

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

August 2013

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Current Activities:

Saturday, August 17
Last Day Pool is open

Saturday, August 17
End of the Year POOL PARTY!!
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
(unless attendance is low after 9 p.m.)



Wednesday, August 21
First day of School



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
August 11th at 6 p.m.

Future Important Dates:

Monday, September 2
Labor Day, Village Hall & Service
Department Closed

Saturday, October 19
Community Corn Roast



Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:

Many of the projects that our administration has so diligently planned and prepared over the past eight to twelve months have now moved into the construction phase. Our residents are seeing many improvements slowly taking shape as we move forward in transitioning the projects from the planning stage into full construction.

The Bacci Park Restroom Improvement project is beginning to come out of the ground. A significant amount of excavating and utility work at Bacci Park is paving the way for an ADA compliant restroom and future concession stand facility with running water and flush toilets. As I noted last month, our Village received a grant from Cuyahoga County to assist in the funding of the project. The majority of the underground utility improvements that will service this new ADA compliant restroom facility have been completed. Foundation and masonry work is just about completed. Roof construction will follow.



Another noticeable improvement in the park is along the new trail. The Village purchased planters, benches, and garbage cans which will require little or no maintenance. Our Service Department installed the equipment. Pictured below are several employees from the department trying out the new benches.



The original Louis J. Bacci Park sign will be relocated with upgrades to the new driveway that leads to the park. A new Cuyahoga Heights Service Center sign has been installed where the sign formally stood. Pictured above.

We are anticipating that all projects in the area of Bacci Park will be completed just in time for our annual Corn Roast which will be held on Saturday, October 19. Please save the date for this fun and exciting event; a flyer on the Corn Roast will be forthcoming.

M-A Building & Maintenance Company has been awarded the contract for the Village Hall Exterior Renovation Project. The exterior work will begin the middle of this month and should be completed by October 31. In addition, over the next several weeks, the ramp in the kitchen area of the lower level of the Village Hall will be extended about four feet to comply with handicap accessibility. This should complete total handicap accessibility for the Village Hall.

Council unanimously approved our Village wide Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Project on various streets within the Village. The contractor is completing his submittal, insurance and contract requirements and looks to mobilize some time in middle to late August.

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The Harvard Avenue Repair, Resurfacing, and Traffic Signal Improvements project began on July 24. The existing pavement was evaluated for areas of full depth repairs and the contractor will commence those repairs in early August. Our Village received a grant in the form of a 0% interest loan from Ohio Public Works to assist in completing the project. Harvard Avenue will be improved from the Newburgh Heights western corporation line to the Harvard/Denison Bridge along with Harvard Hill to the Cuyahoga River. The Traffic Signal at Harvard/Denison Intersection will be the first signal improved with the Village's new Traffic Signal Upgrade program.



Finally, last paved in 1990, the East 71st Street Repair and Resurfacing Improvement Plans are in the final review stage with project bidding to commence during August. We anticipate the project will be awarded at the September council meeting. In the near future, look for a significant facelift to the well traveled corridor with enhanced improvements to one of the main routes through the Village.

Once again, I would like to thank the Council for their continued support as well as to Clerk Unger for his role in the financing of these projects.

In other news...

Mr. Joe Bergant was named as the Interim Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District. His term officially began on August 1 and will continue until July 31, 2014. Prior to the position, he was Superintendent of Instruction for the Chardon Local School District. In addition, Mrs. Joy Couchen was named as the Elementary School Principal. Her term began on August 1 and will continue until July 31, 2015. Prior to becoming a principal at Preston Elementary School she spent 18 years as a teacher.

Senior citizens (60+ and over) – last call to sign up for the Kelleys Island trip on Monday, August 26. Deadline to register is Wednesday, August 14; please call Lee Ann at the Village Hall. The Cuyahoga Heights Schools will be holding their annual senior citizens appreciation dinner on Wednesday, September 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.

For your convenience, we have included a pamphlet on “Voter Registration Instructions” for this coming election on Tuesday, November 5. Registration forms and vote by mail ballot applications are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

Very special “milestone” birthday wishes to Mrs. Mavis Snoddy who turned 80 on August 1; Mrs. Joan Unger who turns 80 on August 11; Mrs. Elisa Venchi will be 96 on August 12 and Mrs. Bernice Blue who turns 95 on August 24. Many blessings to each of you as you celebrate your day!

August birthday wishes to employees: Ross Patterson – August 1; Randy Eliason & Brian Baciak – August 4; Angel Motz – August 5; August 14 – Scott Schoeffler; Jamie Lukas – August 15; Wes Unger – August 16; Jasmine Wallace – August 20; Mike Chase – August 26; and Craig Morrow – August 30. Happy birthday!

Congratulations to Village employee Mark Davis who celebrated his 20th anniversary on the Police Department August 2 and to Fire Chief Neal Cash who celebrates his 35th anniversary on August 11.



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From the Clerk:

The Village pool will close in a couple of weeks, and school will soon be open for the start of a new year. Summer is coming to an end much too quickly.

We are into our eighth month of the year, and our finances are right on track. We are closely watching our budget to make adjustments in areas where our expenses are more than expected, but there are other areas where we have spent less than expected, so everything tends to even out. There have been no major financial concerns so far this year, and that is a good thing.

Our budget is not only affected by expenses, but also by revenue.

At the beginning of the year, we develop a report outlining our expected revenue.

This is money that we expect to collect during the year from RITA taxes, permits, local government, police citations, pool passes, ambulance runs, etc. During the last three years, we have been very accurate in estimating our revenue, and it looks like our forecasting for this year will also be very close.

When we add our expected revenue to the amount of money we have in the bank at the beginning of the year, this gives us the amount of money we can use to develop the budget. This is a very simplistic outline of our budgeting process, and many things during the year on both the expense and revenue side can have a huge impact on our budget. I'm hoping this gives you a better idea of the budget process, and what can affect it during the year.

We are in good shape financially, and will continue to be good stewards of the Village funds.

I hope this explanation gives everyone a better understanding of the complexity of our finances in a very simple way. If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

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	636,179.02	104,118.64	16.37%
MAY	606,055.61	557,801.31	685,629.54	633,944.39	(51,685.15)	-7.60%
JUNE	579,983.55	639,614.36	619,557.23	646,774.82	27,217.59	4.21%
JULY	538,533.45	545,762.77	637,580.56	590,649.46	(46,931.11)	-7.40%
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			
TOTAL	6,745,211.92	7,122,176.79	7,527,753.11	4,607,599.51	136,186.05	3.65%



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Fire Department:

2013 AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant)

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department recently received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to purchase a new Cascade System. The cascade system is used to fill our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles which we wear on our backs to be able to enter smoke, fire, and hazmat areas. The system was purchased for \$40,682.00 of which \$38,648 was picked-up by the federal grant with the Village paying for the remaining \$2034.00. The cascade system is comprised of a compressor, fill station and 4 fill bottles. It replaces a 20 year old system that was not NFPA compliant. Thanks to the service department for its help in installing the electrical hook up for the unit. This grant along with the SAFER grant, which the Village was awarded a few years back to help with staffing, are examples of how our Village and the Fire Department are using resources available to help with the cost of providing fire safety services to our residents.



Our fire department recently received a safety grant from local business, ArcelorMittal, specifically to allow us to purchase First Alert Photoelectric Smoke Detectors. Photoelectric smoke detectors are the latest line of innovative smoke alarms and Cuyahoga Heights is excited to offer our residents this element of safety.

In addition to our normal "battery exchange" in the fall for Fire Safety Week we will be distributing and installing one new photoelectric smoke detector in your home.

Our ongoing fire safety program will now include first time installation and maintenance of photoelectric smoke detectors. While we will be installing photoelectric smoke detectors moving forward, please be assured that the current smoke detectors in your homes remain safe and will continue to protect you and your families. For your reference, the lifespan of any smoke detector is 10 years. To take advantage of this exciting opportunity and set up an appointment for the fire department to complete your installation, please call me at 216.641.6799.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

~Michael Suhy, Assistant Fire Chief



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Police Department:



It is that time of year again when students will be returning to school. The first day of classes for the Cuyahoga Heights School District begins on Wednesday, August 21. Please keep in mind the following safety points for the upcoming school year.

Motorists:

- Please obey the reduced School Zone Speed limit of 20 MPH.
- Stay alert and watch for children as you back out of your driveways and when crossing sidewalks.
- Stop at least 10 feet from all stopped school buses receiving and discharging students.
- Please obey all traffic direction from Police and School Crossing Guards as they supersede any traffic signal.
- Please observe all parking regulations when dropping off and picking up students.

Parents and Students:

- Please cross the street at designated pedestrian crosswalks and avoid stepping from between parked vehicles/school buses.
- Be alert to vehicles exiting from driveways and parking lots.
- Stay on the sidewalks and lighted areas while walking both to and from school.
- Avoid horseplay while adjacent to streets and roadways.
- Please escort younger walking students to the crossing area.
- ***Be alert to any suspicious persons and/or vehicles that may be along the route to campus and alert the Police ASAP!***

Together with your cooperation we can ensure that our young ones have a safe school year





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Dispatch:

Safety Tips

- Never open your door without looking out a peephole or window.
- ALWAYS demand identification from utility workers and delivery persons.
- Never step outside your home to be shown something on your property until you verify the credentials and identification of the utility company or other service provider.

WHEN IN DOUBT ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE WILL CHECK IT OUT!

Building Department:

During the recent residential inspections, some questions related to backyard pools were brought to the attention of the Building Department. Pursuant to Chapter 1486, Swimming Pools, all private residential pools shall comply with Cuyahoga Heights Codified Ordinance Chapter 1486. All pool structures drained and removed/stored for the winter shall apply for permit for the following year. Any questions, please call the Building Department.

Service Department:

95-Gallon Tote (Rubbish Container) Reminders

- Village totes should only be used for refuse removal
- **All refuse placed in your tote must be bagged, DO NOT put unbagged garbage in the Village tote containers**
- Any excess refuse that will not fit in the new tote must be bagged and placed at the curb by the resident on Monday morning, no earlier than 5:00 a.m.
- If you have more refuse than is reasonable to carry to the curb, please call the Village Hall by Monday prior to 4:00 p.m. for a special pick-up.
- There will be no changes regarding recycling
- If you would like to dispose of your old containers, please call the Service Department
- Yard waste must be placed in separate trash bags. Yard waste should not be placed in your Village 95-gallon tote container.
- **DO NOT place your name, address, or anything else on the container.**
- Each container is linked to each address by a serial number. If you would like to purchase an additional container, please contact the Service Department. The price is currently \$50.00.
- The tote containers remain the property of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights and should not be intentionally, defaced, altered or damaged.
- Should you have recently purchased a new trash can, tote, or container, please contact the Service Director to exchange your container for a second Village owned tote at no additional charge.
- Our pick-up date and procedures remain the same. Garbage collection is Monday morning with the exception of weeks when Monday is a holiday. Trash pick-up will occur on Tuesday in this event.

RECYCLE REMINDERS ARE IN ATTACHED BROCHURE



For Sale:

5026 Willowbrook

Double side by side
Unit #1: 4 bd/2.5bh
Unit #2: 2 bd/1.5bh
Excellent condition and
updates
including A/C.
\$229,000
Call (216) 856-1050

4963 Willowbrook

3 Bedroom, 2bath
1600 finished sq ft
2 car attached garage
\$139,900
216-207-4476
See attached flyer

4719 E. 71st St

Updated 4 bedroom, 3
bath colonial
w/finished basement, in
ground sprinkler
system, and many more
amazing features. Call
(216) 406-51226.

For Rent:

4953 East 71st St

Upstairs Apartment
Call (216) 224-6671 for
details

4997 Willowbrook

Drive

3 Bedrooms; 2 ½ Bath
Finished basement, No
pets.
\$1,000/per month.
Call (216) 406-2620

Around Town:

Flower Fund

Anyone wishing to donate to the flower fund can do so by dropping off their donation at the Village Hall to Lee Ann during normal business hours. The fund was established many years ago in order to maintain our spirit of neighborliness by sending flowers or a monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of those Village residents who have passed on. I hope that everyone will help in keeping this tradition alive.

Boy Scouts

Parents, if your son is interested in the outdoors and having fun with family and friend, then Scouting is for you. Let us know.

Frank Trusso

Cell# 216-533-5799

Casfat@sbcglobal.net

Or

Julie Jakubczak

Cell# 216-3383782

Jules10306@yahoo.com

Thanks

Leader of Pack 28

Junior Bowlers Association

Sign up at Cloverleaf Lanes for Junior Bowling! See the detailed attachment.

End of Year

Games

Music

Food

Pool Party!

Saturday, August 17th

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

(unless attendance is low after 9 p.m.)

All Pool Pass Holders Welcome, bring a guest for \$5!