



**HOME  
REPAIR  
RESOURCE  
CENTER**

maintains and strengthens the houses of Cleveland Heights to support the community's rich diversity.

*Celebration and Open House*

**3519 Edison Renovation**

*by* **Home in the Heights**

*Saturday, March 20, 2010 - 1 to 3 p.m.*



## Home Repair Resource Center

HRRC's programs help residents complete repairs to their homes (both do-self and contracted); advocate for improved housing; provide financial assistance, individual counseling and financial literacy classes; and assist homeowners faced with foreclosure.

To complement our **Home in the Heights** initiative, HRRC developed a Home Buyer Education Program to prepare potential home buyers for successful home ownership. In addition, a downpayment assistance program for low- to moderate-income buyers is now available through HRRC and the City of Cleveland Heights. Qualified buyers are eligible for up to \$15,000.

HRRC's financial education and budgeting classes, as well as our popular hands-on repair workshops, have been attended by hundreds of Cleveland Heights residents. HRRC's Tool Loan and Resource Library also help homeowners maintain their homes and improve neighborhood property values.

Home Repair Resource Center is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions. To learn more or to make a donation, call (216) 381-6100 or visit [www.hrrc-ch.org](http://www.hrrc-ch.org).

## Addressing the foreclosure crisis...

Reducing the number of vacant, uninhabitable homes in Cleveland Heights is an important part of HRRC's mission. At **Home in the Heights**, our objective is to renovate vacant homes that can then be sold to owners who will occupy them and be responsible neighbors.

Homes renovated by **Home in the Heights** feature high energy efficiency and low maintenance costs, with new kitchens, bathrooms, and numerous other improvements. Construction utilizes green technology, high-quality materials, and superb finish detail to match neighborhood and community standards.

Renovating vacant homes and selling them to responsible owner/occupants protects neighborhoods and improves property values for residents throughout Cleveland Heights.

### ***Exterior renovation***

- Doors – installed steel doors in the rear and garage
- Front elevation – removed part of aluminum trim and vinyl siding and restored original trim; painted with low-VOC paint; installed new shutters
- Garage overhead door – installed insulated steel door with double-glazed windows; installed door opener
- Gutters and downspouts – replaced all
- Landscaping – removed all old plant material in front of house and landscaped
- Light fixtures – replaced all exterior light fixture
- Roof – removed old roofing, replaced with 30-year dimensional shingles
- Storm doors – installed two storm doors
- Storm and sanitary sewers – snaked all
- Trim – painted all trim using low-VOC paint
- Tuck pointing – repaired all mortar as needed
- Vinyl siding – repaired and cleaned
- Walk – extended with new concrete
- Windows – replaced all windows with energy-efficient windows with low-E glass and vinyl frames (E)

### ***Interior renovation***

- Air conditioning – installed energy-efficient whole-house air conditioning
- Bathrooms – totally gutted both bathrooms and replaced all plumbing and light fixtures; installed ceramic tile in tub area and on floors; installed new vanities
- Electrical – replaced all mains and circuit breakers; rewired kitchen, bathrooms, basement, and other rooms as needed and replaced all light fixtures
- Hardwood floor – sanded and refinished all oak floors with low-VOC polyurethane
- Furnace – installed 95-plus efficiency furnace (E)
- Hot water tank – installed energy-efficient direct-vent hot water tank (E)

- Insulation – increased R-rating of all attic areas to R38, installed insulation on all walls, garage ceiling, and overhangs (E)
- Kitchen – completely gutted kitchen; installed new cabinets, appliances, counters, plumbing and light fixtures
- Kitchen flooring – installed “green” bamboo
- Painting – painted entire interior, including basement and garage, using low-VOC paint
- Plaster/drywall – drywalled first floor ceilings, kitchen, bathrooms, and recreation room; repaired plaster throughout the house
- Plumbing – replaced all existing plumbing with copper piping; replaced all plumbing fixtures
- Recreation room – gutted room, installed 2” insulation board on exterior walls, installed drywall and carpeting
- Ventilation – increased ventilation by installing soffit vents

*Note: Items marked with (E) qualify for the Energy Tax Credit. The owner will be able to receive the maximum of \$1,500 for two years.*

### ***Energy-Efficient or Green Materials***

- Bamboo flooring (kitchen) – made from a renewable resource
- Dishwasher –Energy Star™
- Florescent bulbs – used in most light fixtures
- Low-VOC paint – used throughout the house

### ***Recycling***

*Materials removed during the renovation were recycled to the extent possible:*

- Cabinets – old kitchen cabinets were donated to Habitat for Humanity
- Light fixtures – will be used by the general contractor in other houses
- Plumbing fixtures – bathtubs, faucets, sinks, and toilets were donated to Habitat for Humanity
- Scrap metal – all metal items that were not reusable were donated to Habitat for Humanity: aluminum siding, storm doors and windows, cast iron piping, hot water tank and a washing machine

## **Contractors for the Project**

**Apple Construction** (Marc Apple) – general contractor

**AAA Flexible Piping** (George Del Calzo) – snaked all sewers

**Cleveland Lighting** (Marty Bursky) – all light fixtures

**Exterior Solutions** – shutters

**Finley Electric Co. Inc.** (Beth Finley) – electrical

**Friend's Ornamental Iron Co.** – front railings

**Herczog Heating and Air Conditioning** (Ted Herczog) – furnace  
& air conditioning

**Just George Plumbing** (George Sari) – plumbing

**Ken's Parkhill Roofing** (Ken Romanini) – roofing

**Landscape Creations Nursery** (Joanne & Peter Dautartas) –  
landscaping

**LoLa Painting** (Reuven Saffar) – painting

**Marshall Carpet One** (Griffith Ellis) – carpet

**Nick's Bricks** (Nick Conti) – front steps

**North Coast Insulation** (Doug) – insulation

**The Sandman** (Tabor Regele) – hardwood floor refinishing,  
kitchen floor

**Standard Plating Works** (Jim Strickler) – plating hinges

**Sunshine Windows** (David Sun) – windows

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