



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ February 2013

February Activities:

Saturday, February 9
Bus trip to Tower City

Thursday, February 14
Happy Valentine's Day

Monday, February 18
Presidents' Day, Village Hall and Service Department
Closed



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Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio 44125

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216-641-8485 fax

www.cuyahogaheights.com

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.

Beautification/Go Green Meetings
1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Future Important Dates:

Friday, March 1
Soccer Sign-up Due

Friday, March 29
Good Friday, Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

Saturday, March 30
Easter Egg Hunt

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From the Mayor:



I hope the New Year has been going well for everyone; both mentally and physically. Our administration continues to diligently work hard for the betterment of our community. We are moving forward with the finalization of our 2013 budget and plan to approve it at the February council meeting. In addition, I'm wrapping up the recap for 2012 and should have it to our residents by the end of the month. And lastly, a rundown of what's been going on around town...

- ❖ Happy Birthday Cuyahoga Heights...celebrating our 95th birthday as a Village.
- ❖ We have entered into an agreement with the Cleveland Restoration Society Heritage Program. The program is aimed for homes 50 years and older and enables homeowners a 1.4% fixed rate with First Federal for up to 10 years; assisting them in the repair, maintenance and improvement of their home. Our office will be sending out additional information on the program to our residents in the next several months.
- ❖ Our two speed signs were installed in the residential area on East 49th Street making visitors and residents alike aware of the 25 mph speed limit.
- ❖ We have received a municipal grant for updating our Master Plan. The update needs to be completed so that our Village may continue to move forward with other grants that are offered.
- ❖ Special thanks to Ken Schoeffler for again volunteering his time and creating the 2013 Village Calendar that was delivered to our residents last month.
- ❖ Yet another "milestone" birthday -- Mrs. Patricia Burke turns "80" on February 16. Happiness and health to you as you celebrate this special day!
- ❖ Birthday wishes to employees who celebrated their birthday in January: Ron VanLoozen – January 3; Dan Cotleur – January 4; Ray Smosarski – January 6; Cheryl Harris – January 8; Renato Contipelli – January 9, Reno Contipelli – January 13; Jimmy Henley – January 16; Pete Angiocchi – January 18, and Jacquelyn Kaminski – January 24.
- ❖ February birthday wishes to employees: Tiffany Contipelli – February 4; Mike Stack – February 8; Norm Casini – February 15; Don Pallini – February 18; Mike Hlad & Ralph Faragone – February 24; and Lee Ann Schoeffler – February 28.
- ❖ Congratulations to Village employee Mike Stack who will celebrate his 30th anniversary working for the Village on February 14.

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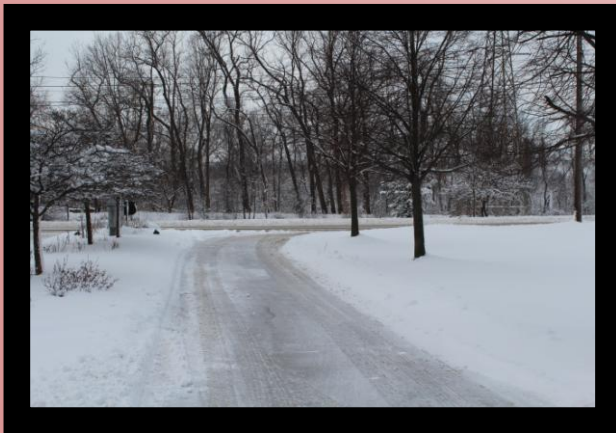
From the Mayor (Continued):



- ❖ We are very happy to see so many of our residents utilizing the Village bus for the monthly Tower City trip. If interest in this program continues to grow, we may consider two trips a month. Send us your input if this is something you would like to see.

I wanted to share some information with our residents that the City of Bedford has an opening for a Purchasing Clerk. The position is part-time (20 hours/week) and non-union. The salary will be based upon qualifications and experience. Interested individuals can submit an application and resume to hangelo@bedfordoh.gov or mail it to the City Manager, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio, 44146, by February 15, 2013.

If you would like a copy of the job description, please give Lee Ann a call at 641-7020 during normal business hours.



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From the Clerk:



Overview of 2012

General Fund: This is the fund we use to pay our everyday bills and employees salaries and medical.

General Fund Expenses: In 2012, we spent **\$8.75 million** for bills and salaries from the General Fund.

General Fund Revenue:

In 2012 we took in **\$9.24 million** in revenue for the General Fund.

Revenue minus Expenses: \$9.24 mill. - \$8.75 mill. = \$490,000 surplus for 2013.

For the third straight year, we have a balanced General Fund.

We should all be very proud that the Administration and Finance Department continue to watch and adjust our spending in order to maintain a surplus at the end of the year. Many communities are struggling to pay bills, and many are overspending in their General Fund to make ends meet.

Financial Outlook for 2013

Moving into 2013, we are financially stable, and will continue to monitor expenses and budgets accordingly to maintain a balanced General Fund.

In 2013, we will need to transfer some money from the General Fund to shore up other Funds. Our goal is to maintain 2 million dollars in the General Fund at all times for emergencies, so we will use \$740,000 to shore up our Sewer Users Fund which pays our residents sewer bills, the Community Grant Fund which pays for our home grants, and our Capital Projects Fund for equipment and projects. From all indications, 2013 will continue to be the same as 2012. Interest rates will continue to stay low, Revenue will be flat, and the job market will show a small increase.

We should all be very proud of our accomplishments, and we will continue to monitor the market conditions, and make changes and adjustments as necessary to show a balance General Fund for 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

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Village Hall:

New Residents

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help! Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to Lee Ann at l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Angel Meriwether by the 20th of the month, to be included in the following month newsletter. Please email the information to a.meriwether@cuyahogaheights.com.

Snow Ban Reminder

In keeping our roadways passable during extreme weather conditions, be sure that you are not in violation of the winter parking emergency conditions; vehicles must be removed from the roadway when snow exceeds 2-inches.

Sports Registrations

Please note that there is a \$25 late fee for sports registrations that occur after the published deadline. The fee was established because late registrations create administrative and organizational difficulties when trying to plan leagues and schedules. In addition, late sign ups cause teams to grow beyond an appropriate size, which has an adverse effect on the ability of the participants to learn and develop. All registration dates are published in our newsletters, on our website, as well as promoted on our Village outdoor marquees.

Listed below are the dates of our annual deadlines for specific sports offered through our Sports Commissioner. Sports registration forms can be downloaded from www.cuyahogaheights.com under the "Sports Department" and are also available at the Village Hall. If you have any questions relative to our sports programs, please contact Sports Commissioner Joe Vitanza at (216) 883-8288, or you can email him at joseph_vitanza@yahoo.com.

ACTIVIY

DEADLINE DATE

Spring Soccer	March 1
Youth Baseball & Softball	April 1
Adult Men's & Women's Softball	July 15
Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1
Youth Basketball	October 15

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Service Department:

Snow Removal Program

Residential Snow Removal Program for our 2012/2013 season.

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.
- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Scott Waldemarson at 216-641-3505.

Please note that residents are responsible to clean their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.

Fireplace at Bacci Park

Village residents must call the Service Department at 216-641-3505 to request wood to be left at the pond pavilion, if they wish to have a fire while enjoying our sledding hill.

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Police Department:

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to announce the additional members to our police department.

Part time Patrol Officer Miguel Mercado – Officer Mercado is a full-time police officer for the Cleveland School Board of Education. He has served with the U.S. Marine Corps, and is currently on active duty with the United States Air Force.

Patrol Officer Thaddeus Mackiewicz – Served as a deputy on the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. He was the second highest ranking person on our written test. It should be noted that the highest ranking person was offered a police officer position elsewhere.

Patrol Officer John Foran – Served as an officer for the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority for a period of 5 months, and as a seasonal officer for the Put-In-Bay Police Department. John was the fourth highest ranking person on our written test. It should be noted that the third highest ranking person voluntarily bowed out of the position.

Patrol Officers Foran and Mackiewicz will be ceremoniously sworn in at the beginning of the Council Meeting on February 13, 2013.

Dispatch Department:

The Dispatch center has added a few new faces to our part time dispatching crew:

Kya Lisum-she comes to us from Newton Falls PD

Pat Emrisko-she comes to us from the Newburgh Hts. PD

Kissa McDougle-she comes to us from East Cleveland PD

Georgette Hodge and **Jasmine Wallace** returning to our department after a short absence.

If you talk to any of these Police Officers or Dispatchers please welcome them to our Village.

Swiftreach Emergency Contact System

Residents please update the dispatch center with any new telephone numbers you would like added or numbers that may need to be removed from our Swiftreach emergency contact system. This would include if you no longer have a house phone (land line) and only use a cell phone. The Swiftreach system is for emergency notifications. The phone numbers are kept strictly confidential and not given out to the public. You may also make these changes on the Village webpage.

Fire Department:



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ON FIRE SAFETY

Portable Heater Fire Safety



An estimated 900 portable heater fires in homes are reported to U.S. fire departments each year and cause an estimated 70 deaths, 150 injuries and \$53 million in property loss.

Only 2 percent of heating fires in homes involved portable heaters; however, portable heaters were involved in 45 percent of all fatal heating fires in homes.



Label of a recognized testing laboratory

You can prevent a portable heater fire in your home this winter by following a few fire safety steps:

- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least three feet away.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory and with an automatic shut-off so that if they tip over, they shut off.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.



FEMA



For More Information:
www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus



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Go Green/Beutification Committee:

ENERGY SAVING BULB---MERCURY EXPOSURE WARNING

Energy Saving Bulbs have been in existence for a long time now. As the name implies, they are more effective as compared to an ordinary bulb in terms of power consumption. But there are some health and safety issues to be aware of. These types of bulbs, if broken, can cause serious danger. Some warnings to keep in mind:

- *If a bulb breaks, everyone will have to leave the room for at least 15 minutes. Mercury is poisonous and can cause migraines, disorientation, imbalance and other health issues if inhaled.
- *It can exacerbate allergies and other skin conditions if inhaled.
- *Do not clean the broken glass with a vacuum cleaner as the particles can contaminate the room. Use a broom or brush and keep in a sealed container for disposal.

New Business to our Village



Offering Village of Cuyahoga Heights' residents a 10% discount on any furnace repair or replacement.

Congratulations

Matthew Vitanza was selected as one of the 101 seniors designated as The First Tee Scholars- Class of 2013. He will now be eligible for scholarships from 20 universities and 19 other names scholarships. The scholarship program is a distinction awarded to participants of The First Tee who excel in academics, leadership, character development, and chapter and community involvement. Wish him Luck!

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Building Department:



ATTENTION ALL DWELLING OWNERS AND DWELLING OCCUPANTS:

1. Beginning in March/April, 2013 all exterior dwelling units, dwelling structures, and residential premises shall be inspected relative to compliance with our Village Building & Housing Code Chapter 1490.14. Violations shall be processed to dwelling owners and dwelling occupants identifying items of violation and a fixed time to correct these items that will be listed. Civil action and/or penalties shall apply for non-compliance.
2. Rental property owners shall require interior and exterior inspection whenever:
 - a. An ownership change occurs.
 - b. A tenant change occurs.

An occupancy certificate must be issued to the home owner prior to occupancy. Chapter 1492.25. Please be advised that it is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain an "application for a rental certificate" for the home he or she owns located in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

3. Out of county dwelling owners shall register annually with the Building Department pursuant to Chapter 1492.26. Application forms are available online at www.cuyahogaheights.com or at the Building Department.

Your cooperation for the betterment and stability of our community is appreciated.

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Flower Fund Committee:

With your generosity and concern we have been able to maintain our spirit of neighborliness by sending flowers or a monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of those residents who have passed on. As all of you know, this is so very important for Cuyahoga Heights residents to know that we care during their time of loss. Please bring your donation to the Village Hall, or contact Marilyn Duszynski at 341-3024 if you need your donation picked up. Senior Citizens can bring their donation to any meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE VILLAGE HALL IF ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS PASSES AWAY. They should notify the Flower Fund Committee and the Police Department, they provide escort during the funeral.

For Sale:

5026 Willowbrook Drive

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 information

Appliances for Sale - \$100 each:

White Magic Chef Frost-Free Refrigerator/Freezer Total Volume: 20.8 cu. ft.
Height: 66", Width: 32 5/8", Depth: 28 7/8"

White Amana Big Queen Gas Stove/Oven
Capacity Plus 5.1

Contact Stacey Vitanza at 216-883-8288

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Community Directory:



OFFICIALS

JACK BACCI

Mayor, 641-7020

ROBERT UNGER

Clerk, 641-7020

DOUGLAS PALLINI

Police Chief, 883-6800

NEAL CASH

Fire Chief, 641-6799

SCOTT WALDEMARSON

Service Director, 641-3505

JONATHAN GREENBERG

Law Director, Prosecutor
781-1212

TODD SCIANO

Engineer, 642-1130

NORM CASINI

Building Commissioner
641-7020

MIKE HLAD

Assistant Building Commissioner
641-7020

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Village Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and
1:00-4:30 p.m.**

JOE VITANZA

Sports Commissioner, 883-8288

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency

Animal Control	641-3505
Bus Reservations	641-7020
CHS Elementary	429-5880
CHS Middle School	429-5757
Fire Department	641-6799
Police Department	883-6800

911

Building Dept.	641-7020
Service Department	641-3505
Village Hall	641-7020
Village Pool	341-7684
CHS High School	429-5707
Senior Clinic	520-0927

NEWSLETTER CARRIERS:

East 71st St./South & Willowbrook:
East 49th St./Grant Avenue:
East 71st St./North & Courts:

Bryanne Skerl	341-1368
Matthew Vitanza	883-8288
Veronica Bacci	341-9420

