



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ November 2012

November Activities:

Monday, November 12

Veterans Day Observed, Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day Observed, Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

Friday, November 23

Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.
& Post Thanksgiving Day Observed, Village Hall and
Service Department Closed



Village Hall

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Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio 44125

216-641-7020 phone
216-641-8485 fax

www.cuyahogaheights.com

Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings (regular)

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council

4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Future Important Dates:

Saturday, December 8

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Sunday, December 23

Santa visits Village Children
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve, Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day, Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

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From the Mayor:

First and foremost, please remember those that have served our country; Sunday, November 11th is Veterans Day! Take the time to reach out and “thank” the brave men and women who have served, or continue to serve in our military forces. Their duty, honor and selfless service for this great country have assured us of our freedom today, without them, we wouldn’t be *“home of the brave, land of the free.”*

If there are any residents that have served our military in any capacity, please let my office know so we can recognize you for your service to our country. At this time, I would like to welcome home Joe Brotosky who just returned home from Marine Boot Camp; Paris Island, South Carolina. ***God Bless America...and thank you Veterans!***

Hats off to the Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School and PTO who held a ceremony recognizing our Veterans on Friday, November 9. Here are several pictures of the event.



Our monthly snapshot of what’s been going on in and around town:

for as long as I can remember, I don’t think our Village has ever rescheduled Halloween! Due to the inclement weather that hit Ohio from the effects of Hurricane Sandy many of the communities in Cuyahoga County changed their “Trick-or-Treat” date; our Village rescheduled it to Sunday, November 4.



on Friday, October 19, our administration hosted the annual fall luncheon with the businesses in our community. We had about 75 individuals in attendance at Klima Gardens for a cook out. Eric Roegner, President of Alcoa Defense, Alcoa Forgings & Extrusions, here in Cuyahoga Heights was our guest speaker. He began his speech with good news; on October 7 Alcoa had reached a labor agreement with United Auto Workers Local 1050 which covers approximately 650 employees at their Cleveland Works facility. The new contract is in effect through February 2017. In addition, Eric spoke on the economy, as it relates to local and global markets, which was very informative. We look forward to meeting with the businesses in May for our annual breakfast meeting.



Brian Gorris, CFO of Stripmatic Products located on Grant Avenue, was featured in the October 15th edition of *Crain’s Cleveland Business*. Almost a year ago, Stripmatic relocated to our community because of the impending construction of the Inner Belt Bridge. Stripmatic is a manufacturing facility and employ around 22 employees; their revenue for 2011 was \$5-million. Mr. Gorris was recently nominated for “CFO of the Year Award;” we wish him luck and hopes he wins the award.

much needed construction improvements to Willow Parkway began the week of October 22; the job should be completed by November 19.

From the Mayor (continued):

our second annual Corn Roast was held on Saturday, October 20. It turned out to be another success -- we had a lot of positive feedback; even the rain stayed away. The kids had a blast playing in the hay maze as well as riding the hay wagon; I never got off the tractor until the fireworks started. What a great fall day -- a great time was had by all and we look forward to a bigger and better event next year! I would like to thank all the volunteers and employees that helped make this event possible as well as to our residents that attended.

we officially have the keys to the former Electric Welder building. Before razing the building, we hope to have our Fire Department utilize it for training purposes.



our deepest condolences . . .

to Mrs. Irene Kloss; her husband Richard Kloss passed away on October 21. Mr. Kloss was also a Navy Veteran who served in numerous World War II campaigns. Also, I wanted to share a special note from Mrs. Irene Kloss who wanted us all to know, "Cuyahoga Heights is a community to truly be proud of."



to Mrs. Lois Henley; her husband James Henley Sr., passed away on November 8. "Big Jim" played many roles throughout his lifetime. He was the owner/operator of the Arco Gas Station on the corner of East 71st Street/Grant Avenue before being hired at our Service Department for over 17 years as the master mechanic. Many of you may or may not have known that he was a licensed pilot; however, he was most famous for piloting his Chevelle "Quick Silver" at local drag strips. In addition, Jim was one of our founding members of the Cuyahoga Heights Recreation Board and served as the President of our Men's Club for approximately 30 years. He also coached Little League Baseball for many years. Later in life he was the Commodore of Lakeside Yacht Club and Vice President of the FOPA.

On behalf of all residents, we extend our thoughts and prayers to both families during this difficult time.

on a brighter note, congratulations to James Bartlett and Rachel Julio who reside on Marcelline Court; they were married on October 20. It was nice to see them at Bacci Park having their wedding pictures...congratulations and best wishes to you both!

November birthday wishes to employees: Pat Koran & Tom Nova – November 1; Barb Biro – November 3; Tom Kekelis – November 10; Bob Unger & Nick Varga – November 27; and Mark Hine – November 28.

Now that fall is behind us, we are in the process of gearing up for winter – getting the plows ready, salt ordered; it's just a matter of time before the snow flies.

On behalf of our administration, we wish each and every one of you good health, happiness and a very Blessed Thanksgiving.



From the Village Clerk/Treasurer:

We are in solid shape financially, and continue the effort of watching our costs and balancing our budget in these uncertain times. Again, for the third year, we are on solid ground, and our finances are stable.

As you can see from the RITA revenue chart, we have taken in \$6,807,631.56, and for all of last year, we took in \$7,122,176.56. We still have three more payments left in 2012, and I project that we will exceed last year's revenue by \$200,000.00. Our RITA revenue makes up the largest percentage of income in our General Fund, the largest part of this revenue comes from payroll taxes (jobs in our community), the more jobs in our community, the more RITA revenue. When layoffs and job losses occur, we will see a decrease in RITA revenue. According to the chart, we are seeing a slow but steady increase.

Our target has always been to spend less than we take in for revenue. We started the year with 2 million dollars in our General Fund as a buffer for emergencies, and we strive to finish the year with 2 million dollars in our General Fund after paying all of our bills and employees salaries. We are on track to accomplish this goal.

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

Monthly RITA Report 2012

Month Distributed	2009	2010	2011	2012	Difference from 2011	% change from 2011
JANUARY	839,756.92	464,817.62	584,669.79	531,947.49	(52,722.30)	-9.90%
FEBRUARY	633,667.41	502,634.63	537,785.87	645,702.65	107,916.78	16.80%
MARCH	617,599.33	705,699.36	824,604.94	818,935.60	(5,669.34)	-0.70%
APRIL	575,241.04	504,911.06	520,849.63	532,060.38	11,210.75	2.10%
MAY	523,152.87	606,055.61	557,801.31	685,629.54	127,828.23	18.70%
JUNE	555,157.80	579,983.55	639,614.36	619,557.23	(20,057.13)	-3.23%
JULY	594,458.48	538,533.45	545,762.77	637,580.56	91,817.79	14.50%
AUGUST	349,297.01	403,205.45	498,636.91	602,701.42	104,064.51	17.30%
SEPTEMBER	483,393.62	607,779.83	589,364.22	593,358.57	3,994.35	0.00%
OCTOBER	533,833.33	632,278.31	654,241.55	733,896.34	79,654.79	12.17%
NOVEMBER	497,619.96	519,145.39	511,005.62	406,261.78		
DECEMBER	711,206.69	680,167.66	657,839.82			
TOTAL	6,914,384.46	6,745,211.92	7,122,176.79	6,807,631.56	448,038.43	6.77%

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Village Hall:

Christmas Stockings

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the Village of Cuyahoga Heights on Sunday, **December 23, 2012** beginning at 11:00 a.m. and delivering Christmas stockings to all our ***resident children of Cuyahoga Heights*** who are between the ages of 0-10. In addition, they will also be delivering gift certificates the same day to resident children who are 11 and 12 years of age. If you have children, 0-12 years of age by December 23rd you can fill out the "*Christmas Stocking Registration*" form which is included with this newsletter and fax it to the Village Hall at 641-6744, email to l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com, or you can drop it off at the Village Hall.

The registration deadline is **Monday, December 3th**. *Thank you!*

Service Department:

Leaf Pick Up

Just a reminder our residents to our rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

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.

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Fire Department:

October was Fire Prevention Month and the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department was busy. During this past month, the Fire Department Members were out teaching fire and home safety to the children in the Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School. The firefighters reviewed "Stop, Drop, and Roll", "Stay Low in Smoke", and this year's NFPA theme, "Have 2 Ways Out!". Fun and learning were had by all.



The 6th Graders were trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers, using the BullEx Fire Extinguisher Trainer, which the Village of Cuyahoga Heights recently purchased. The students were able to use real water extinguishers to put out a controlled propane fire, which offered them hands on training. The training system has been used not only at the school, but throughout the business community helping the employees to stay safe within our town. Once again, over several Sundays in October, the Fire Department delivered new batteries for the resident's smoke detectors. It is important that we check our batteries in the Spring and Fall each year. A working smoke detector is one of the most important devices you have to insure your family's safety. If you did not receive your batteries or you have a malfunctioning smoke detector, contact the Fire Department at 216-641-6799 to set up an appointment.

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Dispatch Department:

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 can also update your information on the Village website through the SwiftReach portal.

Other Events & Outings:

Tower City

The Village bus will be going to Tower City on Saturday, December 1st for those Village residents that wish to do their holiday shopping downtown.

If you would like to spend the day downtown, contact the Village Hall prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30th to add your name to the bus list. Please note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The bus will depart the Village Hall at 10:00 a.m. sharp on December 1st. Residents should plan to arrive at the Village Hall prior to the 10:00 a.m. departure time. The bus will drop off all residents at Tower City -- Public Square entrance. In addition, this will be the location that the bus will pick up our residents and transport them back to the Village Hall. For your convenience, the bus will run several trips downtown that day:

<u>Depart Village Hall</u>	<u>Arrive Public Square</u>	<u>Depart Public Square Back to Village Hall</u>
10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	
1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
<i>Final Departure for the day</i>		6:00 p.m.

Recognitions

Congratulations to Madison Bacci for participating in the Cross-Country Regionals for the third straight year!

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Go Green Committee:

Oceans

Much of the carbon dioxide produced by burning of fossil fuels has been absorbed into the ocean waters. Up until just recently, it was considered a benign storage for this gas. However, it has been observed that the oceans acidity has been increasing, as the carbon dioxide absorbed is believed to be causing acidification. There is concern that this condition will be corrosive to marine life, making it difficult for many of the ocean's creatures to build the calcium carbonate shells and skeletons they need to survive. Fish, corals, shellfish are of concern.

Research has been prompted by massive oyster and other shellfish die offs in Puget Sound aqua culture farms. There have also been massive worldwide coral reef die offs that have been attributed until now to climate temperature increases; but, may have also been affected by increasingly acidified waters. Recent studies suggest ocean warming and acidification are threatening the microscopic phytoplankton that constitutes the lowest rung on the marine food chain.

If phytoplankton were to disappear, we'd lose the zooplankton that eats it, the fish that eat the zooplankton, and so on up the food chain.

Sources: Center for Biological Diversity,
Natural Resource Defense Council

Treecycling

Did you know that approximately 25-30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the U.S. every year? Treecycling is the act of recycling your Christmas tree so it can be used as compost or mulch. Dispose of your tree properly through the nearest Northeast Ohio dropoff location at Rosby Resource Recovery, 54 E. Schaaf Road, Brooklyn Heights.



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Flower Fund Committee:

With your generosity and concern we've 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 Committee and the Police Department, they provide escort during the funeral.

Rentals:

4563 East 49th Street

3-4 bedrooms, 1 bath, Appliances included.

Telephone#: 216-406-6652

Updated kitchen and bath. 2 car garage. Central air. Large Yard

Tenant responsible for all utilities. \$975 a month. Verifiable income

No Pets. 1 month security deposit required.

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



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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

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NORM CASINI

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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

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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

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East 71 st St./North & Courts:	Veronica Bacci	341-9420