25-30 minutes

For those working in specialties that can take call from home, be sure to check with your CCF department for any minimum travel time requirements.

The types of housing you will find available include:

- Traditional apartment complexes
- Single family homes
- Duplex - a side-by-side house, mostly available in Cleveland Heights. You share the front entrance, garden and garage but everything else is private. Cost is at least \$800/month for a 3-bedroom duplex.
- Two-family home - has a common front entrance, one family has the first floor, and another family has the second floor +/- the third floor. These are mostly available in Shaker Heights. A 3-bedroom "upstairs" will cost at least \$700/month.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

When renting in Cleveland, you must always remember that Ohio law protects the landlords, not the tenants. Here are some suggestions from others before you:

- Consider hiring a real estate agent (this could cost between \$100-\$150/day). They can show you areas that do not have housing services.
- Use a housing service (see listings below) but they exist primarily for the benefit of landlords so be cautious.
- Get everything in writing.
- Talk to current tenants they are the best source of information about the landlord, the property and the neighborhood.
- Families with only one vehicle should consider living within walking distance of the RTA public transportation system. Housing along or near Van Aken Blvd. and Shaker Blvd. is convenient for the RTA trains. Additionally, housing near Shaker Square is convenient to the #48 bus that goes to CCF.
- Having a garage in which to park your car can save snow-cleaning time during the winter months.
- Families moving with animals, specifically dogs, should try the Shaker Heights/Cleveland Heights Housing Services (see listing below) to find housing, as *The Apartment Guide* does not advertise housing that allow dogs.
- Remember, it won't always be Spring. Cleveland weather can be extreme so this will effect your utilities bills in the winter, whether you want a garage to park your car in, your commute into work, etc.

B. HOW TO START YOUR SEARCH

CCF Sources:

The Office of Alumni Affairs in the Lerner Research Building (NA2-05) keeps five housing books: four "FOR RENT" books covering; Private houses, two families, condos/townhouses, etc.; Temporary - Short Term Housing; Apartments – Eastside; and Apartments – Westside; and one "FOR SALE" book listing homes for sale by residents/fellows & support staff. To access this information, you will need to visit their office personally to review the information. The office phone number is (216) 444-2487. Please ask for Marilyn Bryce.

Rental Advertisements:

- *The Apartment Guide* (free, published monthly). (216) 447-1416
- *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*. (216) 999-6000 or www.plaindealer.com
- *Sun Press* (a local, east side newspaper). (216) 524-0830.

Housing Services:

- Cleveland Heights Housing Services. (216) 291-5959 or www.heightshousing@CLVHTS.com
The housing service is FREE and will provide a guided tour of the Cleveland Heights area. They will custom fit your Rental needs and show you rental property. Call for more information or to set up an appointment.
- Shaker Heights Housing Service. (216) 491-1330 or www.shakeronline.com
The housing service is FREE and will provide a guided tour of the Shaker Heights area and neighborhood schools, recreational facilities, libraries and shopping centers. The housing service will show only "Certified Shaker" 2 family homes and will provide a list of "Certified Shaker" apartment buildings. "Certified Shaker" rentals have stringent requirements of cleanliness and safety regulations. Call for more information or set up an appointment.
- Private Lodgings, Inc. (216) 321-3213 - Phyllis Gerber
A referral service specializing in temporary, short-term housing. Furnished apartments, condominiums and houses. Home share - live in someone else's home. East and West Cleveland property locations
- The Village Green Apartments. Beachwood.(216) 292-9210 or www.villagegreen.com click on Beachwood
24 Hour Manned Gated Community. Amenities include indoor & outdoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, tennis and racquetball courts, and guest suites.
5% rental discount for CCF residents/fellows and only \$150 security deposit required. Call for more information and a FREE personal tour of the community.
- Any city/suburb's Chamber of Commerce. (Dial information (216) 555-1212 for the phone number)

Buying Contacts:

- NextHome is a mortgage company and a realtor. If you use both services, they will pay closing costs on a home, give you 2 free mortgage payments, or allow you to buy 2 points. Call for more information (888) 566-4100.
- Planright GMAC (216) 514-8882 or www.planrightgmac.com
Joan Rosen - e-mail: planright@aol.com
- Realty One (Hotline). (216) 691-2345. They offer a free tour of Cleveland.
- Smythe Cramer. (216) 751-8550 or www.smythecramer.com
Marilyn Isler - ABR, CRS - voice mail (216) 999-8405 e-mail: misler@smythecramer.com
- www.realtor.com. This web site advertises many homes from many different real estate agencies

Home Inspectors:

When purchasing your new home and before closing the deal, you'll want to get a general home inspection. A home inspector will provide a professional opinion of the overall condition of the dwelling and will identify major defects. Both the interior and exterior of the property will be inspected. Buyers are advised to accompany the inspector to ask questions but it's not required. You will receive an impartial objective report of the property. General home inspections help you avoid "surprises" later on.

- MAC Home Inspections (440)735-0499 or cell (216)210-6759
A member of **American Society of Home Inspectors**
15 years experience. Knowledgeable with the Heights code violations.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Wage Taxes - Most of the suburban townships have regional wage taxes. Check the Regional Income Tax Agency web site for listings at <http://www.rita.to/>
- Property Taxes - The property tax rates vary widely from township to township. You will want to take these costs into consideration before making a final purchase decision.
- Property Inspections & Point Of Sale Inspection - Some townships have property inspections that occur at the time of sale and also yearly. Any items found by inspectors that warrant repair will be cited for violation and must be fixed. Be sure to understand this and review it with your real estate agent. Ask questions before you buy or you could get stuck with costly repairs.

C. MOVING COMPANIES/SERVICES

Whether you choose to move with a professional moving company or do-it-yourself, our best advice is to plan ahead as early as possible (check your city of origin's phone book for telephone numbers).

Full Service

Allied Van Lines
Bekins Van Lines
Corlett Movers (216) 641-6677
Mayflower Transit Company
United Van Lines

Do-it-Yourself Service:

Hertz-Penske Truck Rental
Ryder Truck Rental
U-Haul Company

D. WHERE TO STAY WHEN HOUSE HUNTING

From our experience, the hotels/motels listed below offer affordable rates and we suggest that you always inquire whether they offer a discount for CCF residents/fellows. The hotels marked with an "*" are more expensive so make sure you ask about the price. AAA cardholders can receive discounts at some hotels.

West Side:

Hampton Inn – Westlake. (440) 892-0333. CCF Rate \$59 plus tax.
Holiday Inn – Westlake. (440) 871-6000. CCF Rate \$69 plus tax.
Red Roof Inn – Westlake. (440) 892-7920. CCF Rate \$39 plus tax (through June).

East Side:

Alcazar Hotel - Cleveland Heights. (216) 321-5400. \$70 plus tax.
Baymount Inns - Mayfield Heights. (440) 442-8400. CCF Rate \$64 plus tax.
CCF Guest House – Cleveland. (216) 791-2710.
*Cleveland Hilton East – Beachwood. (216) 464 5950.
*Embassy Suites Hotel – Beachwood. (216) 765-8066. CCF Rate \$139 plus tax.
Hampton Inn – Wickliffe. (440) 944 4030. CCF Rate \$72 plus tax.
Holiday Inn – Beachwood. (216) 831-3300. \$95/\$105 plus tax.
*Radisson Hotels- Beachwood and Downtown. (800) 333-3333. CCF Rate \$109 plus tax.
*Stouffer Renaissance Hotel – Downtown. (216) 696-5600. CCF Rate \$129 plus tax.
Travellodge – Beachwood. (216) 831-7200. \$55 plus tax.

South and/or near the Airport:

*Cleveland Airport Marriott - Airport. (216) 252-5333.
Holiday Inn - Airport. (216) 252-7700. CCF Rate \$79 plus tax.
Holiday Inn – Independence. (216) 524-8050. CCF Rate \$79 plus tax.
Holiday Inn- Hopkins/Middleburg Heights. (440) 243-4040. \$99 weekdays/ \$59 weekends.
Radisson Inn - Airport. (216) 267-5700. CCF Rate \$59 plus tax.
Red Roof Inn – Independence. (216) 447-0030. CCF Rate \$49.99 plus tax.
*Residence Inn by Marriott - Airport. (440) 234-6688.
*Sheraton Hotel - Airport. (216) 267-1500.

E. TRANSPORTATION

Main airport: Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE).

Alternative Airport: Akron-Canton Regional (CAK). Sometimes carries cheaper fares.

Car rentals: Avis (216) 265-3700

Hertz (800) 654-3131

Budget (216) 433-4433

National (216) 267-0060

Thrifty (216) 267-7368

Taxicabs: Yellow Cab (216) 623-1500

Americab (216) 881-1111

Amtrak: (800) 872-7245

Regional Transit Authority (RTA) (bus/train): (216) 621-9500

Greyhound Bus Line: (216) 781-0520 or (800) 231-2222

F. ESTABLISHING UTILITIES AND NEWSPAPERS

Some utilities may be set up before you arrive:

Electricity:	The Illuminating Company.	(800) 589-3101
Gas:	Dominion East Ohio. Try to establish your account with a monthly budget program.	(216) 361-2345
Telephone:	Local calls- SBC Telephone Company Long distance - you have the option to choose your own provider (i.e., AT&T, Sprint, MCI).	(800) 660-1000.
Cable TV & Cable Internet:	Adelphia Cable Wide Open West (WOW)	(800) 686-2510 Toll Free (866) 496-9669 Toll Free
	Direct TV – Any Blockbuster or Radio Shack store	
Newspapers:	Cleveland Plain Dealer Sun Press - Eastern Suburb Paper	(216) 999-6000 (216) 524-0830

G. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Education for grades kindergarten through twelve is free in the Ohio Public School System. You may have to pay for full-time kindergarten if your school offers only a half-day program. Each municipality (City of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, Lakewood, etc.) has its own Board of Education, which administers education matters within its district. Some adjoining cities share a combined school system such as Cleveland Hts. / University Hts. and South Euclid/ Lyndhurst. The Ohio Department of Education website, <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/>, provides district and school profile information and publishes the results of the state proficiency tests and school district report cards.

Before you start your housing search, it is worthwhile to compare the performance of each school district and evaluate individual schools within a district. **Copies of the report cards can be ordered online, or call toll-free Ohio Dept. of Education. (877) 772-7771.**

The starting age for children varies, but in general, a child must turn 5 by September 30th of the year he/she starts school. Some school districts allow underage children to start school after satisfactory completion of ability and preparedness tests. The school year runs from early September to late May; however, the typical enrollment month is January, so look into schools as soon as possible as there are occasionally waiting lists for some schools. School hours vary greatly. Some schools provide orientation sessions for parents and children in August. Contact the Board in your area as soon as possible for specific information.

NOTE: Call the *NAEYC- National Association for the Education of Young Children* to obtain a list of accredited schools in your area. (800) 424-2460 or www.naeyc.org.

Specific registration procedures vary, but in general, the following are necessary:

- Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate
- Current medical certificate from physician
- Complete medical history and documentation of all U.S. required immunizations
- Proof of residence (utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
- Legal custody papers, in case of divorce
- School records for secondary levels, report cards, unofficial school transcripts

CHILDCARE - PRE-SCHOOLS / CO-OPS / NURSERIES

For those with young children, finding and choosing childcare is likely to be one of the most stressful parts of your move. We suggest you start your search as early as possible. Many centers fill fast and have very long waiting lists. Consider a preliminary search by telephone months before arriving in Cleveland and application to the wait list of centers you like. Many of us have children and are happy to answer questions to help you narrow your search. Look for the listings below with the * **indicating HSSA member recommendations**. Generally Co-ops are less expensive than traditional pre-schools, but require parent volunteer time. Listed below are centers compiled from the NAEYC Accredited Centers List and *HSSA member recommendations.

BEACHWOOD		PHONE
Fundamentals Children's Center		(216) 831-6500
CLEVELAND		PHONE
Child Time Children's Center – Cleveland		(216) 831-5957
McMillan Preschool and Day Care		(216) 932-9497
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS		PHONE
Church of the Savior	*	(216) 321-1685
Fairmount Church Cooperative Nursery School	*	(216) 321-5800
Fairmount Temple Preschool	*	(216) 464-1752
Gesu Church and Educational Center	*	(216) 932-0620
Jewish Community Center	*	(216) 382-4000
Millikin School	*	(216) 371-7318
Saint Paul Co-op Nursery School	*	(216) 932-0002
EUCLID		PHONE
Euclid Cooperative Preschool – Euclid		(216) 731-1316
South Euclid Co-op Nursery School	*	(216) 381-4030
Up with Kids (Ages 2 months to 3 years).	*	(216) 382-1802
LAKESWOOD		PHONE
Lakewood Baptist Nursery School		(216) 221-4089
Lakewood Community Care Center		(216) 226-0080
LYNDHURST		PHONE
Faith Church Preschool – Lyndhurst/Richmond Heights	*	(216) 382-7010
Kindercare (Ages 6 weeks to 12 years).	*	(440) 442-8067
Lyndhurst Childhood Enrichment Center		(440) 442-2333.
MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS		
Little Acorn Child Care Center		(440) 816-5395
ROCKY RIVER		PHONE
Rocky Rover Presbyterian Nursery School		(216) 333-4888
West Shore Child Care Center		(440) 333-2040
SHAKER HEIGHTS		PHONE
Carol Nursery	*	(216) 991-3449
Cooperative Nursery School at Heights Christian Church NAEYC accredited	*	(216) 561-4800
Early Childhood Enrichment Center Full-Day. Ages 1 to 5		(216) 991-9761
Jewish Day Nursery		(216) 932-2800 x 238
Plymouth Church / Parents Day Out (Ages 2 ½ to 4)	*	(216) 991-1961

Additional Resources for Parents

CONCERN Employee Assistance Program at Cleveland Clinic Foundation is the CCF referral service. They maintain lists of in-home childcare providers, daycare centers, and nanny services. They will mail a printout from their database of providers. (216) 445-6970

The Heights Parent Center is a non-profit education center for families located at the Millikin School on Crest Road (near Severance Center) in Cleveland Heights. It runs parenting classes, a toy lending library, drop in sessions, evening workshops, social events and "Ages and Stages", which is a developmental screen for children. They are a friendly organization and are always looking for new members and volunteers. (216) 321-0079

Shaker Heights Public Library - Play and Learn Station - Learning activities for adults and children (ages birth to five years) to enjoy together. Explore Art, Science, Dramatic Play, Stories and more. Play and Learn Babies offer stimulating activities, toys and materials especially for you and your baby. You may borrow books and materials. Located at the Shaker Heights Public Library (second floor) 16500 Van Aken Blvd. (216)-991-2030.

H. CAR REGISTRATION/DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

Registering your vehicle and obtaining a driver's license can be time consuming process. Listed below are the steps you will need to take to obtain all necessary items. The Golden Gate Plaza shopping complex on Mayfield Road just west of Interstate 271 in Mayfield Heights houses both a Title Bureau and License Bureau.

To Obtain a Driver's License:

Obtain a copy of the "Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws" from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, (614) 752-7500 (Columbus main office). The written driver's exam includes questions that test fine point and numerical detail from this digest. In addition, the road sign portion of the exam is tricky in its wording, so learn the exact description of each road sign from the digest.

If you have a valid driver's license from another state you will be required to take the vision screening and the written exam at one of the Highway Patrol Examination Stations. The road test is usually waived if your out-of-state license does not have your Social Security number on it. You must also present your Social Security card.

If you have an international driver's license, you must make an appointment with the Highway Patrol Examination Station (216) 787-5880 using your Social Security number, to take the vision, written and **road** tests. The written test is available in many foreign languages, however, you must be able to understand directions and read traffic signs printed in English.

Upon passing all tests, you have 60 days to take your "examination passed" to a Deputy Registrar or Auto and Driver's License Bureau (see State Government section of the Blue Pages for locations) to obtain your license.

Safety laws:

Ohio law requires all children who are under the age of 4 and who weigh less than 40 pounds (88 kilos) be restrained in an approved child safety seat. Drivers and front seat passengers must wear safety belts.

To Purchase a Vehicle:

The purchase of a vehicle may be from a car dealer (see Yellow Pages or local newspapers) or directly from the previous owner (see the *Automobile Trading Times*, which is published weekly, or the *Plain Dealer*). The bulletin board outside the entrance to the CCF "H" cafeteria is another good source for vehicle advertisements. You may also consider leasing a vehicle if you will be here only a year or two.

Call the AAA (see below) for recommended garages to check your second-hand vehicle for mechanical defects before you purchase it. Some garages are listed on page 22 under Automotive Care.

To Register Your Vehicle:

Step One: Out-of-State Inspection. If you purchased your vehicle out-of-state or it is registered out-of-state, you must take it to a License Bureau for a vehicle inspection (cost is \$1.50). You will need the paper work from this inspection to obtain an Ohio Title.

Step Two: Obtain an Ohio Title. Title Transfer is done at a Title Bureau (See County Government Section of the Phone Book, under Auto and Boat Title Department). **East Side:** Golden Gate Plaza in Mayfield Heights. **West Side:** Great Northern Mall in North Olmstead.

The title must be signed over to you by the seller and be notarized. You must present identification (such as a driver's license or passport), and you will be charged a \$7.00 fee in addition to the 7% sales tax, which must be paid in cash or by certified check or money order. If the vehicle has two owners or is in your spouse's name, both owners/owner must go to the Title Bureau unless you get a notarized Power of Attorney for the person who cannot come. (The Bureau has a form specifically for this purpose.)

Step Three: Emissions Testing. For e-check locations, call 1-800-CAR-TEST (1-800-227-8378). The cost of the test is \$19.50, cash or personal check only.

Step Four: Obtain License Plates and Registration. To obtain license plates, go to a Deputy Registrar's Office or License Bureau (see License Services in the Yellow Pages). You will need your **Ohio** title, your "passing" e-test certificate and your driver's license. The registration fee is based on the date of birth of the owner of the vehicle. For passenger vehicles, the cost will range from \$12.25 to \$42.25. The legal owners must apply in person or you must have a notarized Power of Attorney for the person who cannot come.

REMINDER: Don't leave home without:

- Your vehicle's original title
- A notarized Power of Attorney for the owner who cannot be there in person (Must use Bureau's form)
- Your vehicle's loan contract if you have a lien on it. Call first and check whether you need to have any other paperwork from your lender
- One picture ID (a current driver's license or passport) and one other ID with your Social Security number on it
- Proof of Social Security number and birth certificate if your Social Security number is not on your current driver's license

The lines can be very long and difficult. If you have children, try to leave them at home.

Car Insurance:

Under Ohio law, you are required to carry adequate car insurance. The "Ohio Shopper's Guide to Automobile Insurance" is provided by the Ohio Department of Insurance (800) 686-1526 (allow several weeks for shipping or check for copies and the local library). This guide provides rate information, explanations of terms and coverage and other information to help you choose an insurance company.

Please consider joining the **Ohio Motorists Association - AAA**. They provide roadside assistance as well as maps, tour guides, travel shop and travel agency services.

- Main Office: 6000 S. Marginal Road, Cleveland, 44103, (216) 606-6100
- East Side: 5356 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, 44124, (440) 473-0700 (in Power Plaza)
- West Side: 3356 Linden Road, Rocky River, 44116, (440) 333-5878 (in Westgate Shopping Center)

I. CCF RELATED INFORMATION

How to Page Your Spouse:

To page someone from a CCF house phone: dial 14 (beep...); dial pager number (beep, beep...), dial last five digits of house phone number and the pound (#) sign; hang up and wait for your call. Example: 14, 22200, 41234#.

To page someone from an outside phone: dial (216) 464-8410 (beep...); dial pager number (beep, beep...); dial the number where you want the person to return your call and the pound (#) sign; hang up and wait for your call. Example: (216) 464-8410, 22200, 229-6405#.

If it is an emergency and you need your spouse to call you back ASAP, you can add 911 after your phone number and before the pound sign. Example: (216) 464-8410, 22200, 229-6405911#.

If you need to reach your spouse and you are calling from a phone where he/she can't call back, simply dial the CCF operator (216) 444-2200 or (800) CCF-CARE and ask to have your spouse paged. You will hold on the line while the operator makes the page and your spouse will be connected directly to you relatively quickly.

Making a Doctor's Appointment with the Primary Care Department (adult and pediatrics):

When you call to make an appointment, you will be required to give the nurse the 8-digit CCF number of the patient. Each person in your family has his/her own number, and they are assigned at your first appointment. When attending your first appointment, you will need to show up about 1/2-hour early to apply for this number. Applications are taken directly in Primary Care.

- Routine Adult Primary Care Appointments: (216) 444-2535
- Urgent Adult Primary Care Appointments: (216) 444-2538
- Routine Pediatric Appointments: (216) 444-(KIDS) 5437
- Urgent Pediatric Appointments: (216) 444-2932

Paydays:

All residents/fellows get paid twice per month - on the 15th and on the last working day. If the normal payday falls on a weekend (Saturday or Sunday), your spouse will receive their paycheck on the working day before. When your spouse starts his/her training, they will be offered the option of having their paycheck automatically deposited (called direct deposit) each payday into their checking account. We strongly advise you select this option. Paystubs will be mailed to your home.

Parking: Bring your parking ticket to the GME Office on the second floor of the Lerner Building for free validation.

J. INTERNATIONAL SECTION - TIPS FOR THOSE ARRIVING FROM ABROAD

Yes, you can do it! You can arrive here jet-lagged, tired, upset children in tow, only a few days before your spouse starts work, and organize a house, car, schools and furniture. If you have any problems or questions before or after you arrive, please do not hesitate to contact the **HSSA** and we will do our best to help (our names and phone numbers are listed in the *Stethoscoop*. We know how difficult and frustrating it can be. From our experience, the first month is the worst, so don't give up!

1. Applying for a Social Security Number

Without your social security number, you can do nothing. You need it to open a bank account (and hence to be paid), to get a driver's license and to buy a car. The Social Security Administration Offices are listed in the U.S. Government section of the phone book under Health and Human Services. The office at East 117th Street is close to CCF. The office on Richmond Road is in Beachwood and we recommend this location. Take with you to the office your passport and ID photos. Two days after you have applied, you can go back to the office (with your passport) and get an official printout so you can do all of the things mentioned above. The official Social Security card takes about 2 weeks to arrive.

2. Car

You will find it very difficult to achieve anything without a car, including travelling to some of your spouse's rotations/clinics, so we recommend that you rent one until you can buy one. Leasing a car is not an option as you do not have a credit rating in the U.S. You will have to rent a car from one of the big companies because the smaller (cheaper) companies will not rent you a car if you do not have your own insurance. Beware of hidden costs when renting. Most rental companies will try to sell you full comprehensive insurance which may be costly and not be required.

After you have bought your car and gone through the torture of getting the title transferred, the car registered and getting a driver's license, you will need to get automobile insurance. Your driving history in your country of origin may be relevant, so have a copy of your *No Claims Bonus* from your previous insurer available. Be sure to shop around for the lowest insurance rates. Companies can vary by hundreds of dollars. An insurance broker can help you comparison shop or try Progressive Insurance at (800) 776-4737. They will give you their quote, as well as quotes from other major companies. **Auto insurance is required by law in Ohio.**

****Canadians:** Cars brought into the US require a letter from the car's manufacturer to cross the border. This letter must verify that your vehicle meets US Environmental Protection and Vehicle Safety Standards. Without this letter, you cannot bring your car across the border.

3. Credit Cards

Once you have established a local bank account, you should be eligible to receive a credit card. However, we suggest that you bring your VISA/Mastercard with you from your country of origin and arrange to have the bills paid at home until you receive your new cards.

4. English Lessons

You can find free English classes in some locations. Two such locations are the Board of Education, University Heights, (216) 371-7171 and the Heights Community Center, (216) 371-7138, which offer various courses each season. Look for the local city magazine in your apartment complex for more information.

5. Housing

See page 3 for information on renting apartments/houses or buying a house. Remember that you need to call at least 2 weeks before you arrive to schedule appointments to view the housing.

6. Furniture

You can try to buy a house load of furniture from someone who is leaving CCF (highly recommended), you can attend garage/house sales and buy what you need (tedious and time-consuming), or you can go to a large second-hand furniture store. You can buy some of the things in less expensive stores such as K-Mart, Target, and Wal-Mart. If you can, wait until the stores you want to buy from have sales. Usually, January and August are the months with the best sales. The *Sun Press* newspaper, which is published weekly on Thursdays, is a good resource. You can also try a St. Vincent De Paul second-hand store or The Salvation Army second-hand store. Try Old Time Pottery on 130th in Parma Heights for good, cheap household goods. If you are looking for used furniture, it is worth looking in the newspapers, the *Stethoscoop*, or the bulletin board located near the entrance to the CCF "H" cafeteria. Furniture can also be rented – See Furniture Renting in the Yellow Pages.

Parents: Call the Heights Parent Center (216) 321-0079 at the Millikin School in Cleveland Heights to join the toy lending library for your children.

7. Mail Order Catalogues

Many people shop through mail order catalogues for clothing, toys, linen, furniture, etc. The reputable companies have good, quality items and they are easily returnable if not suitable. The advantages to this method of ordering are that you have access to a wide range of goods from your home, you can place your order over the phone with helpful, knowledgeable operators or on-line when the children are in bed, and often you will not have to pay tax on these products.

8. Supermarkets

You may find supermarkets difficult because everything is packaged differently and is displayed in a different section. At some markets, you may not be allowed to take your cart (trolley) to the car, there will be a designated spot to leave it and it will be labeled with a number when you drive up to the pickup area. A person will load your groceries into your trunk (boot) – some grocery stores discourage tipping (Heinen's). You will also be asked at the checkout if you want your groceries packed in "paper or plastic" bags. Many people bring their own cloth bags or return their used paper/plastic bags to aid in the product recycling effort.

9. Taxes

From your spouse's paycheck, there will be multiple taxes deducted: U.S. Government (federal) taxes, State of Ohio taxes, and City of Cleveland taxes. In addition, you may have to pay a tax for your city of residence (if it is other than the city of Cleveland) when it comes time to file your annual income tax returns.

Most of us live in Cuyahoga County where the county tax is 7% on all items except food. The tax varies slightly in other counties and some cities may also impose a city tax. Therefore, the price marked on an item is not the price you will be asked to pay at the cashier.

10. Television

The system here is not PAL, the one you probably have in your country of origin. It is possible to buy dual televisions and videos, which will play and display both systems; but most people buy a local television and video player and have tapes from home converted.

11. Tipping

In general, people in the service industry are paid at or below minimum wage. Tipping is customary and the usual tip is 15% to 20% for anyone who does a service for you (waitress, hairdresser, etc.) and \$1 per bag for anyone who carries your luggage.

12. Travelers' Cheques

Travelers' cheques are not always the easiest way to bring money with you from outside the country. Although they are accepted in most large department stores, and banks will accept them to open an account, it is often difficult to cash more than \$100 at a time at a bank (and it takes about 30 minutes of waiting time). So, we suggest either bring more cash or from a wiser perspective, deposit your travelers' cheques immediately in a bank account. Remember that it will take at least 2 working days to Telegraphic Transfer money from outside the U.S.

13. Social Groups

Every month the HSSA newsletter, the *Stethoscope*, along with the HSA Newsletter, will be mailed to your home. It is published by the same group, the House Staff Spouses Association, that compiled this publication. You will find good discounts for entertainment and you will be informed of all the dates the group meets for various events. It's a very nice group to enjoy and make friends.

Cleveland has an international women's group. Please contact the Women's Group of Cleveland. P.O. Box 18107, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 or www.iwgc.org. Contacts: Noëlle Schoenhagen - nschoenhagen@iwgc.org or Yuni Aaron - yaaron@iwgc.org

14. Medication Prescriptions

Prescriptions from outside the US cannot be transferred to a pharmacy within the US. Bring enough medication to last until you are able to see a physician in Cleveland.

15. Other Helpful Information

A good thing to do when you arrive is to buy a map of Greater Cleveland. You can find these maps in any drugstore and you will use it a lot while you are here.

To change from Fahrenheit to Centigrade, diminish 32 and then divide by 9/5.

Centigrade	Fahrenheit
-18	0
0	32
20	68
37 (body temperature)	98.6

One mile is a little over two kilometers; multiply kilometers by .6 to get the miles.

One pound is approximately one-half kilogram; a kilogram is actually 2.2 pounds.

One yard is just short of a meter, which is 11/10 of a yard. The U.S. yard is 91 centimeters.

One U.S. foot is 12 inches, which is 30.4 centimeters.

One inch is about 3 centimeters (a centimeter is 3/10 of an inch). One U.S. yard is 91 centimeters.

One quart is almost the size of a liter (the liter is 1 1/10 of a quart). Gasoline is sold by the gallon which is four quarts.

An ounce is approximately 30 grams. There are 16 ounces in a pound. For measures smaller than an ounce Americans divide the ounce: 1/2 ounce, 1/4 ounce, etc.

II. SHOPPING/SERVICES

A. FARMERS' MARKETS

Danny Boy Farmers' Market. 24519 Lorain Avenue, North Olmstead. (440) 777-2338. Excellent farm fresh produce, dairy, meats, coffees, bakery and Amish produce in a pleasant indoor market setting. Open daily.

Food Co-op. 11702 Euclid Avenue, University Circle. (216) 791-3890. Join to take advantage of this fully-stocked health food market.

Miles Farmers' Market. 28560 Miles Road, Solon. (440) 248-5222. Excellent farm fresh produce, cheeses, meats and bakery in a pleasant indoor market setting. Offers special seasonal items such as pumpkins and Christmas trees. Open daily.

Nature's Bin. 2255 Lee Rd., Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-2462.

Shaker Square Farmers' Market. Shaker Boulevard in Shaker Square, Shaker Heights. Seasonal farmers' market which runs summer through fall on Saturdays until 1:00 PM.

West Side Market. Corner of W. 25th and Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. (216) 664-3386. A traditional European-style market with fresh produce, cheeses, meats and baked goods. Partly outdoors during summer months. Call to identify the days they will be open each week.

B. SPECIALTY MARKETS

Alesci's Italian Grocery. 4333 Mayfield Rd., South Euclid. (216) 382-5100. Great Italian take-out/catering.

Chandler Rudd & CO. 20314 Chagrin Blvd near Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights. (216) 991-1300. Specialty grocery store with hard to find gourmet items. Excellent meats and wines. Also has fresh produce.

Honey Baked Ham Company. 5378 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst. (440) 646-1800.

Indo-American Foods. 4614 Warrensville Center Rd., North Randall. (216) 662-0072.

Omaha Steaks. 20157 Van Aken Blvd. (216) 921-4434.

West Point Market. 1711 W. Market Street, Akron. Worth the drive to Akron's West Side. In addition to an eat-in area, West Point offers a nice selection of gourmet foods, including meats, cheeses, produce, pasta and wine. (330) 864-2151.

Zagara Food Market. 2040 Lee Rd., Cleveland Hts. (216) 397-8560.

C. GROCERY STORES (check your phone book for locations) Be sure to apply for a Preferred Customer Card!

Tops. Extra savings available with Web Bucks – www.Tops.com

Heinen's

Giant Eagle (Russo's, Rini-Rego's, etc.) – www.Gianteagle.com

Save-a-lot

Wild Oats Market – Shaker Square and Chagrin Road near I 271 in Village Square.

D. DISCOUNT/VARIETY STORES (check your phone book for locations)

K-Mart, Target and Wal-Mart. Chain discount super stores.

BJ's. 4365 Richmond Road. (216) 360-0700. Discount warehouse supper store carries everything from bulk food and dry goods to electronics to furniture. There is a \$40/year membership fee.

Kohl's. Discount clothes, shoes, housewares & toys.

Marc's. Great prices. Check out lines can be long and timely.

Marshalls. Severance Center and Mayfield Road near I 271.

Pepperidge Farms Outlet. Discounted bakery products.

Sam's Club. Discount warehouse supper store carries everything from bulk food and dry goods to electronics to furniture. There is a \$35/year membership fee. Great quality and price for photo developing.

Stouffer Foods Thrift Store. Harper Road, Solon. Sells Stouffer foods at discounted prices. Cases of food available, party sizes for sale too. Open 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

TJ Maxx. Discount clothes, shoes, housewares & toys.

Warehouse Beverage. Beer and wine. Mayfield Rd. near Green

E. SHOPPING CENTERS/MALLS

East Side:

Beachwood Place. Cedar and Richmond Roads (west of 1-271), Beachwood. (216) 464-9460.

115 high quality specialty stores with a lower-level food court featuring McDonald's, Chinese, salads, pizza.

Department stores: Saks Fifth Avenue, Dillards and Nordstrom's.

La Place. 26300 Cedar Road next to Beachwood Place. (216) 831-3198. Featuring a fabulous Borders bookstore, Caribou Coffee, Talbots, Talbots Kids, Pea in the Pod, Williams-Sonoma and several restaurants (Cooker).

Cedar Center Plaza. Cedar and Warrensville Center Road, University Heights. Outdoor strip of retail business and restaurants, discount stores, a supermarket, Kaufmanns, movie theater, Target, Tuesday Morning, Pier One.

Cedar-Fairmount Area. Corner of Cedar Road and Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Russo's grocery store, specialty shops and bookstores, and a variety of restaurants. Also features Jillian's Billiards Club.

Coventry Village. Coventry Road between Euclid Heights Blvd. and Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights.

An interesting mix of gift shops, coffee shops, and restaurants plus nicely renovated cinema complex.

Eastgate. 1421 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights. A large complex of shops, including MicroCenter, Kids R Us, JoAnn Fabrics, Tops, Target, card shop, shoe repair, cleaners, and restaurants.

The Eton Collection. 28699 Chagrin Blvd, Woodmere Village. 24 stores in a glass-enclosed Williamsburg Square. These stores offer sophisticated men's, women's and children's fashions and eclectic gifts in elegant surroundings.

Euclid Square Mall. Richmond Road and I-90, Euclid. (216) 731-6899. 100 stores, restaurants and Dillards (This is the closeout store. Great prices!)

Golden Gate Plaza. Mayfield Road, just west of 1-271. Mayfield Heights. Good variety of discount stores from fashions, shoes and linens to crafts. Features include Chuck E. Cheese's, Michael's Craft Store, Officemax, World Market, TGI Friday's, Panera and other restaurants. Also located here: a Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Title Transfer Office.

Great Lakes Mall. 7850 Mentor Avenue, Mentor. (440) 255-6900. Really nice mall with 105 stores and restaurants. Department stores: Dillards, Kaufmanns, JC Penney, Sears. Includes Gymboree store, Disney, Gap and other convenient shopping around the perimeter of the mall.

Landerwood Plaza. Pinetree Road at Chagrin Blvd. Circle, Pepper Pike. Knuth Shoes – great shop for unique shoes. Excellent upscale shopping for children's clothes and toys. Heinen's, Playmatters and the Plaid Giraffe.

Loehmann's Plaza. 27617 Chardon Rd. at Bishop Road, Willoughby Hills. Strip mall featuring Sam's Club, Marc's, Cinemark Dollar Movie Theater, Giant Eagle, furniture shop and discount shopping stores.

Pavillion. 24055 Chagrin Blvd. between Green and Richmond Roads, Beachwood. (216) 292-7765. Very nice mall including Bed, Bath and Beyond, men's and women's clothing boutiques, CompUSA, Tops superstore, and several good restaurants.

Randall Park Mall. Northfield and Emory Roads, North Randall. (216) 663-1250. Approximately 150 stores of various types. Department stores: Burlington Coat Factory, Dillards, Kaufmanns, JC Penney, and Sears.

Richmond Mall. Richmond and Wilson Mills Roads, Richmond Heights. (440) 449-3200. 80 stores and restaurants. Department stores: JC Penney, Kaufmanns, Barnes and Noble and Sears. Indoor rides for kids.

Severance Town Center. Mayfield and South Taylor Roads, Cleveland Heights. (216) 381-7323. Tops superstore, Home Depot, Walmart, a movie theater, Marshalls, Borders Books and a beverage store on the premises.

Shaker Square. Shaker and Van Aken Blvds., Shaker Heights. One of the earliest shopping centers in America built in a classical architectural style. Features several good stores and book store, great restaurants, Wild Oats Market and a movie theater complex. There is an RTA train/bus stop location.

Shaker Towne Center. Chagrin Blvd. and Lee Road, Shaker Heights. Features Heinen's, a hardware store, several restaurants and a few discount stores.

Southgate. 20950 Libby Rd. between Northfield and Warrensville Center Roads, Maple Heights. (216) 663-3850. Includes a fabric store, Twin Value and many discount stores and a K-Mart nearby on Warrensville Center Road.

Van Aken Plaza and Shopping Center. Intersection of Chagrin Blvd, Warrensville Center Road and Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights. Features Lerner's, MotoPhoto, Half-Price Book Store, a great bakery, a great outdoor clothing store; a men's store and several good restaurants (Eddie Sand's Blueline Café).

Village Square. 27349 Chagrin Blvd. and I-271, Woodmere Village. (216) 831-5282. Features TJ Maxx, Old Navy, Wild Oats Market, and several restaurants.

West Side:

Beachcliff Market Square. 19300 Detroit Road, Rocky River. (440) 333-5074. Upscale specialty shops and restaurants, in particular Heck's Cafe.

Great Northern Mall. 4999 Great Northern Blvd. near Brookpark Road, North Olmstead. (440) 734-6300. 130 nice stores and restaurants. Department stores: Kaufmann's, JC Penney and Sears. Many shops and really good restaurants around the perimeter of the mall as well.

Parmatown Mall. 7899 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma Heights. (440) 885-2090. Comprehensive mix of retail shops. Department stores: Dillards, Kaufmann's, and JC Penney.

The Promenade. Detroit and Crocker/Bassett Roads, Westlake. Wonderful mall containing specialty shops, including a terrific Borders Bookstore, Gap, Officemax, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, Plymouth Candle, many good restaurants, and a movie theater complex.

Westgate Mall. Center Ridge Road at West 210th Street, Fairview Park. (440) 333-8334. 80 fine shops and restaurants. Department stores: Dillards and Kohls.

Downtown:

The Arcade. 401 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Specialty shops in a restored 19th Century architectural building.

The Avenue at Tower City Center. Public Square, Cleveland. (216) 771-0033. Great shopping and a fun trip downtown for everyone to enjoy. Features high-fashion stores, specialty shops, food court and movie theaters. Department stores: Dillards. RTA train station in the basement of complex. Ample undercover parking (have your store receipts validated to obtain discount parking).

The Galleria at Erieview. 100 Erieview Plaza, Cleveland. (216) 621-9999. Wonderful mix of high fashion and specialty stores, small dining area and a few restaurants.

Factory Outlets:

Aurora Farms. 1 mile South of Route 82 and Route 43, Aurora. 65 factory outlet stores.

Prime Outlets. I-71 and Route 83, Exit 204, Lodi. (888) 746-7563. Over 70 outlet stores. Free stroller rental with a \$5 refundable deposit at the Service Center located by the food court.

Sandusky-Lake Erie Factory Outlet Center. Route 250 @ Ohio Turnpike. Numerous factory outlet stores.

F. OTHER SPECIALTY STORES

1. Antiques

Avon. Several shops with quality antiques, folk art and country decor located on Route 254 between Route 83 and Route 611.

Hartville. Huge, year-round indoor flea market (Mondays). Also a few antique stores.

Lakewood. 15 antique stores mainly located on Detroit Avenue between Lakeland and Webb Streets.

Larchmere Blvd., Shaker Heights. Many delightful shops with good quality antiques.

Lorain Avenue. Nicknamed "Antique Row" from West 35th to West 135th.

Medina Antique Mall. 2791 Medina Road, Medina. (330) 722-0017.

Ravenna. 9 antique stores all within walking distance in this quaint, historic town.

2. Appliances (check phone book for alternate locations)

B&B Appliances. 5357 Northfield Road, Bedford Heights. (216) 662-5160.

Best Buy. 1417 Golden Gate Blvd., Mayfield Heights. (440) 449-9150.

Circuit City. 21639 Miles Road. (216) 663-5300.

HH Greg. 3120 Northfield Road at Miles Road. (216) 510-1000.

Sears. See the aforementioned "Shopping Centers/Malls" for locations.

Snow Brothers. 5107 Wilson Mills Road. (440) 449-2650. Family operated since 1922.

3. Books (check phone book for alternate locations)

Appletree Books. 12419 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 791-2665.

B-Dalton Bookseller. Beechwood Place. (216) 831-4325.

Barnes & Noble. 691 Richmond Rd., Richmond Mall. (440) 720-0374.

Borders Bookstore. 2101 Richmond Rd., La Place. (216) 292-2660. Severance Center (216) 291-8605.

Case Western Reserve University Medical Book Store. (216) 368-2650.

Cleveland State University Textbook Store. 2400 Euclid Ave. (216) 687-2128

Half-Price Books. 20125 Van Aken Blvd. (216) 283-4420 OR 1607 Golden Gate Plaza. (440) 461-9222.

half.com. Great online source for used books. You can sell your books on this sight too.

Joseph Beth Bookstore. 13217 Shaker Square. (216) 751-3300.

Macs Backs Paperbacks. 1820 Coventry Rd. (216) 321-2665.

Mathew's Cleveland Clinic Bookstore. Medical Books. Euclid Ave. across from CCF.

Waldenbooks. 6255 Mayfield Rd. (440) 442-2187.

4. Children

Clothing:

Carter's and OshGosh. Aurora Factory Outlet Mall and Prime Outlets in Lodi. (888) 746-7563.

Children's Place. Beechwood Place Mall. (216) 360-9380.

Gymboree. Located in most malls. Great, high-quality children's clothing from layette to size 7.

Gap Kids. Located in most malls. Terrific, high-quality clothing from layette to teenage sizes.

Old Navy. Locations in Mayfield Heights, Richmond Mall, Woodmere Village and Mentor. Gap-style clothing at discount prices for children and adults.

Chocolate Soup. 27129 Chagrin Blvd. at Village Square, Woodmere Village. (216) 831-3944. Exclusive designer and hand-made clothing at discount prices. Great sales!

Kids R Us. (check phone book for many locations) Name brand clothing and shoes at lower prices.

Priceless Kids, Inc. 6420 Mayfield Road. Golden Gate Plaza. (440) 995-1919.

Sunbeam Shop for Children. 3469 Fairmount Blvd. (216) 397-3929. A portion of your purchase goes to

help the mentally disabled.

Resale Children's Stores (gently worn clothes, equipment and toys):

Once Upon a Child. Check phone book for locations.

- Lyndhurst. 5135 Mayfield Road. (440) 446-9595.
- Mentor. 7537 Mentor Avenue. (440) 951-7222.
- Westlake. 25028 Center Ridge Road. (440) 899-1100.

Toy Stores:

Family Toy Warehouse. 20075 Center Ridge Road. Rocky River. (440) 356-9555.

Holcomb's Educational Materials. 3205 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights. (216) 341-3000. Great Northern Plaza, North Olmstead. (440) 777-6616. 1359 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights. (440) 449-8650. Educational materials including toys, art supplies, musical instruments, and games.

Imaginarium. Great Northern Mall. (888) 696-5649.

John's Furniture and Toy World. 2216 Warrensville Center Road, University Heights. (216) 382-3370.

Kay-Bee Toys. Located in most malls.

Playmatters. Shaker Square. (216) 752-3595.

Toys R Us. Check phone book for locations. Toys, books, bikes, games, and baby equipment.

Zany Brainy. 6420 Mayfield Rd., Golden Gate Shopping Center. Mayfield Heights. (440) 460-0498.

Baby Furniture and Equipment (ask about delivery policy and assembly):

Baby Depot at Burlington Coat Factory. 20801 Miles Road, Randall park Mall. (216) 587-1743.

Bergs. 36212 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby. (440) 946-2374.

John's Furniture and Toy World. 2216 Warrensville Center Road, University Heights. (216) 382-3370.

USA Baby. 25027 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. (440) 835-9696. 7533 South Center (Route 615), Mentor. (440) 255-8200.

5. Crafts

And Sew On. 2243 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights. (216) 321-5210. Craft store for supplies and classes. Sales and special shows throughout the year. Sign up for their mailing list for advance notice of sales.

Bilt-Rite Fabrics. 20700 Miles Parkway, Warrensville Heights. (216) 662-7200. Huge selection of home decorating fabrics and notions.

Calico Corners. 20100 Van Aken B1vd., Shaker Heights. (216) 295-1864. Fabrics for your home.

Charlie's Fabric Outlet. 2562 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 291-2739. Great buys on drapery and upholstery fabrics. Also window shades and blinds.

Clayground. 27629 Chagrin Blvd. Suite 105, Woodmere. (216) 292-3403. They provide unfinished ceramic pieces and a comfortable studio where you can glaze the piece of your choice and have it fired.

JoAnn Fabrics. Check phone book for locations, including new superstore in Hudson. 20 stores in the Cleveland area. Everything for the home sewer, including fabrics, notions, patterns, and accessories.

Michaels. Locations in Mayfield Heights, Mentor, North Olmstead, and Parma Heights. A large craft store featuring materials for floral, needlework, framing, fabrics, and seasonal decorations. Also offers many fun craft classes.

Pat Catan's. Multiple locations and great prices.

6. Gifts

Big Fun. 1827 Coventry. Cleveland Heights. (216) 371-4386.
Brecksville Gifts. 8917 Brecksville Road. (440) 526-8089.
Potter & Mellon. 10405 Carnegie Road. (216) 231-5100. (10% discount with CCF ID)

7. Household Goods (check phone book for locations)

Bed, Bath & Beyond. 23949 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood. (216) 595-1200.
Old Time Pottery. 7011 West 130st., Parma Heights. (440) 842-1244.
Pier 1 Imports. 13990 Cedar Road, University Hts. (216) 321-8733.
Target. S.O.M Center Road in Eastgate Plaza and Warrensville Center Road & Cedar Road.
Tuesday Morning. 13908 Cedar Road, University Hts. (216) 371-8520.
Walmart (Severance Center)
World Market. 1565 Golden Gate Plaza. Mayfield Road. (440) 449-9297.

8. Hardware (check phone book for locations)

Ace Hardware. Cedar Center.
Do It Yourself Home Warehouse (DIY). 4601 Northfield. North Randall. (216) 587-3222.
Dunn Hardware & Home Center (10% off with CCF badge). 5092 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst. (216) 291-5420.
Home Depot (Severance Center or Wilson Mills near I 271)
Shaker Hardware. 17111 Chagrin Blvd. (216) 921-1244.
True Value Hardware.

9. Men's Specialty Store

Brooks Brothers. Beechwood Place Mall. (216) 292-6852.
Joseph A. Banks Clothiers. 20040 Van Aken, Shaker Heights. (216) 921-6600.
The Men's Warehouse. See phone book for listings. Golden Gate Plaza. Mayfield Heights.

10. Maternity

Mimi Maternity. Beachwood Place Mall. (216) 839-1680.
M.J.'s Maternity & Infant Wear. 16100 Detroit Avenue. (216) 228-2229.
Motherhood Maternity. Beachwood Place Mall. (216) 514-8828.
Pea in the Pod. La Place, Beachwood. (216) 464-8989.

11. Sporting Goods

Dick's Sporting Goods. 6235 Wilson Mills. (440) 449-9199.
Backpacker's Shop - Ohio Canoe. 5128 Colorado Ave., Sheffield Village. (440) 835-0861.
Newman Outfitters. 20180 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights. (216) 283-8500.
Play It Again Sports. www.playitagainsportsohio.com. Sells used sporting equipment.
Wilderness Shop. 18636 Detroit Ave., Lakewood. (216) 521-9100.

G. SERVICES

1. Cleaners/Alterations

D.O. Summers. (multiple locations around Cleveland) Check phone book for additional cleaners.
Dryclean USA. 14437 Cedar Road, South Euclid. (216) 382-2774. Great job on patching holes in jeans.

2. Dentists– Based on survey results of residents/fellows.

Laura Adelman, DMD. 5 Severance Center. (216) 291-0806. Great pediatric dentist.
Richard Adelstein, DDS. 3401 Richmond Road. (216) 591-1161.
Trudy Amstadt, DDS. 3690 Orange Place. Beachwood. (216) 595-1420. Great with kids.
James Bashaw, DDS. 2460 Fairmont Blvd. (216) 791-0200.
Case Western Dental School. If you have the time, it can save 50% on services. (216) 368-3200.
Gregory Cook, DDS. 3365 Richmond Road. Beachwood. (216) 831-1816.
Walter Dimling, DMD. 3690 Orange Place. Beachwood. (216) 464-0500.
Jerome L. Faist, DDS. 3690 Orange Place Dr. #515 Beachwood. (216) 464-2448.
Christina Gitto, DDS. CCF. (216) 445-1215.
Steve Katzel, DDS. 5 Severance Center. (216) 381-0628
Jungnam E. Kim, DMD. 7543 Broadview Rd. #2, Sevenhills. (216) 642-1313
Marius Laniauskas, DDS. 13224 Shaker Square. (216) 752-8888.
Rockside Family Dental. 6132 West Creek Road. (216) 524-8481.
Minda Rudnick, DDS. 5 Severance Center. (216) 291-0806. Pediatric.
Vera Then, DDS. 6151 Wilson Mills Road. (440) 473-0035.
Christopher Whitmyer, DDS. CCF. (216) 445-8750.

3. Hair Stylists - Based on survey results of residents/fellows.

Al's Barber Shop. Noble Rd. just North of Mayfield. (216) 382-8400. Men \$16.
Best Cuts. 4513 Mayfield at Green. (216) 381-5655. Inexpensive. Great for kids.
Christopher Salon and Spa. 20305 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights. (216) 751-4242. Getting acquainted offer: 50% off with CCF identification.
David Roberts Studio. 20122 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights. (216) 752-4220.
Hairkeepers, Inc. 824 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Village. (440) 449-4848.
Hilltop Barber Shop. Men and kids. 5214 Wilson Mills. (440) 449-5115.
John Roberts Hair Studio and Spa. 6118 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights. (440) 446-1316.
Joe Sgro Barber Shop. 3237 Warrensville Center Road. (216) 295-1092. Great for Men and boys.
Laura Lee Salon. 1797 Coventry Road. (216) 371-9607. A bit steep, but great cuts.
La Barbara di Laura. 12115 Mayfield Road. Little Italy. (216) 231-7474
Mark Frank Salon. Multiple locations around Cleveland, including Beachwood Place Mall (216) 464-6445 and Rocky River (440) 331-3236.
Maxelles. Parmatown Mall, (440) 843-9100 and Tower City Center, (216) 621-4600.
Richard Carla. 2263 Warrensville Center Road. University Heights. (216) 371-9585.
Sausilito. La Place. Richmond Road. (216) 591-9010. Motorcycle chair for kids. Great for Ladies.
Scott Metzger. 13109 Shaker Square. (216) 491-4910.
Shear Perfection. Parma. (440) 843-6868. Great service and prices on haircut and highlight.
Stefano's. The Green's of Lyndhurst. 5676 Mayfield Rd. (440) 461-0711.
Studio Taylor on Fairmount. 3463 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. (216) 397-9643.
TCG. 11635 Clifton at West 117th. Lakewood. (216) 228-6555.
Tommy's Studio for Hair. 29001 Cedar Rd. at Brainard. Lyndhurst. (440) 473-9620.
Young's Hair Shop. 4826 Pearl Road. Cleveland. (216) 661-3330.

4. Babysitters -- Ask other residents/fellows for recommendations.

Cleveland Heights Babysitting class gives out a list of "trained" sitters in the area. Please call the city.

5. **Banks.** Although the ATM machines on the CCF campus are primarily Key Bank, they no longer offer free checking. Several banks in town do offer free checking with direct deposit for paychecks. National City Bank has perks such as these for CCF residents (Ask for a "Works Account"). In addition, they have three ATM machines on the CCF campus.

National City- www.National-city.com

Fifth Third Bank- www.53.com

Charter One Bank- www.Charterone.com

Ohio Savings Bank- www.Ohiosavings.com

Key Bank- www.Keybank.com

Dollar Bank- www.Dollarbank.com

Star Bank- www.Starbank.com

6. Automotive Care

All Auto and Tire. 22781 Shore Center Drive, Euclid. (216) 289-0668.

Alternative Solutions. 3203 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Hts. (216) 371-0801.

Ben's Auto Body Specialists. 8514 Carnegie Road near CCF. (216) 795-2700.

Ellacott Shaker Subaru. 4459 Northfield Road. Warrensville Hts. (216) 475-3444.

Firestone. 12420 Cedar Road. (216) 229-2550.

Gene's Marathon. 2561 Edgehill Road, Cleveland Hts. (216) 321-6110.

Honda Motorcars. 2950 Mayfield Road. (216) 321-9100.

Isuzu Dealership. 38809 Mentor Ave., Mentor. (440) 951-1100. Poor Service at Berea location.

The Lusty Wrench. 2120 Lee Road. Cleveland Hts. (216) 371-8150.

Midas. 3600 Lee Road. (216) 991-3900. Good, inexpensive, fast brake work.

Oh's Auto Service. 1789 South Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 321-3134.

Pete Baur Oldsmobile/GMC Truck. 424 Broadway, Bedford. (440) 439-1000.

Procure. 14441 Cedar Road. (216) 381-6527.

Putka Brothers Service Center. 3746 Lee Road, Shaker Heights. (216) 283-1666. Forty years in the business. Very honest. Complete service foreign and domestic.

Saturn & GMC dealership. 27000 Lorain, North Olmstead. (440) 777-8883.

Sharp Auto Care. 2925 Mayfield. (216) 321-1500.

Toyota on the Heights. 2950 Mayfield Road. (216) 321-9100. Fresh cookies in waiting area.

Washington & Lee Service. 2080 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 371-2850. Complete service foreign and domestic. AAA approved repairs.

Goodyear Tire. 6420 Mayfield Road. Golden Gate Plaza. (440) 461-1220. Great location to wait on car service due to shops and restaurants in Plaza.

7. Home Care

Chimney and Stone Repair. St. Clair Chimney Co. (216) 752-9000.

Custom Hardwood Floors. (216) 694-3004

D & H Painting Associates. Interior Exterior & Remodeling. Bob (216) 249-5150 J.R. (216) 921-2310

Deck and garage construction/repair. Centurion Company. Jeff Robertson. (440) 446-1348.

Flooring Installation (Pergo, etc.). Centurion Company. Jeff Robertson. (440) 446-1348.

General Construction/ Roofing. HAC Construction. Amish Construction Crew. Contact answering service at (440) 632-5808 or Jim Crofford at (330) 883-7312

Gutters. J. Paul's Roofing and Gutters. John Paul (440) 461-9489.

H.E.L.P. Electrician - (440) 227-6117 e-mail: helpelectric@attbi.com

Hardwood Floor Service. Klen Tech Service. Morris Johnson (216) 663-9330.

Plumber. AC Plumbing Heating and Mechanical. Tony Carusso (216) 831-1719.

Roofing. J. Paul's Roofing and Gutters. John Paul. (440) 461-9489.

Window Replacement. Centurion Company. Jeff Robertson. (440) 446-1348.
Tree Service. Bob Montgomery. (216) 371-9331.
Wallpaper. Abby Robertson (440) 446-1348.

8. Financial Planners

Sean Grandstaff - American Express Financial Advisor
(216) 464-3220 ext.223 or email: sean.m.grandstaff@aexp.com

III. THINGS TO DO

A. ACTIVITY RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

CCF - House Staff Spouses Association. Our monthly newsletter of events will come to your home address. It will be addressed to the resident. We sponsor social events, sporting events, Fun with Kids, gourmet club, literature exchange and much more! If you do not receive our newsletter in July, please call Gene Jenkin in the Education Department to update your address. (216) 445-6363.

Cleveland Convention and Visitors' Bureau. 3100 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, 621-4110 or 1(800) 321-1001. Call to receive an excellent, free publication titled "*The Greater Cleveland Official Visitors' Guide*" or check them out online at www.travelcleveland.com.

Ameritech Yellow Pages – Community Living Section. This section can be found in the first few pages of the yellow pages. It lists local attractions, schedule of events and area maps. <http://yp/ameritech.net>
Not to miss events include:

- **March-** Coinciding with maple sugaring time, visit Burton any Sunday in March for great Pancakes, free rides on Lolley the Trolley, and maple tree tapping demonstrations. For further information contact the Burton Chamber of Commerce (440) 834-4204. Check the Friday! section for Metroparks and other area demonstrations and pancake breakfast events.
- **June-** Parade the Circle Celebration presented by University Circle on a Saturday. Parade, entertainment, craft activities and more. Free. Great for children.
- **July-** Art in the Park, North Chagrin Nature Center. Free weekend event terrific for kids. Music, entertainment, art activities, and great scenery. Also - Cain Park Arts Festival, Cleveland Heights. Artists from all over descend upon the park to display their work. Music, entertainment, food, art demonstrations and activities for kids. Expect to park a distance away.
- **August-** Renaissance Fair at the Metroparks Huntington Reservation, Bay Village. Labor Day Weekend. Also a huge month for various ethnic festivals.
- **December-** University Circle Fest, evening event. Every museum and cultural center in University Circle is free and has scheduled events, music and entertainment. Fantastic event for children.

Ohio Travel Information. Call 1(800) BUCK EYE = 1(800) 282-5393 or www.ohiotourism.com.
Call to receive several free pamphlets on travel throughout Ohio.

Cleveland Discovery Guide is a book strongly recommended for those with families. It has invaluable information regarding places to visit, cost, hours of operation, directions and phone numbers. Available at local bookstores.

"Friday!" section of the Friday Plain Dealer newspaper. Excellent resource for upcoming events, family activities, storytimes, nightlife, festivals, concerts, etc. in the Cleveland area.

Cleveland Parent and **Cleveland/Akron Family Ties**. Free monthly publications found in bookstores, YMCA's, community recreational centers and pre-school/nursery schools.

Local community/recreation centers. Call and request seasonal recreational brochures. Classes are offered for toddlers to adults and include many topics such as: cooking, fitness, sports, computers, crafts, summer camps, language, business, etc.

Welcome Wagon – Shaker Heights. Call Coyne Quinn at (216) 561-8213. Contact them to meet other people in the Shaker Heights area. They have many activities planned and babysitting is usually provided.

Ohio Motorists Association - AAA. AAA provides maps and tour guide books for camping and sightseeing, as well as travel agent services.

- Main Office: 6000 S. Marginal Road, Cleveland, 44103, (216) 606-6100.
- East Side: 5356 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, 44124, (440) 473-0700 (in Power Plaza).
- West Side: 3356 Linden Road, Rocky River, 44116, (440) 333-5878 (in Westgate Shopping Center).

University Circle. (216) 791-3900. www.universitycircle.org. Publishes a calendar of events. Must do events include: June – Parade the Circle Celebration and December – University Circle Fest. Try a picnic by the lagoon.

B. SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Goodtime Cruise Line, Inc. 825 E. 9th Street Pier, Cleveland, (216) 861-5110. www.goodtimeiii.com.

The Goodtime III cruises the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie from June through September. It is the largest triple-deck 1,000 passenger luxury ship on the Great Lakes. Daily trips are offered Monday through Sunday and last approximately two hours. Luncheon, dinner and specialty cruises are also available. Features include: catering, air-conditioned/heated main deck, lounge and pub, custom arrangements for your event.

Nautica Queen. 1153 Main Avenue, Cleveland, (216) 696-8888. www.nauticaqueen.com.

Experience a view of Cleveland's skyline aboard this ship. Offers special Easter Sunday and New Year's Eve cruises. Full lunch, brunch and dinner menus. Amenities similar to the Goodtime III.

Trolley Tours of Cleveland. 2000 Sycamore Street, (216) 771-4484. www.lollytrolley.com. "Lolly the Trolley" will take you on a fun tour of Cleveland and almost anything else you want to see. Tours last one or two hours and depart from the Powerhouse in the Flats. Special tours for children.

C. AMUSEMENT PARKS

Check with the CCF Hospital Cashier's Office for possible discount tickets.

Cedar Point Amusement Park. Sandusky, OH (1- 1/2 hours west). (419) 626-0830. www.cedarpoint.com.

Rated best amusement park in the world. Located on Lake Erie beach featuring 55 rides (including 11 roller coasters), live shows, and other attractions. Large children's area with 16 rides. Adjacent is Soak City Water Park, Grand Prix Raceway and Challenge Park Miniature Golf. Open May through September.

Memphis Kiddie Park. 10340 Memphis Avenue, Brooklyn. (216) 941-5995.
Small amusement park, specifically for young kids. Open mid-May through mid-September.

IX Center Indoor Amusement Park. (near the Cleveland Airport). (216) 676-6000.
Rides for kids of all ages, video arcades, petting zoo and a miniature golf course are among the parks popular attractions. Open for 3-4 weeks each spring (usually April).

Good Times. 33777 Chester Road, Avon. (440) 937-6200.
Indoor bumper boats, batting cages, golf and race cars open year-round and outdoor Family Fun Center open March through September.

Six Flags Worlds of Adventure. 1060 North Aurora. Aurora, OH (45 minutes southeast). (330) 562-7131.
Over 100 "wet" and "dry" attractions including roller coasters, lake cruises, wave pool, water slides, and live entertainment. There are 2 playgrounds, kiddie rides and Turtle Beach Water Play Area for children of all ages. Includes the former Sea World, a 90-acre marine life theme park. Killer whales, dolphins, otters, walrus, and sea lions perform in a variety of shows that are both educational and entertaining. Other shows feature water skiers and a big hit with children is Shamu's Happy Harbor, a 3-acre nautical playground. Open May through September.

Swings-N-Things. 8501 Stearns Road, North Olmstead. (440) 235 4420.
Popular destination for older school-age kids. Both indoor and outdoor activities. Open year round.

Brookpark Fun & Games Emporium. 6770 Brookpark Road, Cleveland. (216) 351-1910. Indoor play area, miniature golf, go carts and batting cages. Open year round.

Idlewild Park & Soak Zone. Route 30. Ligonier, Pennsylvania (3-1/2 hours east). (724) 238-3666.
This family amusement park is located 50 miles east of Pittsburgh and well worth the drive. Admission includes entrance to Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, storybook forest, a water park, playground and lots of great rides for all ages. Open summer only.

Fun-N-Stuff. 661 E. Highland Road, Macedonia. (330) 467-0820. Roller skating, miniature golf, game arcade, etc. Open year round.

D. INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS (includes climbing and play areas for younger children (under 12), also separate toddler areas:

Jumping Jolly Jambers. 10333 Northfield Road, Bedford Heights. (330) 908-3991.

E. WATER PARKS

Dover Lake Water Park. 1150 W. Highland Road, Northfield. (330) 467-7946. www.doverlake.com.
Open June to August.

Pioneer Waterland. 10661 Kile Road, Chardon. (440) 951-7227. www.virtcity.com/waterland.
Open June to September.

F. NATURE/OUTDOOR RECREATION

Cleveland on Foot by Patience Wilson Cameron is an excellent resource detailing area Metroparks, nature

preserves and historic neighborhoods. \$14.95

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Brecksville (1/2 hour south). (800) 445-9667.

22 miles of park land between Cleveland and Akron. Multi-use trails, picnic areas, children's playgrounds, lectures, and special events. A popular summer event is the Cuyahoga Valley Festival in August. Visitors may want to begin at either the Happy Day Visitors Center or the Canal Visitors Center.

Cleveland Metroparks System. (216) 351-6300. Open year round.

The Metroparks System was established in 1917 to ensure public access to open spaces and conserve the many natural valleys of this area. More than 19,000 acres of 12 reservations surround Cleveland like an "Emerald Necklace". Recreational, educational and historical activities are available to suit people of all ages. Maps and Metropark events are available at any nature center or by mail. These parks are definitely worth discovering.

- **Nature Centers Locations:** Brecksville, Garfield Park, Rocky River, North Chagrin and Huntington Reservations.
- **Golf Course Locations:** Rocky River, North Chagrin, Bedford and Brecksville Reservations
- **Swimming Locations:** Hinckley, Huntington, and Mill Stream Run Reservations
- **Cross Country Skiing Locations:** All
- **Tobogganing Locations:** The Chalet at Mill Stream Reservation
- **Roller Blade Rental Locations:** North Chagrin

Holden Arboretum. 9500 Sperry Road, Kirtland. (440) 946-4400.

Open year round (closed Mondays). This is the largest arboretum in the United States with over 3,100 acres of natural woodlands, display gardens and ponds. Enjoy beautiful plant collections, spectacular fall color, winter splendor, and observe the production of maple syrup.

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village (Huntington Reservation). Terrific exhibits, planetarium, outdoor animal area and trails. Year round nature programs for children and adults.

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. 2600 South Park Rd., Shaker Heights. (216) 321-5935. Offers outstanding children's programs, ages 2 1/2 to 10, year round. Classes fill rapidly. Call for details.

Beaches. (lifeguards on duty daily in season): Most of these beach areas have fishing, playgrounds, picnic areas, and special events. Call for more information.

- **Edgewater Park.** Cleveland. (216) 881-8141.
- **Headlands Beach State Park.** Mentor. (216) 881-8141.
- **Fairport Harbor.** (800) 227-PARK.

G. WINTER RECREATION

Downhill skiing/snowboarding:

Boston Mills (330) 467-2242 / **Brandywine** (330) 656-4489 **Ski Areas.** Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area 18 trails, snow making ability, rentals and lessons for ages 3 and up.

Alpine Valley Ski Area. Chesterland. (440) 285-2211. Six trails, snow making ability, rentals, and lessons for ages 4 and up

Cross Country skiing:

All Cleveland Metroparks. (216) 351-6300. Multi-purpose trails and with a 4" snow base. Skiing is permitted on 4 golf courses: Shawnee Hill at Bedford; Sleepy Hollow at Brecksville, Big Met and Little Met at Rocky River.

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. (800) 257-9477 or (800) 445-9667.

Punderson State Park. Route 87, Newbury. (800) 282-7275. Twelve acres of groomed trails, rentals and lessons.

Tobogganing:

The Chalet at Mill Stream Run Reservation. (440) 572-9990. Two refrigerated 1,000 foot ice chutes guarantee a day of fun and thrills. Chutes operate with or without snow from late November through February. Facility nearby with fireplaces, snacks, TV and gathering room. Children must be accompanied by an adult and be at least 45" tall to ride. Gloves/mittens required.

Sledding:

All Metroparks Reservations except Bradley Wood and Garfield Park. Nearby Lake County (East) (800) 227 PARK and Lorain County (West) - (800) LCM-PARK.

H. DAY TRIPS

Amish Country. Berlin, Sugar Creek and Walnut Creek. (1-1/2 hours southwest of Cleveland). The largest Amish population in the U.S. is here in Ohio where visitors can see the Amish way of life, producing most of what they need without the benefit of electricity or modern machinery. Tour Amish farms, visitor shops, bakeries and cheese factories. Very crowded during the summer months. Most things are closed on Sundays. To receive information, call: Tustarawas County –*Sugarcreek and Dover*. (330) 364-5453. Holmes County - *Berlin and Walnut Creek* - (330) 674-3975.

Yoder Amish Home. Route 515, Millersburg. (330) 893-2541. Buggy ride tour gives overview of the Amish life.

Burton Village. East of Cleveland on Route 87. (440) 834-1119. A major point of interest for special events, including the Geauga County Fair in September, an outdoor antique flea market in June and September, and the Maple Sugar Festival the weekend after Easter. This festival is great fun and we are told the best pancakes are at the high school. Burton town square is home to a few antique stores, specialty shops, and a unique wooden toy store (Childshop). Stop by the log cabin for information.

Middlefield. Home to America's third largest Amish community. So while in Burton, drive a little further to Route 608 and catch a glimpse of Amish horse and buggies. Also a cheese factory, Amish bakery and antique store.

Chagrin Falls. Off Chagrin Road (30 minutes southeast). (440) 247-6688. A quaint community with interesting shops, parks, and excellent restaurants. Site of the Chagrin River Waterfall. This is a popular and lively place, not to be missed! Check out Chagrin Falls Inn for a romantic weekend get away.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. 3900 Brookside Park Drive, Cleveland. (216) 661-6500. One of the oldest zoos in the country. Open daily from 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m. except December 25 and January 1. Has a wonderful **Rainforest** building with more than 600 animals in realistic habitats. Free on Mondays from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon for Cuyahoga County residents (bring proof) and the Rainforest is at a discounted price.

Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad. (330) 657-2000 or (800) 468-4070. Offers scenic rides on historic diesel locomotives through the Cuyahoga Valley. There are several routes to choose from. Among the most popular are the fall color train in October and the Polar Express in November/ December. Make your reservations early for the tickets sell out quickly. Runs late April through December.

Dankorona Winery and Lounge. 155 Treat Rd., Aurora. (330) 562-9245. Open Wednesday through Saturday. Dart Night on Wednesdays. Games Night on Thursday. Fish Fry on Fridays. Excellent wines. Outdoor barbecues

in the summer.

Geneva, OH. 45 minutes drive up I 90. Check out Ferrante's Winery. Good food and wine.

Hale Farm and Village. Bath. (45 minutes southwest). (330) 666-3711 or (800) 589-9703. A working farm and village, depicting life in the mid 1800's. Displays of candle making, blacksmiths, steam saw mill, etc. Open June through October. Call for hours, admission charges and off-season events (maple sugaring in February/March, spring fair in May).

Hudson. (45 minutes south). A small, picturesque New England-style town. Main Street is quaint and lined with several specialty stores, including a drug store which has an old-fashioned lunch counter serving ice cream. Don't miss Marcelita's Mexican Food Restaurant.

Lake Erie Islands. (1-1/2 to 2 hours west). A favorite vacation and recreational spot for locals. The islands feature unique stores, bike riding, fine dining museums, bird watching, parks, wineries and exciting nightlife. Most attractions are seasonal (May - Oct). For more information call: *Kelley's Island.* (800) 255-3743. (Erie County Visitors Bureau). *Put-in-Bay/Middle Bass Islands.* (800) 441-1271. (Ottawa County Visitors Bureau). *Pelee Island.* Remote, quiet island in Ontario, Canada. (800) 661-2220.

Lake Farmpark. 8800 Chardon Road (Route 6), Kirtland. (45 minutes east). (800) 366-FARM. Open year round. This 235-acre farm makes a wonderful family outing to see animals and exhibits about life on the farm. There are several special events year round, so call for calendar of events.

Malley's Chocolate Factory. 13400 Brookpark Road, Cleveland. (216) 362-8700. Tour the kitchen of Malley's Candies, hear the story of chocolate and taste delicious samples. Reservations needed for tour.

Mapleside Farms. 294 Pearl Road, Brunswick. (330) 225-5576. This 4,000 tree apple orchard surrounds a 300-seat restaurant, apple house, bakery and ice cream parlor. Tours of apple packing and grading, storage and cider mill available. No admission charge, open year round, closed Mondays.

Marblehead. Best known for its photogenic lighthouse and a lakefront full of artists studios and intriguing shops. Nearby is scenic downtown **Port Clinton**, one of the areas most popular fishing ports.

Ohio Central Railroad. 111 Factory Street, Sugarcreek. (330) 852-4676. One hour steam train trip through Amish Country. Runs Spring through Fall.

Patterson Fruit Farm. 11414 Caves Road, Chesterland. (30 minute northeast). (440) 729-1964. Pick your own fruit: strawberries in June, apples in September/October. Family Fun-Fest during October which makes a great outing with the kids.

Rosby Bros. Greenhouse and Berry Farm. 42 East Schaaf Rd., Brooklyn Heights. (216) 398-1951. Pick your own fruit including red raspberries (until first hard frost) and strawberries in June.

Terminal Tower Observation Deck. 50 Public Square, Downtown Cleveland. (216) 621-7981. Open year round. Call for open hours - weekends only. This observation deck offers a spectacular 360-degree view of the city. Fun to do on a clear day.

I. LONG WEEKEND TRIPS

AAA is a good place to obtain maps and tour books. We recommend you keep a map of Cleveland and the state of Ohio in each car for handy reference. Also call 1-800-BUCKEYE for visitor/tourist information statewide.

Chautauqua County, New York. All season recreational paradise and resort/area.

Columbus, Ohio. City Center Mall, Columbus Zoo, Ohio State Fair, Ohio State University, State Capital and area castles

Niagara Falls, New York. Recommend staying on the Canadian side of the Falls (more scenic, more to do and less expensive accommodations). (800) 338-7890. Also check out Niagara-on-the-Lake which is about 15 miles from the Falls (quaint town) and the Butterfly Conservatory at the Niagara Parks Botanical Garden (905) 358-0025. More information is also available through the Canadian Tourist Information Center – (800) 563-2557.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Carnegie Science Center, Kennywood Amusement Park, Station Square and the Ikea Furniture Store.

State Parks. Over 72 parks offering hiking, fishing, camping, boating and cold weather activities.

Toronto, Canada. Great shopping, markets, lively nightlife and theater.

J. MUSEUMS

The Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art. 8501 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland. (216) 421-8671. Adjacent to The Cleveland Play House, this non-profit institution is committed to presenting new and experimental art by international, national, and regional artists. Gallery talks are presented on a regular basis and free guided tours of exhibitions are available by appointment and every Saturday at 3pm. The Center offers an art sales and rental service and has a fun gift shop.

Rainbow Children's Museum. 10703 Euclid Ave., University Circle. (216) 791-5437. This museum offers a multi-sensory, creative learning environment with permanent and changing exhibits. A fun place to play during the winter months! Caregiver and child classes offered. Tot Time (\$1 per session) – Mondays: 1pm-5pm and Tuesdays: 10am-1pm and Pre-K Fun Class (\$5 per month) Wednesday and Thursday. Call for times. Museum open daily 10am - 5pm. Cost: Members and babies under 18 mos. free, 18 months to 16 - \$4.50 and adults \$5. *Wednesday Special* - on the second Wednesday of each month from 5-8 p.m. only \$1 per person. Membership at this museum gives you reciprocal membership privileges at over 200 science/learning museums throughout the country. This is the best membership bargain in town!

The Cleveland Health Museum. 8911 Euclid Ave., Cleveland (across from CCF). (216) 231-5010. The first of its kind in the nation, this internationally acclaimed museum has more than 200 exhibits relating to the human body, quite a few of which are interactive. Currently under construction.

The Cleveland Museum of Art. 11150 East Boulevard, University Circle. (216) 421-7340. This internationally known museum offers an extensive permanent collection of masterpieces from all cultures and periods. Traveling exhibitions, music recitals, and dance performances are also regularly featured. Educational art programs are offered to children on Saturday mornings, call the museum for a brochure. The cafe features delicious hot and cold entrees, and also sells beer and wine. Many benefits are extended to members, including tickets to visiting exhibitions. Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 5:00pm; Wednesday and Friday 10am - 9:00pm; Closed Mondays and major holidays. Cost: free, although you must pay for parking. www.clevelandart.org.

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. 1 Wade Oval, University Circle. (216) 231-4600. Features the history of mankind and the natural world, a Planetarium (call for specific hours) and live animals indigenous to the area. Many terrific, visiting exhibitions. A large gift shop. Open: Monday through Saturday 10am - 5pm; Wednesday, Sept. through May 10am - 10pm, June through Aug. 10am - 5pm; Sunday 12pm - 5pm. Cost: Members and children 2 and under are free, children 3-6 \$3.50, children 7-18 and seniors \$4.50, adults \$6.50.

Cleveland Botanical Gardens. 11030 East Boulevard, University Circle. (216) 721-1600. A complex of beautiful flower and herb gardens surrounding a building which houses an extensive book and video library, exhibition halls, and a lovely gift shop. There are frequent talks, luncheons, children's activities, and special displays. The Center may give gardening and landscaping advice over the phone, or send a professional to your home. Open: Monday - Saturday 9am - Dusk; Sunday 12pm - 5pm. Admission is free.

The Great Lakes Science Center. 601 Erieside Ave., Downtown. (216) 694-2000. America's 9th largest interactive science museum. Offers 300 exciting, "hands-on" exhibits, the Omni Max theater and 2 restaurants. Sunday – Thursday 9:30-5:30. Friday 9:30-5:45. Saturday 9:30-6:45. Family Membership available for \$75 per year. Call for daily and special event rates.

Inventure Place - National Inventors Hall of Fame. 221 South Broadway St., Akron. (330) 762-4463. This museum celebrates the inventors who created the things that shape our everyday lives. Discover the inventor in you through interactive exhibits that will stimulate your imagination and creativity. Open: Monday through Saturday 9am -5pm; Sunday 12pm - 5pm. Open Labor Day. Cost: adults \$7.50; children 3-17, students and seniors 55 and over \$6.00; ages 2 and under free. Family price of \$25.00.

Pro Football Hall of Fame. 2121 George Halas Dr., Canton. (330) 456-8207. A large Hall of Fame complex consisting of twin enshrinement halls, fan-activated devices, a movie theater, and a store. Open: 9am - 5pm every day except December 25. Cost: \$12.00 adults, children 6-14 \$6.00, seniors 62 and over \$8.00, family price of \$30.00.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. 1 Key Plaza, Cleveland. (216) 781-7625. Located at E. 9th St. and Erieside Ave., overlooking the Cleveland waterfront. Designed by I.M. Pei, this structure is hard to miss. Housed inside this huge glass pyramid are some of Rock and Roll's finest artifacts including clothing, instruments, music, and much more. The museum store sells music and memorabilia. There is a snack bar on the 3rd floor. Open: 7 days a week 10am - 5:30pm, Wednesdays and Summer Saturdays until 9pm. Cost: \$17 adults, \$13 seniors 55 and over, \$11 ages 9-11 and children under 8 are Free. It is suggested you purchase tickets in advance through Ticketmaster (800) 493-7655. There are several paid parking lots within close walking distance, or you may use valet parking for \$8.00. www.rockhall.com

The Western Reserve Historical Society Museum. 10825 East Blvd., University Circle. (216) 721-5722. Founded in 1867, the Historical Society consists of several parts: The **Crawford Auto/Aviation Museum** houses over 200 rare vehicles as well as a cobble-stoned street of mock turn-of-the-century shops. One of the finest in the world and a real treat for automobile lovers. The **History Museum** houses American and European furnishings from the 18th century to the early 20th century. Also displayed are decorative arts, silver, and an extensive costume collection. Special and traveling exhibits. **Hale Farm** is a working farmstead and small village. Call (800) 589-9703 for specific details. The two museums are open: Monday through Saturday 10am - 5pm, Wednesdays until 9pm; Sunday 12pm - 5pm. Cost: \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 seniors, \$5.00 ages 6-12, free for everyone Tuesdays 3pm-5pm.

K. MUSIC AND DANCE

*Tickets may usually be purchased through: **Tickets.com** (216) 241-6000 OR **Ticketmaster** (216) 241-5555.

Blossom Music Center. 1145 W. Steels Corners Road, Akron. (330) 920-8040. (45 min. south). The summer home of The Cleveland Orchestra and also popular music concerts. This complex is comprised of an outdoor pavilion (stage and covered seating) and a grand sloping lawn for seating up to 15,000 people. Take a picnic

supper and enjoy a meal under the summer stars! A restaurant and several snack bars are also available. Wine and beer may be purchased as well. Children are welcome. Don't miss it!

Cain Park. Superior Ave. at Lee Rd., Cleveland Heights. (216) 371-3000. This 22-acre facility has a park, toddler pool, art gallery, theater and amphitheater. Interesting and diverse programs are presented throughout the summer; all are affordable if not free.

Cleveland Institute of Music. 11021 East Blvd., University Circle. (216) 791-5165. This renowned conservatory provides outstanding music instruction to both children and adults, as well as a wide range of free concerts by conservatory students, professors, and visitors.

Cleveland Music School Settlement. 11125 Magnolia Dr., University Circle. (216) 421-5806. The Settlement provides music education throughout the year. Exciting recitals are also given. They also have outstanding children's programs and full-time day-care.

Cleveland Orchestra. Severance Hall. 11001 Euclid Ave., University Circle. (216) 231-1111. Cleveland has a world-renowned orchestra, which was recently rated the best orchestra in the country by *Time* magazine. The program is always exceptional and Severance Hall has an elegant interior. Don't miss hearing the symphony while you are in Cleveland, either at Severance Hall or Blossom Music Center (see above). Many guest conductors and famous classical musicians grace the stage throughout the year. Purchase tickets at the Severance Hall Box Office: (216) 231-1111 or (800) 686-1141.

Cleveland Opera. State Theater. East 17th and Euclid Ave., Cleveland. (216) 575-0903. Call for program schedule.

Gund Arena. 100 Gateway Plaza, Cleveland. (216) 420-2000. Cleveland's brand new Gund Arena is the host to many cultural and sports events (see next page) including Walt Disney's World on Ice, Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, and varied musical performers. Features include a Sony Jumbotron, luxurious banquet rooms, a sports bar and a first-class restaurant. Concession stands and souvenir shops are also in business.

L. SPORTS TEAMS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Baseball: Cleveland Indians - Jacob's Field (216) 420-4200. Tickets (216) 420-4500. April - October.

Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers - Gund Arena (216) 420-2000. Tickets (216) 420-2200. November – April.

Football: Cleveland Browns – Tickets (440) 891-5050.

Hockey: Cleveland Lumberjacks - Gund Arena (216) 420-2000. Tickets (216) 420-2200.

Soccer: Cleveland Crunch - CSU Convocation Center.

Children's Recreation and Fitness:

- **Cleveland Heights Library.** (216) 932-3600. Cleveland Heights. Offers great free classes for children of all ages. Call for schedule. Also available, children's video library.
- **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo & Rainforest.** (216) 661-6500. Near Downtown. Open year round.
- **Great Lakes Science Center.** (216) 694-2000. Downtown. America's 9th largest interactive science museum. Offers 300 exciting, "hands-on" exhibits, the Omni Max theater and 2 restaurants.
- **Gymboree.** (216) 291-9969. Classes held on Green Road, South Euclid. Developmental gymnastics.

- **Heights Youth Theater - Wiley Auditorium.** 2155 Miramar Blvd., University Heights. (216) 397-3615. Shows change every 2 months. For children 3 and up.
- **Jeepers.** Miles Road at Randall Park Mall. (216) 662-9999. Indoor amusement park. Ages 2-12.
- **Lakefarm Park.** (800) 366-FARM. Near I-90 & Route 360, Kirkland. 235 acres filled with farm animals, wagon rides, “hands-on” activities, and food. Open year round.
- **Lakewood – Division of Early Development Services.** (216) 521-0001. Drop-in play sessions, toy lending library and other child programs.
- **Rainbow Children’s Museum & TRW Early Learning Center.** (216) 791-KIDS. University Circle. Offers multi-sensory, creative learning environment with “hands-on” activities. Nominal membership fee.
- **Shaker Family Center.** (216) 921-2023. Shaker Heights. A yearly fee allows you and your child to play indoors in a small, but well-equipped playroom. Open gym available on alternating Saturdays.
- **The Heights Parenting Center.** (216) 321-0079. 1700 Crest Road, Cleveland Heights. Located at Millikin School, the center offers a play space for children and toy-lending library. Other programs available.
- **The Little Gym.** (440) 734-4900. West Side. Developmental gymnastics.
- **University Heights Library.** (216) 321-4700. University Heights. Offers great free classes for children of all ages. Call for schedule. Also available, children’s video library.

Jewish Community Center (JCC). 26001 S. Woodland Rd., Beachwood. (216) 831-0700 OR 3505 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights. (216) 382-4000. The Beachwood location is a new facility, offering a beautiful environment in which to exercise, take all kinds of classes, and/or enroll your children in summer camp. Many non-Jewish members; baby-sitting is available. Call for the extensive program guide.

Cleveland Clinic Wellness Center/Swim Club. W.O. Walker Building on CCF campus. (216) 444-8765. This facility offers exercise equipment, basketball courts, an indoor track and a pool for CCF employees only. Spouses are not allowed to join at this time. Call for details and hours.

The Cleveland Heights Recreation Pavilion. Mayfield and Superior. (216) 691-7373. This facility houses a recreation center offering gymnastics and karate classes. It also houses an ice rink. High school hockey teams play here (games are open to the public) and ice skating lessons are given. Free skate time for adults, children, groups and parties. Call for the weekly schedule.

Severance Athletic Club. 15 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights. (216) 291-5550. Offers discounted rates to CCF employees and has a large baby-sitting facility.

Bally's Total Fitness. 3600 Park East Blvd., Beachwood. (216) 765-8085.

YMCA. Hillcrest Location on Mayfield Road in Lyndhurst. (216) 382-4300. Multiple locations across Cleveland suburbs. Many offer childcare, summer camp programs, and excellent sporting facilities.

M. THEATER

The Cleveland Play House. 8500 Euclid Ave. at 86th St., Cleveland. (216) 795-7000. Recently redesigned by architect Philip Johnson, the Cleveland Playhouse is a modern complex of three theaters, the Bolton, the Drury, and the Brooks. Full bar and dining facilities are open before and after the show, and parking is available in their secure parking lot. Generous group discounts. Just down the road from CCF.

Dobama Theater. 1846 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-6838. An “off-Broadway” style theater with an October through May season.

Karamu House. 2355 E. 89th St., Cleveland. (216) 795-7070. This is a multi-racial metropolitan center for the arts -- a mixture of Black experience and contemporary drama in both adult and youth theater. An artist-in-residence performs with the non-professional actors.

The Playhouse Square Foundation. 1501 Euclid Ave. at E. 17th St., Cleveland. (216) 771-4444. This magnificent complex includes four theaters, a gift shop, and a bar. The grouping has recently been renovated to its original splendor and is a definite must-see. For tickets call Tickets.com (216) 241-6000 or (800) 766-6048.

The Ohio Theater holds the Great Lakes Theater Festival and seats 1000.

The State Theater is the home of the Cleveland Ballet and Cleveland Opera and seats 3150.

The Palace Theater hosts concerts and special attractions and seats 3000.

The Allen Theater hosts concerts and the Broadway series and seats 2500.

Cleveland Chamber Symphony. (216) 687-9243. Call for Schedule.

DANCECleveland. (216) 861-2213. Formerly the Cleveland Modern Dance Group, this group performs contemporary to modern dance performances at either the Playhouse Square or on the Tri-C Eastern Campus.

Ohio Ballet. (216) 861-5545. Performances held at the E.J. Thomas Theater in Akron, as well as, the Ohio Theater in Cleveland.

IV. RESTAURANTS AND NIGHT SPOTS

In addition to the restaurants listed below, there are several entertainment areas of the city we want to bring to your attention: ***The Flats, Little Italy, Coventry Village, Tower City Center.*** The following chain restaurants can also be found throughout the Cleveland Metropolitan Area (check your phone book for locations):

Applebee's Bar & Grille

Arabica. Check phone book for listings. Good coffee house that also serves ice cream, pastries in simple surroundings. The shop at Shaker Square is one of the few places in Cleveland where one can sit outside and have coffee in the summer.

Baker's Square

Bob Evans

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery

BW-3. Several location around the city. Fun sports bar (great place to watch Indians games) with a variety of delicious hot wings.

Cooker Bar & Grille. Several locations around the city. Delicious pasta, salads and much more in a lively setting.

Donato's Pizza

Houlihans

Olive Garden

Outback Steakhouse

TGI Friday's

Tony Roma's - A Place for Ribs

Winking Lizard

A. RESTAURANTS

East Side:

Academy Tavern. 12800 Larchmere Blvd., just off Shaker Square, Shaker Heights. (216) 229-1171.

Great place for snacks and hamburgers. Friday night fish fry.

- Aladdin's Eatery.** 12447 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-4333. Middle Eastern. Reasonably priced.
- Arirang Korean Restaurant.** 5131 Mayfield Rd. (440) 684-9779. Spicy and delicious. Never a wait.
- Arrabiata's Italian Restaurant.** 6169 Mayfield Road. (440) 442-2600.
- Baricelli Inn.** 2203 Cornell Road (in Little Italy), Cleveland. (216) 791-6500. One of the best and most romantic restaurants in Cleveland. European cuisine served in a turn-of-the-century brownstone mansion. Expensive, but good! Reservations required.
- BD's Mongolian Barbecue.** 1854 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-1185. Create your own all-you-can-eat stir-fry. Lunch or dinner.
- Behind the Woods.** 21919 Center Ridge Road. Rocky River. (440) 333-4522.
- Benihana.** 23611 Chagrin Blvd. (216) 464-7575.
- BW-3.** 2781 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights. (216) 397-2999 OR 1313 Old River Road (The Flats), Downtown. (216) 781-9464. Fun sports bar (great place to watch Indians games) with a variety of hot wings.
- Brennan's Colony.** 2299 Lee Road. (216) 371-1010.
- Buca di Beppo.** 23575 Detroit Avenue. Westlake. (440) 356-2276.
- Cafe D'Oro.** Corner of Euclid Heights Blvd. and Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-3001. Lovely atmosphere and good food. Assorted pasta dishes and create your own pizzas.
- Cafe Tandoor.** 2096 S. Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 371-8500. Moderately priced authentic Indian cuisine, including vegetarian dishes.
- Rio Bravo .** Located in the Flats and in Mayfield Heights. Lively Mexican restaurants with good food and reasonably priced.
- Café Tandoor.** 2096 South Taylor Rd. Cleveland Heights (216) 371-8500
- Charley's Crab.** 25765 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood. (216) 831-8222. Fresh, well-prepared seafood in lovely, quite surroundings. Reservations suggested.
- China Buffet.** 5866 Mayfield Road. (440) 684-3020.
- China Gate.** 13863 Cedar Road. South Euclid. (216) 932-2924.
- Chipotle Mexican Grill.** 13953 Cedar Road. (216) 932-5001.
- Club Isabella.** 2025 University Hospitals Drive, University Circle. (216) 229-1177. Cozy piano bar which features nightly jazz. Tasty sandwiches to steaks offered. Outdoor dining in the summer.
- Coffee & Creations.** 3429 W. Brainard, Woodmere Village. (216) 591-9191. Cozy coffee house with scrumptious pastries. Great for early morning or late night.
- Cooker Bar & Grille.** Several locations. Delicious pasta & salads in a lively setting. (440) 519-9800.
- Corky & Lenny's.** Chagrin Blvd. at I-271 (in Village Square), Woodmere Village. (216) 464-3838. Popular delicatessen, fresh seafood and Kosher foods, extensive carryout.
- Don Pablos.** 10310 Cascade Crossing. Brookpark. (216) 265-8284 and 36455 Euclid Ave., Willoughby. (440) 954-3541.
- Eddie Sand's Blueline Café.** 20255 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights. (216) 561-5050. Relaxed atmosphere with something for everyone. Specialty sandwiches, salads, and grilled entrees.
- El Charrito.** 30560 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe. (440) 585-2530. Authentic Mexican cuisine in a relaxing atmosphere.
- Falafel Café.** 14421 Cedar Road near Green. (216) 297-0682. Everything made fresh. Inexpensive. Great food and kid friendly. Great call-in and carryout for quick meals at home.
- Fire Food & Drinks.** 13220 Shaker Square. (216) 320-3473. Great special night out.
- Gaetano's Italian Restaurant.** 6261 Mayfield Rd. across from Golden Gate. (216) 446-0004. Good, basic Italian. Huge Portions. Inexpensive.
- Gameskeeper's Taverne.** 87 West Street, Chagrin Falls. (440) 247-7744. Excellent dining in a cozy, authentic coach house. Courtyard dining available during summer months. House specialties include wild game entrees.
- Geraci's Restaurant.** 2266 Warrensville Center Rd., University Heights. (216) 371-5643. Delicious, reasonably priced Italian food. Child friendly.
- Hornblower's Barge & Grille.** 1151 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland. (216) 363-1151. Tasty food, particularly fresh seafood, in a nicely converted barge. Lounge has great view in summer.
- Hunan Coventry.** 1800 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 371-0777. One of the best Chinese restaurants in Cleveland. Reservations recommended.

Hunan by the Falls. 508 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls. (440) 247-0808. Tasty, reasonably priced Chinese.

Hyde Park Grille. 1825 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 321-6444.
34205 Chagrin Blvd., Orange. (216) 464-0688.
123 W. Prospect, Downtown. (216) 344-2444.

Claims to have the "best steak in the city" in elegant surroundings. Reservations recommended.

Inn at Turner's Mill. 36 E. Streetsboro, Hudson. (330) 655-2949. Delicious and well-presented food in a very pleasant atmosphere. Reservations recommended.

Larchmere Tavern. 13051 Larchmere Blvd. (near Shaker Square), Shaker Heights. (216) 721-1111. Great cuisine, great atmosphere, not to be missed.

Lemon Grass. 2179 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 321-0210. Very good Thai cuisine.

Lopez. 2196 Lee Road. Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-9000.

Luchita's. 13112 Shaker Square. (216) 561-8537. Mexican.

Mad Greek. Fairmount Blvd. at Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 421-3333. Tasty Greek and Indian cuisine for entire dinner, or drinks and appetizers. Takeout also available. Reservations suggested on weekends.

Mama Santa's. 12305 Mayfield Road, Little Italy. (216) 231-9567. Delicious Italian food and pizza, and reasonably priced.

Marcelita's. 7774 Darrow Road, Hudson. (330) 650-1121. Great Mexican.

Marotta's. 2289 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights (216) 932-9264. Excellent Italian cuisine and hand tossed New York style thin crust pizza!

Matsu. 20126 Chagrin Road, Shaker Heights. (216) 767-1111.

Mekong River. 1918 Lee Road, Cleveland Hts. (216) 371-9575. Great Thai.

Metropolitan Café. 1352 West 6th Street. Cleveland. (216) 241-1300.

Mi Pueblo Mexican Restaurant. 11611 Euclid Ave. near University Circle. (216) 791-8226. Also a West side location. Excellent Mexican cuisine at reasonable prices.

Moxie Restaurant. 3355 Richmond Road. (216) 831-5599. Wonderful American bistro style entrees. Expensive.

Nighttown. 12383 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 795-0550. Delicious lunch and dinner, creative specials and great jazz music.

Noggins. 20110 Van Aken Blvd. (Van Aken Plaza), Shaker Heights. (216) 752-9280. Fresh seafood, good steaks, and homemade soup in a casual atmosphere. Reservations suggested on weekends.

Nordstrom Café. Nordstrom. Beachwood Mall. Great Salads and kid friendly. Good Prices.

Panera. Golden Gate Plaza. Mayfield Road. Great soup and sandwiches. Breads, muffins, etc.

Palmyra. 9491 Euclid Avenue (at CCF Guest House), Cleveland. (216) 791-6606. Tasty Mediterranean food.

Pizzazz Restaurant and Pizzeria. 20680 North Park Blvd., University Heights. (216) 321-7272. Great pizza!

Que Tal. 1801 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 932-9800. Great, inexpensive Mexican food.

Rachel's Caribbean Cuisine. 14417 Cedar Road, South Euclid. (216) 382-6952. Great food.

Sal & Angelo's. 1823 Coventry Road, Cleveland Hts. (216) 321-6444. Special Night Out.

Seoul Hot Pot. 3709 Payne Ave., Cleveland. (216) 881-1221. Delicious Korean food.

Sergio's. 1903 Ford Drive, University Circle. (216) 231-1234. Superb Brazilian food in a lovely, upscale setting.

Shuhei. 23360 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood. (216) 464-1720. Not to be missed tempura, fresh seafood and sushi; unique service and good prices.

Siam Café. 3951 St. Clair Avenue. (216) 361-2323.

Sushi on the Square. 13120 Shaker Blvd. (216) 921-7744.

Tavern Co. 2260 Lee Road. (216) 321-6001.

Thai Orchid. 5136 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst. (440) 461-8266. Good food. Small portions.

That Place on Bellflower. 11401 Bellflower Rd., University Circle. (216) 231-4469. Converted carriage house with seasonal patio dining available and Fresh cuisine. Pianist plays soft, background music in the evenings. Reservations required Thursday-Saturday.

Tommy's. 1824 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. (216) 321-7757. Excellent and affordable health food, particularly sandwiches.

Tuscany Gourmet Food. 28601 Chagrin Blvd. In Eton Collection. (216) 464-6220.

Ward's Inn. 34105 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood. (216) 595-1954.

Wine Room, The. 2317 Lee Rd., Cleveland Heights (216) 932-3170

Yours Truly. Several locations around the city. Good food in a coffee shop-style setting, really good for families.

West Side:

- Aladdin's Eatery.** 14536 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood. (216) 521-4005. Middle Eastern menu, reasonably priced.
- Bearden's.** 19985 Lake Road, Rocky River. (440) 331-7850. Delicious hamburgers in a pleasant setting.
- Barnacle Bill's Crab House.** 14810 Detroit Ave., Lakewood. (216) 521-2722.
- Café Tandor.** 30030 Detroit Rd., Westlake (440) 835-7999.
- Cravings.** 19825 Lake Road, Rocky River. (440) 331-1191. Delicious coffee house and good food.
- Don's Lighthouse Grill.** 8905 Lake Avenue, Lakewood. (216) 961-6700. Prime rib and fresh seafood, including daily fresh fish specials. Early bird specials and entertainment nightly. Reservations suggested.
- Heck's Café.** 2927 Bridge Ave. near West Side Market, Cleveland. (216) 861-5464. Delicious, gourmet hamburgers, seafood, beef, chicken and vegetarian dishes.
- Isabella's Café.** 4579 Great Northern Blvd., North Olmstead. (440) 979-9123. Very relaxing atmosphere for drinking coffee and tea. Also tasty desserts and sandwiches.
- Le Bistro du Beaujolais.** 24481 Detroit Road, Westlake. (440) 871-7880.
- Luchita's.** 3456 W. 117th Street, Lakewood. (216) 252-1169. Great Mexican food. Also an Eastside location.
- Max's Delicatessen & Restaurant.** 19339 Detroit Rd., Rocky River. (440) 356-2226. Award-winning sandwiches and desserts. Stays open until midnight on weekends.
- Nate's .** 1923 West 25th . (216) 696-7529. Middle Eastern food.
- Nuevo Acapulco.** 24409 Lorain Rd., North Olmstead. (440) 734-3100. Great Mexican food at reasonable prices.
- Pier W.** 12700 Lake Avenue (adjacent to Winton Plaza), Lakewood. (216) 228-2250. Beautiful view of Lake Erie. Menu features many delicious seafood entrees. Voted best Sunday brunch and entertainment on weekends. Reservations needed.
- Phnom Penh Restaurant.** 13124 Lorain Ave. at 131St. (216) 251-0210. Inexpensive, fabulous Vietnamese, Cambodian and Thai cuisine. Bring your own alcohol.
- Romano's Macaroni Grill.** 25001 Country Club Blvd. (near Great Northern Mall), North Olmstead. (440) 734-9980. Excellent, upscale Italian cuisine (including pizza) in warm, friendly surroundings. Waiters and waitresses also serenade the crowd.
- Salmon Dave's.** 19015 Lake Rd., Rocky River. (440) 331-2739. Delicious seafood at reasonable prices.
- Stino Da Napoli.** 19070 Detroit Road, Rocky River. (440) 331-3944. Delicious authentic Naples cuisine at great prices.
- The Harp.** 4408 Detroit Road. (216) 939-0200.
- White Oaks.** 777 Cahoon Road, Westlake. (440) 835-3090. Delicious food in elegant surroundings (six fireplaces and scenic views). Very Expensive.

Downtown:

- Blue Point Grill.** 700 W. St. Clair Ave. (216) 875-7827. Special Night Out.
- Cleveland Chop House.** 824 W. St. Clair Ave. (216) 623-0909.
- Fat Fish Blue.** 21 Prospect Ave., Downtown. (216) 875-6000. Cajun steaks and seafood. Live music Tuesday through Saturday.
- Li Wah.** 2999 Payne Avenue, Downtown. (216) 696-6556. Excellent Chinese food.
- Marlin's.** 1952 E. Sixth Street, Downtown. (216) 589-0051. Expensive but great food in American bistro style.
- Morton's Steakhouse.** 1600 East 2nd St. (backside of Tower City Center), Downtown. (216) 621-6200.
A wonderful place for a thick, juicy steak, beautifully prepared and presented in plush surroundings.
- Piccolo Mondo.** 1352 W. 6th Street, Downtown in Warehouse District. (216) 241-1300. Excellent bistro cuisine in lovely, upscale environment with adjoining gourmet market. Reservations recommended.
- Sammy's in the Flats.** 1400 W. 10th Street, The Flats. (216) 523-5560. Excellent contemporary American cuisine,

including a raw bar (Very expensive). Reservations required.

Sans Souci. 24 Public Square (at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel), Downtown. (216) 696-5600. Beautiful, delicious Mediterranean food in fabulous surroundings. The service and presentation are faultless and the cost about \$80 for two, including wine.

Shooter's on the Water. 1148 Main Avenue, The Flats. (216) 861-6900. Lively restaurant and bar. Watch ships cruise by from outdoor patio during summer months.

Sushi Rock. 1276 W. 6th St., Cleveland (216) 623-1212.

Watermark. 1250 Old River Road, The Flats. (216) 241-1600. Delicious food, beautiful surroundings, located right on the water, excellent Sunday brunch. Particularly enjoyable to dine on the patio during the summer and watch the ships cruise by.

B. BREWERIES

Great Lakes Brewing Company Brew Pub and Restaurant. 2516 Market Avenue, Cleveland. (216) 771-4404. Delicious beer and tasty food.

Rockbottom Brewery. 2000 Sycamore Street, The Flats. (216) 623-1555. Delicious beer and tasty food.

C. MOVIE THEATERS (See The Plain Dealer *Friday!* Guide)

Cedar-Lee Theater, Cleveland Heights.

Chagrin Cinema 14, Chagrin Falls

Cinemark, Macedonia.

Colony 5 Theaters, Shaker Square.

Erie Commons Cinemas, Mentor.

Great Lakes Mall Cinemas, Mentor.

Great Northern Mall Movies, North Olmstead.

Loehmann's Plaza Movies Ten, Willoughby Hills.

Parmatown Mall General Cinemas, Parma.

Richmond Mall Loews, Richmond Heights.

Severance Town Center Theaters, Cleveland Heights.

Solon Commons 16 Cinemas, Solon.

Westlake Cinema 11, The Promenade, Westlake.

Westwood Towne Center Theaters, Fairview Park.

D. COMEDY CLUBS

Improv at the Power House. 2000 Sycamore Street, The Flats. (216) 696-4677.

Mad Hatter's Comedy Theater. 1697 Mentor Avenue. Mentor. (440) 354-1428.

Pickwick & Frolick Comedy and Dinner Theater. 811 Prospect Ave, Cleveland. (216) 781-7733.