

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



September 2013

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Current Activities:

Monday, September 2

Labor Day, Village Hall & Service Department Closed

Wednesday, September 11

Patriot Day



Friday, September 20

CHS Homecoming Parade at 5 p.m.

~On E.71st Street beginning at Klima Gardens and heading south to Dressler Court.

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

September 11th at 6 p.m.

Future Important Dates:

Friday, October 4

Senior Citizens Flu Shots

Saturday, October 19

Community Corn Roast

Sunday, October 27

Village Halloween Party

Thursday, October 31

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

Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:

The summer months are behind us, the kids are back to school and we are gearing up for Redskin football. Lea and I are back in full swing with the girls; our first baby – Madi is a senior this year... WOW time flies! Brenna Angela is a sophomore and we are trying to figure out what Miss Lilly would like to be for Halloween.

As you know, the fall is my favorite time of the year...clambakes and college football, cooler weather and of course, our Lake Erie perch fishing – **the best on the planet!**

We also are finalizing the details for our third annual Corn Roast on Saturday, October 19 at Bacci Park. We look forward to seeing our neighbors and friends not only to enjoy this festivity, but to support some of our local/school groups.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Labor Day holiday weekend and please **DO NOT** forget September 11 – Patriot Day. Our President requests that the American flag be flown at half-staff and all Americans observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. This is the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. **God Bless America!**

Projects around town...

Construction on the **Bacci Park Restroom Improvement Project** continues. The structure is taking shape (below left) and the contractor has moved up the completion date to mid-October as long as the weather cooperates. Underground trunk utilities have been completed and we are currently coordinating with First Energy to upgrade the power service at Bacci Park. Within the next several weeks, the Louis J. Bacci Park sign will be relocated at the east side of the new driveway near Canal Road.



You might have noticed a lot of dust around the Village Hall. The **Exterior Renovation Project** is well underway, which includes tuck-pointing the entire building, and entrance repair. This work will require eight to ten weeks to be completed. (above right)

The contractor has completed his submittal, insurance and contract requirements for the **Village-wide Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Project**. They will be mobilizing shortly, with work commencing hopefully the first week of September.

The **East 71st Street Repair and Resurfacing Project** is out to bid; we anticipate it being awarded at the September council meeting. The asphalt on this street will soon be repaired and Village Council unanimously approved our two traffic calming islands at the north and south end of E.71st residential area which will assist in slowing the transient motorists who travel through our residential streets.

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The **Harvard Avenue Repair, Resurfacing, and Traffic Signal Improvement Project** is progressing. The existing base is being repaired and the contractor should be completed in early September with the first layer of asphalt installed directly thereafter. Once the intermediate layer of asphalt is installed, the contractor will complete the adjustment of the castings to grade throughout the entire project. Harvard Avenue will be improved from the Newburgh Heights 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**. (below left)



In other news...

One of our newer companies, ARC Gas & Supply located at 4560 Nicky Boulevard, is a distributor of industrial gases, equipment and supplies. Their company also sells propane gas for residential grills -- stop in and see Sam Strazzanti if you need your tank refilled. (above right)

I, along with Silverlode Consulting, attended a presentation meeting with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) on Friday, August 16. We went before their Regional Transportation Investment Subcommittee and Transportation Advisory Committee for funding of our multi-purpose trail. The project has been recommended to the Governing Board. This will be the final step for approval of funding for this project.

We are assisting Expert Crane with their negotiations in purchasing the building at 5755 Grant Avenue, *formerly Copper Brass*. Expert Crane has been in operation since 1977 and serves the states of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Their company provides "design, installation, relocation, maintenance and inspections for material handling systems."

Alcoa had their annual "Employee Appreciation Family Day" on August 17 as well as celebrating their 125th anniversary. About 1500 individuals attended the event which included Alcoa employees and their families.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Irma Schab who recently had surgery...your friends and neighbors wish you a speedy recovery!

A very special birthday wish to Mrs. Anne Aguzzi who turns 92 on September 16 -- many blessings to you as you celebrate your day!

September birthday wishes to employees: Mark Davis – September 5; Todd Bloam – September 9; Ken Klir – September 14; Debbie Reiger – September 17; Brad Unger – September 18; and Traci Ricco – September 24. Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Village employee Dave Sammons who celebrated his 15th anniversary with the Service Department on September 14.



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From the Clerk:

Time is flying, and we are moving into the 9th month of the year. As we get closer to the end of 2013, we can get a better look at our expenses and revenue over the year, and make some pretty good predications based on a longer look back period.

From the information in the RITA chart, it looks like our RITA revenue will be a little higher than last year. So far this year, we are 2.96% ahead of last year. Altogether, we were ahead of last year for three months, and behind last year in 5 months. The economy is not yet stabilized, yet we are holding our own as far as expected revenue.

We have had no major unexpected expenses, and everyone is watching their budgets carefully. We are on track to end the year on a positive note, and still do much needed construction on our buildings and roads. These are projects that have been on hold for a long time, and they needed to be done at a difficult financial time, yet we got creative in our financing and fit them into our budget.

We are on track with our financials, and looking to end the year on a positive note. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, or stop in my office anytime, 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	591,619.13	(11,082.29)	-1.84%
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	5,199,218.64	125,103.76	2.96%



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Fire Department:

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. The installation period continues to run until September 1, 2013.

Thanks again to ArcelorMittal for the Safety Grant!



Dispatch:



Swiftreach Emergency Contact System

Residents please update the dispatch center (at 216-883-6800) 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



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Police Department:

During the second week of August the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department hosted Judgmental Driving and Judgmental Firearms training at Klima Gardens.

Over a three day period, approximately forty officers from Cuyahoga Heights Police, Brooklyn Hts. Police, Valley View Police and the NorthEast Ohio Regional Sewer District received training.

During the Judgmental Driving portion officers are placed behind the wheel of a driving simulator. In this training officers are put in emergency response driving and suspect pursuit scenerios. Officers were instructed on how to safely clear intersections and collision avoidance techniques.

The Judgmental Firearms training placed officers in real life scenarios where officers were forced to decide between “lethal” or “non-lethal” use of force options. Officers were provided realistic “laser type firearms” and the scenarios were projected upon a screen that provided for life size confrontations. Information such as response time and shot placement was recorded. This data was then shown back to the officer in a de-briefing and evaluation at the end of each scenario.

Training was also provided in the use of proper tactics and in the recognition of dangerous situations that could arise during deadly force encounters.

The training was provided through the Ohio Attorney General’s Office as part of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Mobile Academy Program. This is a new program that brings training to police agencies throughout the state free of charge.



OPOTA'S Mobile Academy Trailer for Judgmental Driving and Judgmental Firearms Simulator



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Lt. Stack with Ptl. Derbin (Brooklyn Heights) receiving training on the use of the Driving Simulator



Ptl. Lukas and Ptl. Leahy (Brooklyn Heights) react to an active shooter situation.



Chief Algeri (Brooklyn Heights) reacts to a scenario while on the Firearms Simulator.



Lt. Stack operating the Driving Simulator





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

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.

4962 East 71st St

4 Bedrooms; 2-bath
very well maintained
home
1,344 sq. ft. living
area
\$139,500
Realtor: Remax

Service Department:

Tree Lawns

Tree lawns and edging of lawns in the Village is not the responsibility of our Service Department personnel, except for those tree lawns for the seniors/disabled residents that qualify with the grass cutting program. Please keep your tree lawns and sidewalk edges trimmed. As always, we thank you for your continued cooperation.

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.

Dog Droppings

Many of us love dogs and most people are doing a great job picking up after their pets. There are, however, a few who still do not realize how important it is to clean up after their dog when you are out for a walk. Whether it's on a tree lawn, the grounds of the Village Hall, Klima Gardens, Bacci Park, as well as our new trail; pet owners need to pick up after their dogs. Please be respectful and considerate of your surroundings!