

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

June 8, 2012

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## Happenings in June . . .

### Friday, June 8th- Pool Opens

The William R. Gerdon Swimming Pool opens. Everyone wishing to purchase a pool pass must show proof of residency at the time you purchase. Passes are available at the **swimming pool office** during open swim hours beginning June 8th.

#### Operating Hours:

##### *Monday-Friday*

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. ~ Blue Wave Swim Practice  
10:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m. ~ Swim Lessons  
12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. ~ Pool Closed for Lunch  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ~ Open Swim  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. ~ Adult Lap Swim  
6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. ~ Open Swim (Friday until 9p.m.)  
7:45 p.m. -8:45 p.m. ~ Blue Wave Swim Practice (Not on Friday)



##### *Saturday-Sunday*

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ~ Open Swim  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. ~ Adult Lap Swim  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. ~ Open Swim

### Saturday, June 16th- Village Wide Garage Sale

Our annual garage sale is Saturday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



### 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 p.m.

### Future Important Dates

Wednesday, July 4th- Village Hall & Service Department Closed  
Sunday, July 15th- Men's & Women's Softball sign up deadline  
Wednesday, August 1st- Cheerleading & Football sign up deadline

Village Hall

Phone: 216-641-7020

Fax: 216-641-8485

## Mayor's Office

I would like to take a moment and thank all our residents, friends and family who came to our Memorial Day services on May 28 to honor, as well as show our appreciation as an American, to the brave men and women who fought and gave their lives for this great country. It was an especially difficult time this year, as we had just lost two former V.F.W. Post 6566 Veterans; well-known and well-liked in our community to many of us -- as a resident, friend and neighbor. Mr. Joe Stankewicz, World War II Veteran and Mr. Vic Duber, Korean War Veteran. These two men worked hard their entire lives, supported and loved their families as well as to their country and community. Personally, they taught me as veterans, how to respect this day. These two individuals will surely be missed. On behalf of the Village, we extend our deepest thoughts and prayers to the families, as well as to all families that have lost a Veteran. Now is the time for our younger Veterans, men and women, to step up and keep this tradition alive by participating in our Memorial Day services.

I also want to thank our residents, committee members, elected officials, staff and friends, who helped in any way to make this event so special for our veterans. We are truly a blessed community.



- on Friday, April 27 we held our fifth Arbor Day celebration at Bacci Park. Once again, I want to thank everyone who came out and joined us that evening, as well as to the Beautification & Go Green Committees for helping out. This year eight trees were planted alongside the new "Rails to Trails" path by residents in memory of dearly departed family members: Walter & Alice Attewell, Alice Attewell Jeanguenat, George Attewell; Ben Joseph Lepkowski, John & Sylvia Biro, Annina Casavecchia; Howard & Lena Cash; Kuen Ding Cheng, Kuen Chi Cheng, Yuk Ann Cheng; Bill & Beverly Mycoski; Al Pellini; Sherri Traffis and Delma Traffis.
- received notification on May 3 from The Ohio Public Works Commission that our request for financial assistance in the form of a grant/loan had been approved for the Harvard Avenue Repair and Resurfacing project in the amount of \$400,000. We are very excited and anxious to move forward on this; an agreement will be released on behalf of the Commission by July 1, 2012.
- the Village, along with Silverlode, are working with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission discussing emergency funding for our service garage's HVAC system replacement; we have submitted the application and are awaiting their response.
- thank you to our employees and residents who attended the George Murray F.O.P. Lodge's annual Memorial Parade in paying tribute to our fallen police officers on Monday, May 7.

## Mayor's Office (Continued)

- Village Engineer Todd Sciano has been diligently working with our Nicky Boulevard issues and reported that in order to continue to partner with the regulatory agencies, during the pursuit of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' Beneficial Use and Redevelopment Master Plan for Nicky Boulevard, Boyas Contributions, LLC is completing some required maintenance and housekeeping issues surrounding the property. As a follow up to the Village's meeting with OEPA to discuss the master plan vision, the OEPA had scheduled a site inspection with all regulatory departments to review the status of the site. As a result of that inspection Boyas Contributions, LLC is completing the required housekeeping items outlined in their site inspection. These short term repairs are instrumental in paving the way for the Village to work towards their Large Scale Master Plan Vision and the Public & Private Partnership between Boyas Contributions, LLC and the Ohio EPA Solid Waste & Surface Water Divisions, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Army Corps of Engineers and the Village of Cuyahoga Heights to achieve our goals of beneficial use and redevelopment of the Nicky Boulevard Landfill. Our administration is vigilantly working on a Master Plan that will solve many issues, if not all, as it relates to this closed landfill ultimately leaving 20+ acres of redevelopment ready property. Additionally, we have submitted two applications, a Master Plan Grant and a Bacci Park ADA Compliant Bathroom Grant; awards should be announced early in the summer. We look forward to unveiling a complete understanding of this project in the near future.
- on May 16, myself, Clerk Unger and Councilmembers Bloam, Contipelli and Duszynski attended the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce's State of the School luncheon at the Holiday Inn; Superintendent Dr. Holland was one of the key speakers.



- on Friday, June 1, we hosted our annual "Business Networking Breakfast" with the businesses of our community at the Village Hall. We had over 55 representatives in attendance from various companies in our town such as Alcoa, Angstrom Graphics, Bimbo Bakeries, Columbia National, Ohio Crankshaft Company, Premier Produce, TriMark SS Kemp, Stanek Windows, The Chas E. Phipps Co., just to name a few. This event has been very successful and our businesses enjoy the time in getting to know our staff, face-to-face; their questions are answered on everything from finances to road repairs. We have been putting this event on twice a year since 2008 and will continue to do so for our businesses. Without the businesses of Cuyahoga Heights, we truly would not enjoy the services we have grown accustomed to. Our next event will be a fall luncheon at Klima Gardens.
- congratulations to Renato Contipelli who retired from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on April 31, 2012 after 27 years of service. On behalf of all residents, we wish Renato a happy and healthy retirement!



- also on June 1, we upgraded our web site and showed it to our businesses at the breakfast. We are very excited about its new, crisp and clean format and hope everyone finds it easy to navigate. In addition, we are working with Silverlode and Kim Zarney in updating the economic development section of the website which is very critical to our business side. We will continue to update our web site with new information on a monthly basis. If you get the chance, check it out at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com).
- during the last six months, I have been attending monthly Mayor's Collaboration meetings; the group is made up with eight other communities. On Thursday, May 24, I hosted the breakfast at our Village Hall where the topic of discussion was "regional safety study." We truly believe that this is a positive way for communities to work together and for the future.
- best wishes to our 2012 students who graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School on Sunday, June 3; Joshua Bloam, Lisa Combs, Hunter Krenisky, and Steven Sokolich. Best of luck to each of you as you continue your journey in life.
- congratulations to Mr. Hank Nobili, life-long resident, he celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, June 2. I have known Mr. Nobili since I was a little boy. wants to know the history of our community, there is no better resource than Mr. Hank Nobili. Thank you for your commitment to our community; your wisdom and insight of the history of our Village is unprecedented. I hope you had a great birthday! On behalf of your friends, family and neighbors...*best wishes to you for a happy and healthy year!*
- kudos to Police Lt. Sturgill, Patrolman Ross Contipelli and Patrolman Frank Trusso on the apprehension of a murder suspect on the evening of May 29 in the Cleveland Metroparks; job well done men!
- congratulations to our CHHS Redskins athletes who competed in the State Playoffs in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, June 2. Our Boys Varsity Baseball team were **"State Runner-Up"** in Division IV. They played at the Clippers Baseball Stadium; the final score was 5-4. The Boys Track 4 x 400 Relay Team took **4<sup>th</sup> Place in State** at the Jesse Owens Stadium. The relay team consisted of Darin Lewis, Matt Logan, Jeromy Bryk and **Village resident, Jack Sample**. The Girls Track 4 x 200 Relay Team took **5<sup>th</sup> Place in State**; their team consisted of Brooke Rayokovich, Deana Lewis, Stephanie Kenzig and Nicole Rayokovich. And finally, Ricky Rospierski received 10<sup>th</sup> Place in Pole Vault. Our community is very proud of the outstanding job these young men and women have accomplished!
- May birthday wishes to employees: Amanda Soldat – May 3; Jon Greenberg & Dave Sammons – May 7; Trevor Elkins – May 18; Rick Bacci – May 26 and Brandy Zmija – May 28. Don't forget our office is still in the process of collecting dates of our resident's birthdays. If you are willing to share this information, please email the information to [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com). Happy Birthday!



Now that school is out, have a very safe and happy summer. Be sure to enjoy the swimming pool on hot summer days and don't forget; our playground instructor program is back for our children to enjoy on weekdays. It's nice to see this program back after several years on hiatus.

Live and enjoy life to the fullest!

Jack M. Bacci, Mayor

Dear Residents,

We are financially sound. We are not spending extravagantly, nor are we hoarding money for a rainy day. In my opinion, we are spending what we need to spend in order to keep up the maintenance of the Village, supply the departments with needed equipment, continue to offer the many services to the residents that we have always provided, while staying within the Mayor's budget.

According to the RITA chart, our tax revenue continues to increase. We know that Alcoa has moved more of their managerial employees back to Cuyahoga Heights, and the tax revenue from the other steel mills is slowly increasing. To date, we are \$188,564.12 ahead of last year's tax revenue for the same period.

We started the year with \$2,259,156.99 in the General Fund, and as of the end of May, it is at \$2,573,692.14. This number will fluctuate throughout the year, but it needs to continually increase in order to pay some large transfers that will come at the end of the year, such as the \$500,000 payment for the Police station debt, \$175,000 payment for the Police Pension, and \$275,000 for the Fire Pensions. These are transfers that were in the budget, and are taken from the General Fund.

Financially we are solid, and we are working hard to make the best decisions for our Village. If you ever have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Robert Unger, Clerk

### Clerk's Office Monthly RITA Report

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	567,492.06		
JULY	594,458.48	538,533.45	545,762.77			
AUGUST	349,297.01	403,205.45	498,636.91			
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	3,781,767.72	188,564.12	5.40%

## Fire Departement

### Outdoor Grills and Barbecues

#### Message from Ohio Fire Marshall Larry Flowers

"Grills accounted for 82 fires and four injuries in Ohio last year," said Fire Marshal Flowers. "Grilling out is a favorite pastime. With some simple precautions, Ohioans will be able to make happy memories with friends and family this summer."

Over half of all outdoor grill fires occur between the months of May and August. In addition, outdoor grill fires are estimated to cause approximately 10 deaths, 100 injuries and \$37 million in property damage nationwide, according to the United States Fire Administration.

Ohio State Fire Marshal Flowers provides these important Barbecue/Grill safety tips:

- \*All propane and charcoal barbecue grills must be used outdoors to avoid fire hazards and toxic gases such as carbon monoxide.
- \*Keep grills clear from overhanging branches, house siding and deck edges and railings. Also position the grill far from foot traffic.
- \*Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- \*Wear well-fitted clothing when barbecuing. Loose articles and flammable material such as nylon should be avoided.
- \*Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire - the flame can flashback into the container and explode.
- \*Supervise children around outdoor grills. Announcing a three-foot 'safety zone' around the grill is an effective way to keep both children and pets at a distance.
- \*Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately.
- \*Dispose of hot coals properly - douse all of them, not just the red ones, with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. **Never** place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

Take the time to make sure everyone knows to 'Stop, Drop and Roll' in case an article of clothing catches fire. Outdoor activities such as grilling seem simple, but following the safety tips will ensure a safe and happy summer.

## Village Hall



Please visit our updated Website!  
[www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)

It has a great new look and more to offer online. We will continually be updating the site, so check back regularly for current events and information!



### 4th of July

In observance of the holiday, the Village Hall will be closed Wednesday, July 4th.

### Village Hall Elevator

Please note that the Village Hall elevator is currently out of service and will be for about three (3) months. If you would like to book the Village Hall for an event during this timeframe the lower level, Contipelli Civic Center is available for events.



## Building Department

During the May, 2012 council meeting Ordinance 2012-38 and 2012-39 were passed. Below is a brief outline of changes/additions. For a complete copy please contact the Building Department.

### **2012-38**

Amending section 1490.11 of the Codified Ordinance...

**(d) Driveways shall be maintained so as not to constitute a blighting or deteriorating effect in the neighborhood.**

### **2012-39**

Amending section 1490.08 of the Codified Ordinance...

**(c) All dwellings shall display the property address on the house, excluding placement on garage doors, with numbers visible from the street. The numbers shall be at least three inches in height and be of an easily readable font.**

## **Rental Property Home Owners**

Don't forget if you have a change in tenant you must have a rental inspection. Please stop at Village Hall to get a rental inspection form.

## Police Department

Speed trailer results from 5/2/12 to 5/14/12 at 5046 East 71 - southbound traffic only

Wednesday, May 2 - 1188 vehicles, Over 99% travelling were 40 or under, Over 98% were 35 or under, Over 83 % were 30 or under.

Thursday, May 3 - 1817 vehicles, Over 99% were 40 or under, Over 99% 35 were 35 under, Over 84% were 30 or under.

Friday, May 4 - 2020 vehicles, *Only 1 vehicle travelled over 40 mph!* Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 84% 30 or under.

Saturday, May 5 - 1502 vehicles, *Only 1 vehicle travelled over 40 mph!* Over 98% were 35 or under, Over 84% were 30 or under.

Sunday, May 6 - 1022 vehicles, *Only 1 vehicle travelled over 40 mph!* Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 84% were 30 or under.

Monday, May 7 - 1832 vehicles, Over 99% were 40 or under, Over 98% were 35 or under, Over 86% were 30 or under.

Tuesday, May 8 - 1859 vehicles, Over 99% were 40 or under, Over 98% were 35 or under, Over 84% were 30 or under.

Wednesday, May 9 - 1888 vehicles, *Only 1 vehicle travelled over 40 mph!* Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 84% were 30 or under.

Thursday, May 10 - 1891 vehicles, Over 99% were 40 or under, Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 85% were 30 or under.

Friday, May 11 - 2119 vehicles, Over 99.82% were 40 or under, Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 86% were 30 or under.

Saturday, May 12 - 1432 vehicles, *Only 2 vehicles travelled over 40mph!* Over 98.89% were 35 or under, Over 86% were 30 or under.

Sunday, May 13 - 1241 vehicles, *Only 2 vehicles travelled over 40mph!* Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 87% were 30 or under

Monday, May 14 - 448 vehicles, *Only 3 vehicles travelled over 40mph!* Over 99% were 35 or under, Over 87% were 30 or under

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

It is time once again to replenish the Flower Fund. We currently have a balance of \$80.00

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.

A special thanks to the residents who have truly made the Flower Committee Fund a success. Keep up the sharing and caring.

Thanks,  
Marilyn Duszynski

## Go Green Committee

### Composting

There are many ways to construct a compost bin; although an open pile would certainly suffice. Four wooden pallets mounted on edge and joined together at the corners, a section of snow fencing or chicken wire formed into a circle and staked to the ground will also work. The bin should be of such size and construction as to permit easy access for periodic turning of the contents.

The bin size should be approximately three feet in height, three feet in length and three feet in width. This volume is the minimum volume at which a pile becomes self-insulating to retain its heat. Constructing a pile higher or wider than five feet slows the composting process as it reduces oxygen in the pile and requires more frequent turning.

Turning the pile aerates the compost for the beneficial bacteria, fungi and other decomposers to do their work. Turning with a shovel or pitch fork also brings less decomposed portions of the pile into the center where the high heat decomposers will go to work. Earth worms, sow bugs, pill bugs, centipedes, mites, and ground beetles help in the decomposition process. The mulch should be kept moist; but too much water can slow the decomposition process and make the mulch smelly and slimy. Cover the mulch with a tarp should excess rainfall be a problem. Don't squash the material down to make more space, as that will prevent air from entering.

A good practice is to screen the compost through a ½ inch mesh screen and return the unfinished material to the bin for further decomposition.

Pure leaf compost tends to be acidic so lime should be added to neutralize the finished product. Compost can be used as mulch or worked into the soil to improve its structure. If used as mulch, it should be applied to a depth of two or three inches.

Adding kitchen waste such as vegetables may attract critters, so bury such additions under leaves or grass clippings. Place the bin well away from building and outdoor areas where you entertain.



## Historical Committee

There will be no meeting in June. Our next meeting is July 7th in the Willow House at 10 AM till 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome to tour the Willow House displays during this time.

"Do you want to trace your family history for FREE, at home, and in your PJs? Set time aside to visit the Cuyahoga Heights Historical Museum at the Willow House (old VFW) on E. 71st on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. Laura Hine will present her talk, "Digging in Your Dr. Denton's" and will share information on the wealth of information about Cleveland and Cuyahoga County that is available on the internet at no cost. She will talk about the various websites that she's created to help genealogists, as well as websites by other individuals and organizations that will help you trace your roots and learn about your ancestors. Attend and you're sure to come away with great tips, resources, and internet links!"

## News from Surrounding Communities

### Brooklyn Heights Home Days

Save the date for the 64th annual Brooklyn Heights Home Days to be held in Brooklyn Heights Park from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on July 20 & 21, 2012. This year features a refreshed event program embracing the village's greenhouse community heritage, plus additional "green" elements of locally grown, locally produced, plus recycle/reuse.

We invite our Cuyahoga Heights neighbors to join us in the festivities, and enjoy the two day event with good affordable food, a variety of entertainment (including a second stage), fun children-focused activities and adult gambling options. We'll share more details in the coming months, as we finalize many traditional and exciting new elements to our program. Visit [www.bhvhomedays.org](http://www.bhvhomedays.org) for more info.



## Swimming Pool

### Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be \$30.00 per a three week session. They will begin on Monday, June 18th and run through July 27th. Please register your child for lessons no later than the Wednesday prior to the session starting.

### Playground Instructor

We will once again have a play ground instructor for resident children. Please see attached flyer.

## Rentals

### 4708 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street

Back Apartment

Telephone #: (216) 851-0110

*Details: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors; no pets, no smoking; 2-yr lease agreement*

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

Back Apartment – Upstairs

Telephone #: (440) 838-1793

*Details: 3 bedrooms with kitchen, dining room; also includes garage \$775 per month*

### 4935 East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place

Whole House

Telephone #: (216) 224-6671

*Details: 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, rec. room with fireplace \$950 per month*

### 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*

## Historical Committee Decoration Day 1940's





## Memorial Day 2012





## Cuyahoga Heights Bus & Activities Calendar ~ June 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	2	3
4 GARBAGE PICK UP	5 SPECIAL PICK UP	6 CHARITY PICK UP	7	8 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	9	10
11 GARBAGE PICK UP	12 SPECIAL PICK UP	13	14 BUELLER'S BUS TRIP	15 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	16	17
18 GARBAGE PICK UP	19 SPECIAL PICK UP	20 SUMMIT MALL BUS TRIP	21 MARSHALVILLE TRIP 8:30 AM	22 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	23	24
25 GARBAGE PICK UP	26 SPECIAL PICK UP	27	28 HARTVILLE BUS TRIP 8:30 AM	29 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	30	

## July 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2 GARBAGE PICK UP	3 SPECIAL PICK UP	4 Independence Day	5	6 MILES RD. FARMERS MARKET / TRADER JOE'S TRIP	7	8
9 GARBAGE PICK UP	10 SPECIAL PICK UP	11 CHARITY PICK UP	12	13 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	14	15
16 GARBAGE PICK UP	17 SPECIAL PICK UP GREAT LAKES MALL BUS TRIP	18	19 HARTVILLE BUS TRIP 8:30 AM	20 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	21	22
23 GARBAGE PICK UP	24 SPECIAL PICK UP	25	26 MARSHALVILLE TRIP	27 SHOPPING, BANKS & LUNCH	28	29
30 GARBAGE PICK UP	31 SPECIAL PICK UP					