



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012

September Activities:

Monday, September 3

Labor Day, Village Hall and Service Department Closed~ Trash Collection on Tuesday

Saturday, September 8

Historical Meeting and Willow House open to visitors
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

Historical Committee Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.~All our welcome



Village Hall

4863 E.71st Street
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.

Beautification/Go Green Meetings

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

Future Important Dates:

Saturday, October 20

Community Corn Roast- Bacci Park

Sunday, October 28

Village Halloween Party- Klima Gardens

Wednesday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 6

Election Day- Village Hall Closed

Monday, November 12

Veterans Day Observed, Village Hall and Service Department Closed

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012



From the Mayor:

The kids are back in school, Lily Anne is WALKING, football season is here and before you know it, fall will be upon us; making for good clambakes and Lake Erie perch fishing! I just can't believe how fast this year is going.

Good News!

After all the meetings, telephone conversations and trips to Columbus, something that was set in motion in 2009 ended up paying big dividends. With great anticipation, our administration is very proud to announce that our Village will be retaining TriMark SS Kemp, who consistently is our 10th largest contributor in income tax for many years. As you may or may not know, TriMark SS Kemp has been located on Willow Parkway since the 1980's, and has committed to a long term lease of approximately 100,000 square feet of warehouse space at 6551 Grant Avenue. They will now operate from both locations in the Village, occupying nearly 170,000 square feet in total and employing over 130 people. The additional space will allow them to continue their long history of growth in the Village and will result in the creation of dozens of new jobs over the next few years.

As I have stated for many years, retention of our long time businesses are key to our community when so many of ours are being touted by struggling communities throughout the region. TriMark SS Kemp's expansion was made possible by a \$3 million Clean Ohio grant that the Village received from the State of Ohio in 2009. This grant allowed the developer, Premier Development, which is headquartered in the Village, to address soil and water contamination at the building. Thanks to the foresight and hard work of our administration, and Clerk Unger's good stewardship of the grant, the remediation project is now nearly complete. Prior to the grant-funded remediation, the 300,000+ square foot building was nearly vacant. Now, with the addition of TriMark SS Kemp, the building is nearly completely occupied with tenants, with many of the companies being new to the Village.

Since last fall, we had been working with the State on a second Clean Ohio grant application. This second grant would remediate environmental issues at 4567 Willow Parkway (Univar property), which is located between TriMark SS Kemp and Stanek Windows. Due to the contamination issues, the building has been vacant for many years. We negotiated with the current building owner to purchase the building for \$1 and intend to use Clean Ohio funding to correct the environmental issues and demolish the building. TriMark SS Kemp was to purchase the land from the Village and construct a new 88,000 square foot building on the site.

This project was well received by the State and was highlighted in two articles in Crain's Cleveland Business newspaper. Unfortunately, only one project in Cuyahoga County was to be awarded a grant in this spring's Clean Ohio funding round, and we competed head-to-head with the Orlando Baking Company for their expansion project in a deeply economically distressed neighborhood of the City of Cleveland. Ultimately, Orlando won the grant, but we were able to retain TriMark SS Kemp and we continue to pursue the redevelopment of the property. The State remains fully supportive of the project, and if we can find the right end-user for the property, we will re-apply for funding this fall or winter. Also, we hope to tie several new projects

From the Mayor (continued):

including the redevelopment of the Nicky Boulevard landfill with State funding. Our bold brush plan will impact any environmental, economic and residential issues in a positive way.

Other good news!

The Cuyahoga County Executive's office notified me that the Village was selected to receive two grants through the County's Municipal Grant Program. The first, for \$30,000, will offset the cost of hiring a planning consultant to update the Village's Master Plan, which is now ten years old. Updating our Master Plan will be an important step in mapping the course of the community for the future. It is also critical in our pursuit of future grant funding, as having an updated Master Plan is often a requirement when applying for grants. The second grant, for \$150,000 will allow us to construct new restroom facilities overlooking the baseball fields in Bacci Park. The new facility will also include a kitchen/concession stand, and covered tables and seats. Competition for these funds is very intense, and only eight projects in Cuyahoga County were selected to receive funding. We hope to break ground on the project this fall.

"Kudos" to the Village Council's both past and present for their willingness to provide me with tools to invest time and resources into the pursuit of these projects, also to Silverlode Consulting, who was instrumental in helping us to identify and take advantage of all of these opportunities. I hope to have many new successes to tell you about in future reports.

Here's a snapshot from the past month on other happenings around town...

our outdoor swimming pool ran exceptionally well this summer, as well as our playground program. I would like to thank Pool Manager Dan Volek and his entire staff for doing a fantastic job. Attendance was very high due to the hot and dry weather; lessons ran well and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health made several "unannounced visits" during the season and noted how impressed, especially with our baby pool, as to how well things were running.

continuing our work-in-progress efforts at Bacci Park, the security video/camera project is moving forward; we hope to have everything up and running within the next 30 days.

"hats off" to Michael Cimperman (pictured to the left), who is currently on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout, and his volunteers for painting all the residential addresses on the curbs. This project definitely will help our police and fire safety forces locate resident's addresses, especially when it becomes dark outside. Thanks again Michael for a job well done! I also had the honor of attending resident, Jack Sample's Court of Honor. He became an Eagle Scout on Sunday, August 12th. I'm sure many of you have noticed how nice the wooden fence looks alongside the trail that runs through the east side of Bacci Park. Jack's project was cleaning and repairing the fence, which he and his volunteers worked on last summer and fall. On behalf of our Village residents, congratulations Jack, on receiving such a prestigious award!



From the Mayor (continued):



on Monday, August 27th, I took 21 of our senior citizens, along with my department heads to Kelleys Island for the day. Of all days to have a monsoon – but our seniors made the best of it! They got in the rain and got soaked; hopped on the golf carts and had a great time. In fact, the General Store ran out of rain ponchos because our group bought all of them. Lunch was delicious; the Walleye pieces were so big that most of our seniors couldn't eat it all. I want to thank all the seniors that attended and made this trip possible. Hopefully next year we'll have better weather, if not, we'll make our own fun again. God Bless!

August birthday wishes to employees: Ross Patterson – August 1; Randy Eliason & Brian Baciak – August 4; Angel Motz – August 5; Scott Schoeffler & Thomas Lugo – August 14; Jamie Lukas – August 15; Wesley Unger – August 16; Jasmine Wallace – August 20; Michael Chase – August 26; and finally Craig Morrow – August 30. Hope everyone had a great day on their birthday!

special congratulations to Village employee, Patrick Koran. He celebrated his “25th anniversary” working for our Village on August 9th.

special “milestone” birthday wishes to Mrs. Elisa Venchi who celebrated her “95th” birthday on August 12th and Mrs. Bernice Blue (*pictured with her daughter Mary Jane*) who turned 94 on August 24th. Happiness and health to both of these wonderful ladies! In addition, I would like to wish Mrs. Anne Aguzzi a very happy “91st” birthday; she will be celebrating her big day on September 16th. Happy Birthday Mrs. Aguzzi!



our condolences to residents Joe Nagy and his son Gerry; Mary Nagy passed away on Friday, August 10. Many of you may remember Mrs. Nagy when she ran the Village Florist Shoppe on East 49th Street. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Nagy family.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of our residents a very happy and safe Labor Day holiday!

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012



From the Village Clerk/Treasurer:

Summer is coming to an end, and the children are back in school. It is a good time to focus on ending the year with a balanced General Fund and start assessing our financial picture for next year. We have worked hard to make sure that we only spend the amount of money that we take in for our General Fund.

Our finances are stable, and we continue to closely monitor our revenues and expenses during these very difficult times. There have been no big surprises in our expenses, or revenues. Council and the Mayor continue to do a great job of staying updated on current bills and revenue, in order to make solid decisions.

As you can see from the RITA chart, as of the end of August, we are ahead of last year's revenues by almost 7%, or \$364,389.29. We still have four months to go before we close the year, but I believe we will again end the year with a small increase in our General Fund.

As always, 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			
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			
TOTAL	6,914,384.46	6,745,211.92	7,122,176.79	5,074,114.87	364,389.29	6.95%

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012



Village Hall:

NEW! Heritage Home Program

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights is interested in providing its residents with access to the Heritage Home Program. The program is sponsored by the Cleveland Restoration Society and the County. The program offers an interest rate of 2% (changes quarterly) on loans to restore or rehab homes 50 years or older. The program also offers free technical assistance, including color and design consulting. Projects that are eligible are insulation and energy efficiency upgrades, new roofs, kitchen and bath remodels, painting, additions, etc. Here is the link to the program <http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org/>.

Tower City Bus Trip

The Village bus will be adding a transportation run for all Village residents to the September calendar for Saturday, September, 15 to Tower City. If you would like to spend the day downtown, contact the Village Hall prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14th 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 the 15th. 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.

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.

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012



Service Department:

Important Notice ~ August 15, 2012

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health notified the Village of Cuyahoga Heights on August 15, 2012, that local mosquito traps have tested positive for West Nile Virus. No human cases have been reported. This is not uncommon this time of year according to the Board of Health. The Village of Cuyahoga Heights would like to remind you to use repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or lemon eucalyptus oil when using the towpath or in the Bacci Park area. Property owners should make sure there is no standing water in containers, toys, tires, etc. Should you experience symptoms associated with West Nile Virus, contact your doctor. For concerns regarding standing water or adult biting mosquitoes, please contact the Board of Health mosquito hotline number at 216-201-2000. Please visit <http://www.ccbh.net/> for more information.

Dispatching Department:

School has started, please keep an eye out for the children coming and going to school. If you see anything suspicious please call the Police Department at 883-6800, we will send an officer to check it out. Also, always remember to be very careful when pulling your car in and out of your driveway; sometimes children are hard to see when walking on the sidewalk. Parents, please remind your kids to watch for cars when waiting for the bus or walking to school.

Police Department:

House Bill 99

As of August 31, 2012, Ohio drivers can be cited for texting and driving. The offense will initially come with a six month warning period and following the warning period, drivers can be fined up to \$150.00 for texting and driving. House Bill 99 also makes it illegal for teen drivers to use an electronic communications device in any manner while driving, including talking on a cell phone. Teens caught violating the ordinance can have their license suspended for 60 days for a first offense.

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012



Fire Department:

Phillips Lifeline

Attention Senior Citizens:

Any senior residents or anyone needing special assistance is eligible for the Phillips Lifeline emergency monitoring system. The alert system initiates help with the touch of a button or a pendant worn around the neck. It offers some extra security to our seniors who live alone. Because it is waterproof, the pendant can be worn anywhere including the shower where falls often occur. I highly recommend wearing the pendant at all times, so in case of any emergency it is always within easy reach if needed. If interested please call Assistant Fire Chief Steve Harris at the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department at 641-6799.

Hydrant Flushing

The yearly maintenance of the Village's fire hydrants will take place through the month of September. The maintenance program includes visually inspecting hydrants for damage, lubricating caps and threaded outlets, and flowing water to ensure adequate volume and pressure are available to fight a fire. Occasionally, sediment and rusty water may be stirred up and be seen flowing from household faucets. If this occurs in your home, the cold water should be run until it clears. "Hydrant Flushing" signs will be posted on the street prior to testing, along with swift reach notifications, so that residents can be on the lookout for rusty water.



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012



Senior Citizens:

All Village Senior Citizens are invited to attend any of the Cuyahoga Heights athletic home games **free of charge!** Please bring your photo ID to show address and age.

Senior Citizens "**Welcome Back to School**" dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Please call Sandy at Superintendent's office at 429-5702 by September 7th to make your reservation.

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 71st Street

Front Apartment – Upstairs

Telephone Number: (440) 838-1793

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

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

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012

Go Green Committee:



Conservation, Climate Change and Personal Responsibility

Recent Newsweek magazine surveys of public attitudes regarding global climate change indicate a decline in belief that there is solid evidence the world is warming. Today there is a 57% public affirmation of climate change as opposed to 71% in year 2008. Only 36% today believe climate change is caused by human activity, also down from 47% in year 2008.

There may not be 100% agreement among scientists (there seldom is); but the overwhelming consensus among the 2000 scientists on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Academy of Sciences are in agreement that climate change is real and human activity is contributory. Unfortunately, disproportionate time is given to the small minority who are not convinced and which is amplified by talk radio and TV pundits. The carbon resource industries: coal, oil, natural gas, have a great deal at stake and will be affected by and can be expected to resist any climate legislation.

Recent climate models have refined climate warming contributory effects as follows:

Methane	27%
Halocarbons (soot, diesel exhaust, burning wood)	12%
Carbon monoxide and volatile organics	7%
Carbon dioxide	43%

The science is continually being refined; but the conclusion that human activity affects climate seems undeniable. If we do not act to curtail carbon emissions, the impact on future generations will be significant.

So let's not relax our efforts to reduce carbon based energy consumption and continue insulating our homes, installing more efficient appliances, utilizing compact fluorescent lighting, turning down our thermostats, installing programmable thermostats, recycling and using reusable shopping bags.

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012

Historical Committee:



New items donated to the Willow House.
Clockwise: Delia Trevisani gave us her parents Steamer Trunk. Luigo & Maia may have brought it from Italy when they came here in 1920. The sewing machine & wood planes are from Nellie Arenas of Independence; large potato masher from our Village Hall; stone foot warmer, glass & metal butter churns from Helen Meyer's estate; bike tire pump from Barb Bartzak. Fisher's Famous Bread box, all the enamel cookware & chamber pot are from the Helen Meyer's estate auction held in the early 1970's at 4569 E 49th Street.

Next month we'll feature some of our tools & farm items.



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ September 2012

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



COUNCIL MEMBERS

TODD BLOAM

4897 E. 71st Street
341-3015

BARBARA BIRO

4562 E.49th Street
271-4577

RENATO CONTIPELLI

7143 Marcelline Court
441-6368

MARILYN DUSZYNSKI

5011 Willowbrook Drive
341-3024

RALPH FARAGONE

4586 East 49th Street
441-1245

CHERYL HARRIS

4823 East 71st Street
849-7075

VILLAGE HALL STAFF

TREVOR ELKINS

Assistant to the Clerk
641-7020
t.elkins@cuyahogaheights.com

ANGEL MERIWETHER

Admin. Asst. to the Village Hall
641-7020
a.meriwether@cuyahogaheights.com

LEE ANN SCHOEFLER

Administrative Asst. to the Mayor
641-7020
l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com

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
joseph_vitanza@yahoo.com

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 71 st St./South & Willowbrook:	Bryanne Skerl	341-1368
East 49 th St./Grant Avenue:	Matthew Vitanza	883-8288
East 71 st St./North & Courts:	Veronica Bacci	341-9420