

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



July 2013

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Current Activities:

Thursday, July 4

Village Hall & Service Department Closed

Monday, July 15

Youth Cheer and Football signups due

Saturday, July 27

Historical Committee Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 28

Community Activity Committee
Cedar Point Trip



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

July 11th at 6 p.m.

Future Important Dates:

Wednesday, August 21

First day of School

Saturday, October 19

Community Corn Roast

Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:

2013 is going to prove to be a very busy year for the Village with many projects transitioning from the drawing board to actual construction.

The Bacci Park Restroom Improvements construction has commenced, as many residents have seen a significant amount of excavating and utility work at Bacci Park. This will pave the way for an ADA compliant restroom and future concession stand facility with running water and flush toilets. This project is partially funded with a grant from Cuyahoga County.

The Harvard Avenue Repair, Resurfacing, and Traffic Signal Improvements preconstruction kick off meeting took place last week. The Village received a grant and a loan from Ohio Public Works to assist in completing the 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 the Harvard/Denison intersection will be the first signal improvement with the new traffic signal upgrade program.

Bids were received at the Village Hall on June 25 for the Village Hall Exterior Renovation project and the contractors are currently being reviewed for consideration. This is just one of our projects in preparation for our 100th Anniversary in 2018. In addition, construction documents for the interior renovations/upgrades of the fire station are being processed and bids will take place in about thirty days.

Finally, the East 71st Street Repair and Resurfacing Improvement Plans are in the design phase and working through engineering. In the near future, look for there to be a significant facelift to the traveled surface on the East 71st corridor. As always, I want to thank our Council for their continued support...*and to Clerk Unger for his role in the finance of these projects.*

In other news...

The ThyssenKrup building located at 5755 Grant Avenue was recently sold – after only 17 days on the market. A bridge crane installer bought the building and will move in prior to fall. Once again, reinforcing our location proves to remain a key to future sustainability.

Sadly, I must report that last month, some vandalism occurred at Bacci Park – deck trim lights were knocked off, a fishing sign destroyed, and a dead frog left hanging from a sign. It's unfortunate there are individuals that lack respect of Village property that so many man hours go into maintaining. On a brighter note, Bacci Park pond has been stocked and recently reopened for your fishing pleasure. (Fishing at the pond is catch and release only.) Please note until further notice that there is **NO** fishing in Sunny Pond; we are in the process of re-establishing the eco system before it's open to the public. If you witness anyone either fishing in Sunny Pond or removing fish from Bacci Park, please notify Park Patrol or the Police Department as soon as possible.

For those of you that weren't aware, Dr. Edwin Holland Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools submitted his resignation effective July 31. He is taking a position with the Orange City School District as their new Superintendent. Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School Principal Renee Schoonover will also be leaving us and take a position within the Orange City School District.



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From the Mayor:

Our swimming pool has been very crowded due to the hot weather and our pool staff continues to do a great job. The Blue Wave Swim Team has their first home meet next Tuesday, July 9 – I hope some of our residents are able to come out and support the team!

My office is in the process of organizing our third annual Kelley's Island trip with our senior citizens on Monday, August 26. This has proven to be a great opportunity for me, as well as our department heads to converse and enjoy time with our seniors. For those seniors (**60+ and over**) and that don't attend the regularly scheduled monthly senior meetings but want to sign up, please contact Lee Ann by August 14. Otherwise, the sign up sheet will be available at the July/August senior citizens meetings. Their meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Village Hall.

It will be here before you know it so... "*Save the Date*" for our third annual Corn Roast on Saturday, October 19 at Bacci Park. Music, food, hay ride, fireworks at dusk and much, much more – we'll keep you posted.

Our Village operates a flower fund which is funded by contributions from Village residents and employees. The fund was established many, many years ago in order to maintain our spirit of neighborliness by sending flowers or a monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of those Village residents who have passed on. Currently, we have \$13 and are asking our residents, as well as our employees, to help us replenish this fund. Anyone wishing to donate can do so by dropping off their donation at the Village Hall to Lee Ann during normal business hours Monday through Friday. I hope that everyone will help in keeping this tradition alive – *thank you!*



A very special "*milestone*" birthday wish to Mr. Dan "Tuzzy" Tucholski who will celebrate his 70th birthday on July 19. Enjoy your big day!

July birthday wishes to employees: David Lukas – July 2; Rick Henley – July 5; Marilyn Duszynski – July 10; Jude Kaliszewski – July 14; Tony Dorris – July 17; Mary Cox – July 20; Bob Guilfoyle – July 23; Frank Domzalski – July 26; and Mike Suhy – July 27. Happy birthday!

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a very happy and safe Fourth of July!

"My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!" ~ Thomas Jefferson



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From the Clerk:

We have finished the first half of 2013, and our finances are stable. As of the end of June, we have taken in roughly 52% of our expected revenue, and spent approximately 50% of our expected expenses. We continue to work closely with all of our departments to insure they stay within their budgets.

As you can see from the RITA chart, in the month of June 2013, we took in a total of \$646,774.82 in RITA taxes. Comparing it to 2012, we took in \$27,217.59 more than we did during June of 2012. Overall, for 2013, we have brought in \$183,117.16 more than we did in 2012 for the same time period, or an increase of 5.49%. It is a good indication of the healing job market. The more employees we have working in our local businesses, the more tax revenue we will collect. Also as employees get pay increases, they will pay more taxes, and we will also see an increase in our RITA revenue.

Although our revenue is up for the first half of 2013, we are always cognizant of the emergencies that can pop up at any time. This is why we like to have a surplus in our General Fund, which we strive to maintain.

This Administration and Council have worked hard to balance the costs of the employees, with the investments we need to make in our Village. This summer we will see many projects moving forward that will enhance and improve the beauty of our Village. Shortly we will be resurfacing E. 71st Street, and Harvard Avenue by Alcoa. We will also be refurbishing the Town Hall, Fire Department, and Bacci Park.

As we move into the last half of 2013, I will continue to make you aware of where we stand financially.

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

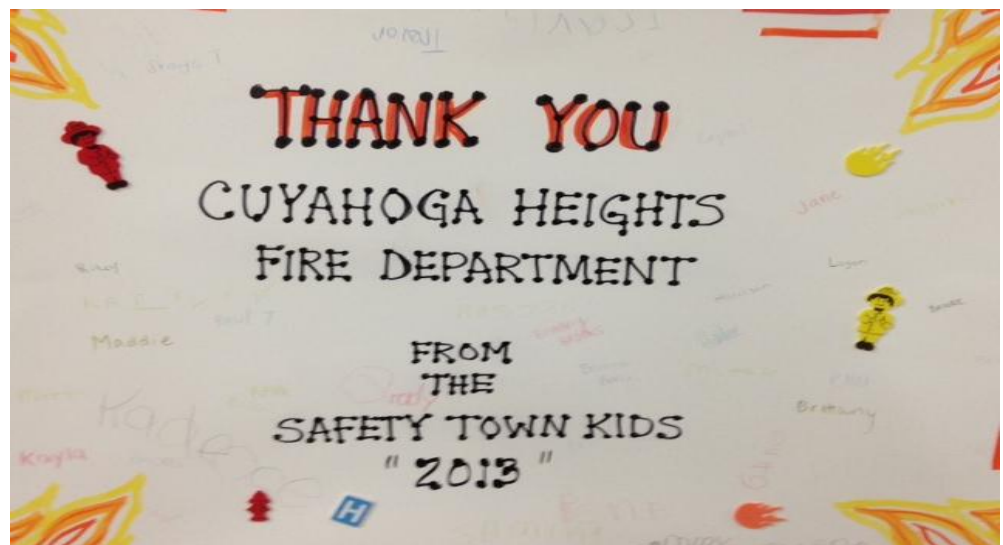
Month Distributed	2010	2011	2012	2013	Difference from 2012	% change from 2012
JANUARY	464,817.62	584,669.79	531,947.49	644,593.83	112,646.34	21.18%
FEBRUARY	502,634.63	537,785.87	645,702.65	638,258.93	(7,443.72)	-1.15%
MARCH	705,699.36	824,604.94	818,935.60	817,199.06	(1,736.54)	-0.21%
APRIL	504,911.06	520,849.63	532,060.38	636,179.02	104,118.64	19.57%
MAY	606,055.61	557,801.31	685,629.54	633,944.39	51,685.15	-7.54%
JUNE	579,983.55	639,614.36	619,557.23	646,774.82	51,685.15	4.39%
JULY	538,533.45	545,762.77	637,580.56			
AUGUST	403,205.45	498,636.91	602,701.42			
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	4,016,950.05	310,955.02	6.04%



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Fire Department:

Public Education is one of the most important functions of your local Fire Department. On June 18th the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department participated in the annual Safety Town program at Cuyahoga Heights School. Our firefighters used the classroom and the shared regional fire safety trailer to help the kids understand the importance of fire safety and what to expect if the Fire Department is called.





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Police Department:



Just a reminder now that school is out for summer break and more kids will be out during evening hours, Curfew Hours will be enforced in an effort to keep our kids SAFE!

Village Ordinance 648.10

Parents please reference the following schedule:

12 years of age and under -- 9:00pm to 6:00am of the following day

13 and 14 years of age -- 10:00pm to 6:00am of the following day

15 and 16 years of age -- 11:00pm to 6:00am of the following day

17 years of age -- 12:00 midnight to 6:00am

Also please remember, if the kids are in your yard and it is past their curfew time, an adult needs to be present outside with them.

Have a Safe Summer!!



Now that the 4th of July Holiday is upon us, please remember that discharging fireworks in the **Village and the State of Ohio is against the LAW!** It is illegal to discharge, ignite, explode, possess, possess for sale or sell fireworks. This law will be enforced during the holiday weekend and throughout the year per Village Ordinance 678.10 Please check listings for local firework displays.



The police department speed trailer was set up on East 49th Street by the railroad overpass checking the speed of vehicles travelling southbound between June 18 and June 27. Statistics show that 98.83% of the motorist were travelling at 35mph or slower, and 92.8% were travelling 30mph or slower.



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Dispatch:



When you call the police

- Speak calmly and clearly
- Give your full name and phone number so we can call you back if we need more information
- Be patient, the dispatcher may have an emergency on the next line
- If you call **911** by accident, **STAY ON THE LINE** and let the dispatcher know it was an accident.

Severe Storms

The severe storm season is underway and therefore an occasional power outage may occur.

Remember that when there is a power outage Cuyahoga Heights residents should call the Illuminating Company directly at 1-800-589-3101 or 1-888-544-4877. They are the experts at getting you back on line.

Also remember during a power outage, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Dispatch will be handling an influx of calls, so be patient.



Attention residents, never approach an animal which you have not come in contact with before. Please call the Police Department at 216-883-6800 we will contact our animal control person. Also, remind your children to be careful around animals they are unfamiliar with. Even the friendliest dogs can become grumpy during the hot summer months.



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

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.

4549 East 49th St

2 Bedrooms; 1 bath
\$119,000
Call 855-974-0404

For Rent:

5008 East 71st St

Upstairs Apartment
3-Bedrooms; 1 Bath
Call (216) 441-4564

5006 East 71st St

Downstairs Apartment
2-Bedrooms; 1 Bath
Call (216) 441-4564

4953 East 71st St

Upstairs Apartment
Call (216) 224-6671 for details

4997 Willowbrook

Drive

3 Bedrooms; 2 ½ Bath
Finished basement, No pets.
\$1,000/per month.
Call (216) 406-2620

Service Department:

Newspaper & Cardboard Recycling Reminder

Our Village has a recycling container at Bacci Park for cardboard and newspapers. Please drop off your cardboard and newspapers anytime. If you have a large amount of cardboard or newspapers and are unable to take it to the container, please call the Village Hall during business hours prior to Tuesday mornings; we will put it on our "special pick up" list. Thank you for doing your part and being environmentally friends...go green!

Tree Lawns

Residents are reminded that they are required to cut their tree lawns. However, tree lawns are cut by our service department personnel for those seniors that qualify and are on the grass cutting program (Ordinance 2008-87.)

Scoop the Poop!

Please remember to clean up after your pets! If you are part of the Senior Grass Cutting program please be sure to clean up on a regular basis, so that your grass can be properly maintained.

Building Department:

Bi-Annual Residential Inspections

Ordinance 2008-156 requires that all dwelling units, dwelling structures, residential premises be inspected this year for any violation(s) of the exterior property maintenance code. Please be advised all dwellings shall be inspected this year.



Mayor Bacci

July 2nd