



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ October 2012

### October Activities:

#### Saturday, October 20

Community Corn Roast- 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
at Bacci Park

#### Sunday, October 28

Village Halloween Party- 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.  
at Klima Gardens

#### Wednesday, October 31

Trick or Treat 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### 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.

#### Go Green Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

### Future Important Dates:

#### Tuesday, November 6

Election Day- Village Hall Closed

#### 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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### From the Mayor:



The cool evenings of fall; it's kind of nice not running the air conditioning -- keeping that utility bill down. I also can't believe we'll be celebrating another holiday, Halloween! "*Trick-or-Treat*" will take place on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in our Village. We kindly ask that residents who wish to pass out candy to our youngsters, to please leave their front porch light on. I hope all our children have a fun time, but more importantly, they are respectful and courteous to our neighbors. Enjoy – and don't eat too much candy!

Last month I sent out a letter to all East 49<sup>th</sup> Street residents about the above normal odors that were being emitted from the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant. At this time, I would like to share the information with the rest of our residents so they too are aware of the situation.

### NEORSD Work and Odor Complaints

"In preparation for upcoming work on the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) Gravity Thickeners, and the need to test air quality in the thickener tanks, the Plant recently routed sludge from our Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant (EWWTP) to the Southerly Gravity Thickeners while the contractor, CDM performed air quality monitoring.

Full load testing was needed to properly evaluate the air quality needs now and for the future. One of the problems with routing the Easterly sludge is a noticeable amount of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in the sludge. A consequence of the increased amount of hydrogen sulfide in the sludge created the increased odor Cuyahoga Heights' residents have experienced as of late.

Once the testing concluded, the Southerly staff injected sodium hypochlorite into the gravity thickeners to mitigate the bacteria that causes the H<sub>2</sub>S gas and other odors from the tank. It appears the Sodium Hypochlorite addition is performing as anticipated and the odor issues should be dissipating.

Further, as a result of recent wet weather we have experienced, the Southerly Plant received higher than normal solids in the gravity thickeners, which has hampered odor mitigation efforts. In the future, Southerly will be more proactive and notify the village when we anticipate problems of this nature. To ensure we are being good neighbors, the shift staff is currently out in the plant looking for additional areas that may be contributing to the odor complaints from the Village.

At this time, we are draining and cleaning several Primary Settling Tanks 11-18 tanks that were used for the recent wet weather event. This should not have contributed to the odor complaint. We did, however, notice a small amount of odor emitting from the incinerator stacks and the staff is investigating that as well."

## **From the Mayor (continued):**

NEORSD has advised that they will continue to keep my office informed of any additional issues that arise. In addition, I would like to thank our residents in advance for their continued patience while this work takes place; their target date deadline is spring 2013.

And now, here's what's happening around town...

***we received notification*** from CEI that their Forestry Department began customer notification on a large-scale ash tree removal project due to a state-wide *Emerald Ash Borer* infestation that kills ash trees. Their project will consist of patrolling all miles of distribution lines and attempting to secure removal of all ash trees within striking distance. Actual tree work was to begin September 4 and not to extend past December 31. CEI pre-planners will notify municipalities as they work across the region, to date our Village has not received any notification.

***we're in the process*** of coordinating our annual fall "Business Appreciation Luncheon" at the end of this month. Eric Roegner, who is President of Alcoa Defense, Alcoa Forgings & Extrusions which is located here in our Village, will be our guest speaker. These meetings have been taking place since 2008 and are very successful with our businesses in getting to know them, as well as understanding their business and concerns.

***kudos to Michael Cimperman*** who became an Eagle Scout on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Pictured to the right is Michael reciting the Eagle Scout Oath. Congratulations as you continue the journey in life!



***September birthday wishes*** to employees: Mark Davis – September 5; Todd Bloam – September 9; Kenny Klir – September 14; Debbie Reiger – September 17; Brad Unger – September 18; and Traci Ricco – September 24. Hope everyone had a great day on their birthday!

***special "milestone" birthday*** wishes to Mrs. Tomi Sonoda who will turn "90" on October 4<sup>th</sup>! Happiness and health to you as you celebrate your big day!



## From the Village Clerk/Treasurer:



Fall is upon us, the kids are back at school, and we will soon be celebrating our "Corn Fest". As we get through the third year of my four year term, I can report the Village is financially stable, and sustainable. In 2010, we started with a balance in our General Fund of 1.7 million, and at the end of my third year, after paying our bills and employees salaries, I project an end of the year General Fund balance of 2.5 million.

We are trying to improve the Village while staying within budget. This year, we have paid down the debt on the Police Station another 500 thousand dollars. In 2010 we owed 3 million, we currently owe 1.5 million, and hope to have it paid off in 2015. We continually work on keeping the Village clean and attractive, while maintaining the buildings and roads. We also have invested in improving our computer and phone systems in all departments. Our employees also have the best equipment and tools to do their jobs.

In these tough economic times, Council, the Mayor, and I are making tough choices while being fiscally responsible. At the same time, we are staying within our budget, and not spending more than we take in for the General Fund. We will continue to do the best job we can while making these tough decisions.

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			
NOVEMBER	497,619.96	519,145.39	511,005.62			
DECEMBER	711,206.69	680,167.66	657,839.82			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,914,384.46</b>	<b>6,745,211.92</b>	<b>7,122,176.79</b>	<b>5,667,473.44</b>	<b>368,383.64</b>	<b>6.17%</b>



Cuyahoga Heights Community  
**CORN ROAST**  
**Saturday**  
**October 20th**  
Bacci Park • 4 to 10 PM

Join us at Bacci Park for a day full of fun for the whole family!  
This annual get-together supports and celebrates a number of important  
community groups, volunteer organizations and our school district.

**Sweet Corn, Hot Dogs, Chili, Pumpkin and Apple Pie and Refreshments sold by:  
CHS Music Boosters, Boy Scouts, CHS PTO and CHS Sports Organizations**



**LIVE MUSIC • CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT • HAY RIDES & MAZE  
PUMPKIN & FACE PAINTING • FIREWORKS AT DUSK!**

The event will be cancelled if inclement weather is imminent. Check the Twitter feed at [www.CuyahogaHeights.com](http://www.CuyahogaHeights.com) for updates.

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### Village Hall:

#### Greater Cleveland Aquarium Bus Trip

For those Village residents that would like to visit the new aquarium but don't want the hassle of driving downtown or pay for parking, *not to worry*, our Village bus will take you there!

The bus will depart the Village Hall on Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. and drive our residents to the Cleveland Aquarium (*located at the Powerhouse in the flats.*) The bus will pick you back up from the aquarium at 3:00 p.m. sharp -- *same location where you were dropped off.*

Admission is "free" for ages 2 and under; \$15.95 for children 3-12 years of age; and \$21.95 for persons 13 years of age and older. Each resident is responsible for purchasing their own ticket(s).

If you would like to take the bus to the aquarium, please contact the Village Hall by Monday, October 1 so we can put you on the bus list. Once again, please note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



### Service Department:

#### Leaf Pick Up

Fall will be approaching us quickly and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

#### Fall Round Up

It's that time again of the year! Clean out your sheds, garages and basements. Materials accepted are oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, spray paint, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, pesticides such as bug and rodent killers, weed killers, mold killers, caustic household cleaners, automotive products, tar and driveway sealers, motor oil, mercury, kerosene and gasoline. Call the Village Hall to arrange for your special pick-up on Tuesdays.

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### Police Department:

**Trick or Treat, October 31st 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



#### Safety Tips for Parents

Make your children eat dinner before setting out  
Children should carry a cell phone so they can call home  
An adult should accompany children, of any age  
Make sure all costumes are made of flame-retardant material  
Always test make-up in small area first. Remove it before bedtime to avoid skin/eye irritation  
Make sure you know where they are going  
Tell children to bring candy home to be inspected

#### Safety Tips for Homeowners

Make sure your house is well lit  
Make sure your yard is clear of anything that can trip children  
Put pets away to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater (Your pets get scared too) Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable If you use candles place pumpkins well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing



#### Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

Carry a flashlight or glow stick  
Walk; don't run. Stay on sidewalks. Obey traffic signals  
Never walk near lit candles or luminaries.  
Stay in familiar neighborhoods  
Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground  
Make sure shoes fit  
Wear clothing with reflective markings or tapes  
Only go to houses that have a light on  
Never go into someone's home  
Stay away from and don't pet animals (you may scare them).  
Stay away from unfamiliar cars or people  
Swords, knives, etc., should be short, soft and flexible  
Don't eat any candy until your parents have inspected it  
Never go up to a house alone; stay in a group



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### Fire Department: Service Department:

#### Fire Prevention

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will be delivering Fire Prevention literature and batteries for your smoke detectors to each household on 3 consecutive Sundays during the month of October. Please use this time to discuss with your family an emergency escape plan out of your home in case of a fire and review with your children other fire safety practices. If you have any questions or need assistance with smoke detectors, or installing the batteries please contact us at our non-emergency line at 641-6799.

#### Sunday, October 7th

East 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grant Ave.

#### Sunday, October 14th

East 71 St. Street

#### Sunday, October 21st

Willowbrook Drive  
Bletch and Marcelline Courts  
East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Dressler Court





## Fire Department: Service Department:

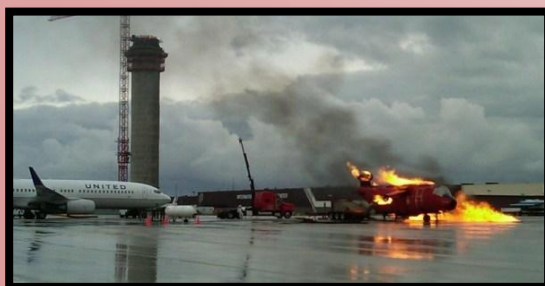
### School Swimming Pool Safety Drill

On September 5th, "A" Shift members of the Fire Department participated in a water safety drill at the high school swimming pool. The fire department along with students from the school practiced removing an injured victim from the pool.



### Cleveland Hopkins Airport Mass Casualty Drill

On Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> two members of the Fire Department along with one of our Squads participated in the Cleveland Hopkins Airport Mass Casualty Drill. This drill takes place every three years. They helped transport some victims to Southwest General Hospital. The drill was attended by many Police and Fire Agencies from Cuyahoga County.



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### **Go Green Committee:**

Why should I personally Go-Green?

Up until now, your Go-Green columns have stressed energy savings as a matter of conscience and personal economic savings; but, there is a much more significant reason. Our excessive use of carbon based fuel has; and is, impacting the global environment to such a degree that serious climactic changes are beginning to be encountered globally. Weather events are becoming more extreme due to increasing atmospheric energy caused by the heat trapping products of combustion. The seriousness of this situation is being addressed by nations of the world through the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). This panel represents the consensus of 2500 climate scientists and backing of 183 countries of the world ...except the United States of America, where climate change has become politicized. Even with the seriousness of this global threat, our national elected officials have failed to take significant meaningful action, because of intense pressure and lobbying of affected energy and industrial groups.

We can no longer ignore the warning signs. Even one of the most ardent deniers of climate change (R. A. Muller, University of California, Berkeley) recently reversed his position and acknowledged the seriousness of the increasing temperature brought on by burning carbon based fuels. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 30, 2012, page A-4) He also stated, "Humans are almost entirely the cause." It is significant to note the study was funded by energy interests.

There are actions each of us can take, that will lessen our personal impact on the environment. The next Go-Green article will summarize many daily acts where we can do our part. Additional articles will explain changing climate impacts upon wildlife and the biosphere.

Going green is no longer just about conscience and personal savings; but now is about passing on a sustainable planet to our descendants.

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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:

#### 4929 E 71st Street

Front apartment

Telephone: 216-883-0735

*Details: 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath; stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer & dryer included, central air; 2 car garage. No pets. \$1,000.00 per month.*

#### 4963 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street

Apartment

Telephone Number: (440) 838-1793

*Details: 3 bedrooms with kitchen, dining room; also includes garage*

#### 7200 Bletch Court

Downstairs Apartment

Telephone #: (216) 577-6264

*Details: 2 large bedrooms, walk in closets, Central Air, washer/dryer hook up, 1 car attached garage, newly remodeled*

### 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

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Police Chief, 883-6800

**NEAL CASH**  
Fire Chief, 641-6799

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641-7020

**MIKE HLAD**  
Assistant Building Commissioner  
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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### Village Hall Hours:

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

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### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>	Building Dept.	641-7020
Animal Control	641-3505	Service Department	641-3505
Bus Reservations	641-7020	Village Hall	641-7020
CHS Elementary	429-5880	Village Pool	341-7684
CHS Middle School	429-5757	CHS High School	429-5707
Fire Department	641-6799	Senior Clinic	520-0927
Police Department	883-6800		

### NEWSLETTER CARRIERS:

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