

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**April 2013**

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## **Current Activities:**

**Friday, April 26**

Arbor Day Celebration, Bacci Park

**Friday, May 3**

Pool applications due to Village Hall

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Scholarship applications due to Village Hall



## **Meeting Reminders:**

**Council Meetings** (regular)

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Work Sessions of Council**

4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.  
only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

**Zoning Board Meetings**

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**Master Plan Meetings**

3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.  
in Mar, Apr, May, & June

## **Future Important Dates:**

**Sunday, May 26**

Community Activity Committee along with all residents meet at Klima Gardens to decorate bicycles, wagons, etc., for the parade.

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day Parade, The parade will assemble at 9:30 a.m. and begin at 10:00 a.m. CAC & volunteers serving food and refreshments after parade.

**Monday, May 27**

Willow House open 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 14**

Deadline to register for Garage Sale

Village Hall

Phone: 216-641-7020 Fax: 216-641-8485



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### From the Mayor:

After last weekend, I believe spring has finally arrived; I know many of us are ready for warmer weather.

At the March council meeting our 2013 budget was approved and at the last workshop council selected capital improvement projects to be completed over the next five years.

It was great to see so many of our children and grandchildren at our annual egg hunt; the weather was cooperative and the event turned out great. Shortly before the egg hunt, Miss Lily Anne (*pictured to the left*) practiced picking up eggs in the backyard with big sister Brenna and was ready to roll for the big event – 5 minutes after Lea and I arrived at Klima's, she was fast asleep on my shoulder and missed the call for her age. It was a great day and I would like to thank all the residents and students that volunteered their time in making this a success; we couldn't do it without their help.



We will be holding our sixth annual Arbor Day celebration on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Bacci Park. Village residents, Mrs. Bea Duber and Mr. Randy Wood each purchased a memorial tree for a departed family member that will be planted at this year's ceremony; I hope you will be able to join us.

Next month we will be celebrating Memorial Day with our annual parade and service. At this time, I would like to call out to every man and woman who has served, or continues to serve our great nation, to participate and march in the parade. We need to keep this tradition alive and to remember the men and women who died while serving our country. Each year, we are losing veterans (*World War II, Korean War, Vietnam*), who for so many years stood proud before us and marched in this parade. It is now time for that next group of men and women to march – *never forget, ever honor*.

In other news...

Our condolences to John Traffis and his family; John's father, Jerry Traffis passed away last month. Mr. Traffis lived on Willowbrook Drive for many years before moving to Pennsylvania. Please keep the Traffis family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to resident Gary Tucholski who provided the CAC with twenty tickets to the Cavs game this past Sunday. The Cavs played the Orlando Magic, and those residents that attended, got to see a win for Cleveland with a score of 91-85.

Welcome HD Bath Pro (*dba Rebath*) who recently moved into our community at 5150 Grant Avenue. Their company is a design consulting firm, as well as warehousing and distribution of bathroom and kitchen remodeling products and hot water tanks.

My office had several meetings with CSX representatives, as well as members from Congresswoman Marcia Fudge's office in reference to the aesthetics of our two bridges in town. Unfortunately, even with the help of our friends in Washington D.C., CSX will not beautify structurally sound bridges.

Talks and meetings continue with representatives from the Firefighters Credit Union to possibly moving their operations center to our Village; we will continue to keep everyone abreast on this matter.

And finally, April birthday wishes to employees: Ken Schoeffler – April 1, Scott Waldemarson – April 7, Joanne Socausky – April 13, and Bryon Borowy – April 30.



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### From the Clerk:

As you can see from the RITA chart, through April 1<sup>st</sup>, we have exceeded last year's revenue during the same period by \$159,146.34. This is a great start to the New Year, but we need to be cautiously optimistic, and continue to stay on budget and watch our expenses.

Interest rates are at an all time low, and we are receiving very little income from the money we have invested in the bank. From all indications, this will continue for another couple of years.

On the flip side, borrowing money is also at an all time low, and in the near future, we will be borrowing money to complete some much needed projects in our Village. Two of the projects will be resurfacing E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street and also the Village's portion of Harvard Avenue. Look for these projects to begin this summer.

We are continuing to be good stewards of our resources, and will continue to work within our means to make Cuyahoga Heights a great place to live.

### R.I.T.A. Report

Month Distributed	2010	2011	2012	2013	Difference from 2012	% change from 2012
JANUARY	464,817.62	584,669.79	531,947.49	644,593.83	112,646.34	21.18%
FEBRUARY	502,634.63	537,785.87	645,702.65	638,258.93	(7,443.72)	-1.00%
MARCH	705,699.36	824,604.94	818,935.60	817,199.06	(1,736.54)	-0.21%
APRIL	504,911.06	520,849.63	532,060.38	584,267.56		
MAY	606,055.61	557,801.31	685,629.54			
JUNE	579,983.55	639,614.36	619,557.23			
JULY	538,533.45	545,762.77	637,580.56			
AUGUST	403,205.45	498,636.91	602,701.42			
SEPTEMBER	607,779.83	589,364.22	593,358.57			
OCTOBER	632,278.31	654,241.55	733,896.34			
NOVEMBER	519,145.39	511,005.62	597,551.17			
DECEMBER	680,167.66	657,839.82	528,832.16			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,745,211.92</b>	<b>7,122,176.79</b>	<b>7,527,753.11</b>	<b>2,684,319.38</b>	<b>103,466.08</b>	<b>6.65%</b>

### Scholarship

For 2013, the Village of Cuyahoga Heights is offering a scholarship to the graduating seniors of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. The program shall award a pro-rata share of the \$1,000 scholarship award in the form of a tuition reimbursement. For an application and details please see the Clerk.



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### Village Hall:

#### Arbor Day

**What is Arbor Day?** Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It was originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska and proposed by J. Sterling Morton in 1872. Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April in the United States.

Please join us as we celebrate our sixth annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Bacci Park. Several trees will be planted this year by various residents in memory of their departed family members: Vic (Dub) Duber and Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Gawne. We hope many of our residents will join us during this celebration.



Pictured to the left are Diane & Matt Nieves who purchased a tree during the 2012 Arbor Day event.

#### Village Wide Garage Sale

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, garage and basement! The Village is having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the Village Hall at 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our Service Department. Please be advised that there are not enough tables for more than one per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and Sun Courier in an effort to promote our Village wide garage sale. **The deadline to register is Friday, June 14, 2013.**

#### Well Visit Clinic

Village residents 60 years of age and older are eligible for certain blood work and an EKG at no charge once a year. The Clinic is located on the second floor of the Village Hall and is open by appointment only. Please call Joann Socausky, R.N. at New Number **(216) 401-1039** to set up an appointment.

#### Spring Round Up

It's that time of year for spring household hazardous waste round up! Clean out your garage and basement. Materials accepted are oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, spray paint, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, pesticides, weed killers, mold killers, caustic cleaners, automotive products, tar and driveway sealers, motor oil, mercury, kerosene, and gasoline. Please call the Village Hall to arrange for your special pickup.

#### Unwanted Pests

If any resident is having a problem with bugs (*for example: black ants, bees, etc.*) please contact the Village Hall to report your pest problem. Please note that this service is free for our residents except for termites.



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### Police Department:

#### **HELPFUL TIPS FOR WOULD BE VACATIONERS**

Crime statistics show that around 50% of all burglaries occur when a house is unoccupied. Below are a few tips for would be travelers from Cuyahoga Heights.

First and foremost notify the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department. **We do pay special attention to the homes of our residents while out of town.** We will take specific information from you in order to accomplish this.

However, there are some items homeowners can do to help ward off would be thieves. ***Get Rid of Tell Tale Signs*** - The buildup of newspapers, magazines, and mail is a red flag for thieves. Either put a stop on these items being delivered, or have a relative or trusted neighbor collect these items daily.

***Flaunt your security measures***- If you have a security system, make sure it is known by putting out signs or markings on windows. If you don't, putting out fake signs could help.

***Double check you locked doors and windows*** - Windows and doors account for the entry point of 30% and 70% of all burglaries respectively.

***Curtains Closed -- or Open?*** - Leave your curtains exactly as you usually keep them when you're home, since noticeable changes could hint that you're not around anymore -- especially if your curtains are left closed for two weeks when normally they are not. Move expensive items, like jewelry or cash, out of plain sight if they're visible from an open window.

***Invest in light timers*** - This gives the appearance that you are home and will definitely scare off any potential break in attempts. Have the lights turn on and off as your normal routine.

***Don't Tip Off Criminals on the Web, Voicemail, or answering machine*** - You should think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on Twitter or Facebook -- especially if that information is visible to Internet users other than your friends and family (and it probably is). Be careful what you say on your answering machine or voice mail too. Callers don't need to know that you're not home -- they just need to know that you can't come to the phone right now.

***Remove Your Spare Key*** - If a criminal can figure out you're away on vacation, it's likely that he or she will check your porch, or other areas, for a spare key, so remove it.

Finally, if you have taken all of these precautions, enjoy your vacation!!!

#### **Attention E.49th Street Residents**

An official from the CEI Substation located west of East 49<sup>th</sup> Street; behind the houses on the west side of the street informed us that several golf balls have been found on the property. This is a matter of concern according to the official. If one of the golf balls were to hit one of the insulators, and other components within the compound it could cause severe and costly damage. Not to mention, danger to CEI personnel who may be on the property at the time. If this continues we will work with CEI in prosecuting the culprits.



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### Dispatch Department:

Just a reminder to the Village Residents, on the first Saturday of each month the dispatchers will test the Village weather sirens at 12 noon for one minute. This will ensure the sirens are working properly if they are ever needed during extreme weather conditions.

The Village has added a third siren at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District; we should be able to hear the sirens from all areas of the Village.

### Fire Department:

Firefighter Pete Panizzutti participated in the American Lung Association 2013 Fight for Air Climb at Tower City in Cleveland. For the second year in a row he climbed the Terminal Tower's 42 flights of stairs in full firefighter turn out gear and air pack. He received support from the Village and Firefighters Union Local #702. As it was last year he was one of the oldest climbers and we all should be proud of his efforts in raising money for a good cause.



### Service Department:

#### Recycle Your Computer Month

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will pick up your unwanted equipment on Tuesdays in April. All you need to do is call the Village Hall at 641-7020 by Monday to be put on the special pick up list for Tuesday. Acceptable home computer equipment includes CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, and ink printer cartridges. Cell phones and their accessories are also accepted.



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### Service Department (cont):

#### Senior Grass Cutting

“Spring Time” is right around the corner and once again the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will be cutting grass free of charge for our Senior Citizens and disabled persons who qualify according to the Ordinance:

- (a) Registrant must be sixty (60) years of age or older and must reside alone or with a spouse of like age or older, or the registrant must be disabled and not have an able-bodied person living with him or her who is under sixty (60) years of age.

“**Disabled**” means physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions of caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.

- (b) The property registered must be a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling **and the owner of the property must reside at the registered property.**
- (c) Registrant must execute a consent and release, in a form approved by the Solicitor, granting permission to the Village to provide the grass cutting service and releasing the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the cutting of grass on the registrant’s property.

Please note that our Village is not responsible for grass length, the grass cutters are set at a standard height and will not be changed. ***If you have already registered in the past, then you need not re-register.*** We ask that applicants be patient with this service, as the program will start up at the end of April.

#### Tree Trimming

Each residential property is able to receive one (1) tree removal and up to two (2) trims per calendar year. Each property owner must sign a “**Waiver of Liability & Right of Entry**” form before having this service. Applications for this program are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours, or you may download the application from our web site under the “Service Department.”

#### Tree Lawns

Tree lawns in the Village will **not** be cut by our Service Department personnel, except for those tree lawns for the seniors/disabled residents that qualify with the grass cutting program. As always, we thank you for your continued cooperation.

#### Rototilling

The Service Department will begin rototilling residential gardens during May (*weather permitting.*) Please call the Village Hall during normal business hours to schedule this service.



### **For Sale:**

5026 Willowbrook  
Double side by side  
Unit #1: 4  
bedroom, 2.5-bath  
Unit #2: 2  
bedroom, 1.5-bath  
Excellent condition  
and updates  
throughout  
including A/C.  
\$229,000  
Call (216) 856-1050  
for more info.

### **For Rent:**

5031 Willowbrook  
1,800 sq. ft., Split-  
Level Family  
House  
*Details:* 3  
bedrooms, 2.5 bath,  
2 fireplaces, eat-in  
kitchen, large glass-  
enclosed patio,  
heated 2+ car  
attached garage,  
new kitchen  
appliances; fresh  
paint and carpet in  
patio (before  
occupancy). \$1,200  
per month (includes  
water/sewer).  
Applicant subject to  
background/credit  
check. NO  
SECTION 8.  
Interested  
individuals should  
contact (216) 403-  
7671 or email  
[kweigand@yahoo.com](mailto:kweigand@yahoo.com).

## **Seasonal Employment Applications:**

Employment applications are available for **Lifeguards, Pool Attendants, Cashiers, Playground Monitors, and Park Monitors** at the Village Hall **on or after April 2, 2013**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Please be advised that by submitting an application does not guarantee employment.

Lifeguards must be a Certified Lifeguard, CPR Certificated and WSI (*if applicable*) when turning in their application. Lifeguards, Park Monitors, Cashiers, and Playground Monitors must be 16 years old and Pool Attendants must be 15 years old by Saturday June 8, 2013. Non-resident lifeguards will only be hired if there are not enough certified lifeguards in the Village. **Applications must be turned into the Village Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3.**

**Please be advised that applications will not be accepted after this date.**

**The Swimming Pool opens on Saturday, June 8, 2013!**

**Residents may purchase their passes at the swimming pool office during regular pool hours beginning June 8, 2013. Proof of residence required.**

#### Pool Passes

Individual: \$25.00 (*all ages*)  
Family pass: \$75.00

#### Price for Guests

Pass holders may bring a guest to the pool (*no matter what age*); the price per guest, per day is \$5.00.

#### Swimming Lessons

The cost is \$30 for 3 week sessions.

#### Hours of Operation

**Monday through Thursday:** 1:00-7:45 p.m.  
**Friday:** 1:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Saturday and Sunday:** 1:00-8:00 p.m.  
Swim Practice M-Th: 7:45-9:00 p.m.  
Adult Lap Swim: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

## **Building Department:**

### **Bi-Annual Residential Inspections**

Ordinance 2008-156 requires that all dwelling units, dwelling structures, residential premises be inspected this year for any violation(s) of the exterior property maintenance code. Please be advised all dwellings shall be inspected this Spring 2013.

### **Satellite Signal Receivers (Dish/Antennas)**

A new ordinance was passed which became effective January 19, 2013. Ordinance No. 2013-6, regulates antennas and satellite signal receivers on dwellings. The ordinance specifies where these items may be placed and the size restrictions in residential areas. No such equipment is permitted in the front exterior of any dwelling or other structure on the property. If a home is situated on a corner lot, no equipment shall be placed on any side yard or side of the dwelling which faces an adjacent street. In addition, no antenna or satellite signal receiver can be placed or mounted within three feet of the peak of the roof of any dwelling or other structure on residential property.