

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



June 2013

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Current Activities:

Saturday, June 8

Pool Opens at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Deadline to register for Garage Sale

Monday, June 24

Trace your home history at Willow House
7 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Village Garage Sale



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

3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
in Mar, Apr, May, & June

Future Important Dates:

Thursday, July 4

Village Hall & Service Department Closed

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

Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Memorial Day service; taking the time from your busy schedules to remember the blessing of being Americans and to remember those who have fought to preserve our liberty and freedom. I personally want to thank veterans Ralph Faragone, Raymond Rutkowski, and Richard Wallace for marching in the parade; Frank Trusso, Jr., for marching with Pack 28; Fire Chief Neal Cash who marched with his department, and to Howard Combs, Jr., for all his help that morning in setting up and preparing for our picnic after the ceremony.

I also wanted to recognize our oldest, life-long resident and veteran Mr. Hank Nobili; he served in World War II and landed Normandy Beach on D Day. He advised me that he will attend our parade next year, but is unable to march due to a wound he sustained in his left leg during the invasion. Also, I would like to acknowledge Mr. Al Cimperman who attended our service. He too served in World War II – 1st Infantry Division and landed Normandy Beach on D Day. He is Village resident Michael Cimperman's grandfather and turns 94 next month. Again, thank you veterans!

In other news...

Our deepest condolences to the Koran family. Former Village resident and good friend, James "Jimmy" Koran passed away suddenly on May 17; he was 49 years old. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sixty-nine third graders from CHES took a field trip to our Village Hall. The kids really enjoyed the tour as well as learning about the history of the building. Many of the kids wished we still had the bowling alleys in the basement. The best part of their visit is the "Q&A" session – some of their questions are simply amusing while others are spot on! I always look forward to having the kids visit and can't wait until next year.

The Clerk and I, along with Councilmembers Bloam and Duszynski, as well as several staff members attended the State of the Schools luncheon in support of our school district. This annual event is sponsored by the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce and was held at the Holiday Inn in Independence. Superintendent Dr. Holland was one of four speakers and continued his pledge to "right the ship." In case you didn't see the "The Plain Dealer" this past Monday, June 3, 2013, here's a brief summary on the article, "The man at the center of the convoluted conspiracy, Joseph Palazzo, is scheduled to be sentenced July 9. He has pleaded guilty to mail fraud, wire fraud and money laundering related to the theft of \$3.4 million from the schools. Under a plea agreement, the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office will not seek further charges against Palazzo as long as he is sentenced to at least 10 years in prison, said Assistant/Prosecutor Dan Kasaris."

We held our annual breakfast with the businesses in our community with 68 individuals in attendance. Alcoa's Human Resources Manager Brian Jackson gave a short presentation on their long-range plan for facility improvements; he concluded with saying how proud they are to be a part of Cuyahoga Heights. We also had a speaker discuss "The Affordable Health Care Act." Once again, we received positive feedback from our businesses stating that they find these meetings enjoyable and informative; we look forward to meeting with them again during our fall luncheon.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Cash and Dispatch Supervisor Cash who became grandparents again; Malena Rose Cash was born on May 20.





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Cuyahoga Heights finally made it's mark in Hollywood. During the week of May 20, crews were filming scenes for next year's movie "Captain America" in the tunnels at Southerly. In fact, crew and actor trailers were set up for several days behind the "Redneck Rendezvous & BBQ" formerly known as the "Calla Club." Samuel L. Jackson even tweeted about their location!

We were recently informed that every property owner that resides in their own property is due a 2.5% reduction on their property tax bill and **homeowners must make application for this reduction.** This reduction is often taken care of at time of transfer of real estate. To receive the 2.5% homestead tax reduction, you must own and occupy your home as your principal place of residence (domicile) on January 1 of the year you file for the reduction. A homeowner and spouse are entitled to this homestead tax reduction on only one home in Ohio. For your convenience, we have attached a copy of the required form within this newsletter. If you have any questions in reference to the reduction, please contact Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer Wade Steen at (216) 443-7089.

Best wishes to our 2013 students who graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School on Sunday, June 2:

Jacqueline Albondante	Halie Karpel	Jack Sample
Marisa Bacci	Jennifer Kekelis	Joshua Smosarski
Michael Cimperman	Karlie Keller	Matthew Sokolich
Kylie Ciolek	Michael McManus	Matthew Vitanza
Ambrose DeRoberts	Joseph Menkhaus	Kyle Zuber
Sarah Gehring		

School is out so please be careful driving around town, as well as pulling in and out of your driveway, there are many kids around town walking and riding their bikes.

Several construction projects are scheduled for this summer: East 71st Street, Bacci Park and Harvard Hill; we'll keep you posted on updates.

The pool officially opened on June 8 and we are looking forward to another safe and fun summer at the pool. With that, our resident mallard ducks need to find a new home; hopefully, they can find it at Sunny Pond.

There will be an abundance of spectators and runners in and around the area of Bacci Park on Sunday, June 16. The Ohio Canal Corridor will be sponsoring their fourth annual Towpath Ten-Ten races. For further information go to

<http://towpathtrilogy.net>.

The Village Hall ramp construction is now completed and residents are once again able to use it when renting the Village Hall.

Very special birthday wishes to Mr. Hank Nobili, Normandy vet and oldest, life-long resident, he turned 91 on June 2; and also to Mrs. Helen Kosicki who will turn 91 on June 17. *Happiness and health to you both!*

June birthday wishes to employees: Bryan Rini – June 1; Neal Cash – June 4; Stanley Schab – June 8; Pete Panizzutti – June 19; and Douglas Pallini – June 21. *Happy Birthday!*

And lastly, I would like to wish all the Dads a very Happy Father's Day on June 16. Love and honor them while they're here with you today.





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From the Clerk:

I wanted to take this opportunity to try and explain how important our General Fund is, and where the money comes from that supports this Fund.

We have many different Funds, the largest being the General Fund. The State mandates that we use the General Fund to pay our everyday bills and employee salaries. It is the largest Fund, and our goal is to have approximately 2 million dollars in this Fund at the end of the year, after all of our bills are paid.

Our RITA revenue supplies the General Fund, and makes up 86% of the money that supplies this fund. That is why our RITA taxes are so important, and that is why I put the RITA chart in the newsletter. Our RITA revenue can go up or down from year to year. Generally, if it goes down, that means there are fewer jobs, and people are getting laid off. If our RITA revenue rises, that means more jobs are being created, and the economy is doing better.

As you can see in the RITA chart, in 2010, our RITA revenue was 6.7 million, in 2011 it was 7.1 million, and in 2012, it was 7.5 million. We expect a minor increase again this year, based on projections from the major companies located in the Village, the expert opinion of the people working at RITA, and the projections of this Administration.

We make these projections at the beginning of the year, and that is the money we will use to make the budget and pass the appropriation Ordinance. It is a very difficult task, but so far we have been very accurate. And again we are on track to make 2013 a successful year. We are financially secure, and working hard to keep our Village sustainable far into the future.

I hope this explanation helps. 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)	-1.00%
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	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	585,192.32		
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	3,955,367.55	155,899.57	6.40%



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Village Hall:

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, garage and basement! The Village is having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the Village Hall at 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our Service Department. Please be advised that there are not enough tables for more than one table per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and Sun Courier in an effort to promote our Village wide garage sale. **The deadline to register is Friday, June 14, 2013.**

Fire Department:

As part of our Public Education efforts, members of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department were at ASK Chemicals demonstrating the use of portable fire extinguishers. Companies have to train employees that may be asked to use fire extinguishers.





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From the Police:

Cyber/Internet Safety Tips

Here are some signs that your child might be at risk online

- ◆ Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
- ◆ You find pornography on your child's computer.
- ◆ Your child receives phone calls from people you don't know or making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't recognize.
- ◆ Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.
- ◆ Your child turns the computer off or quickly changes the screen when you come in the room.
- ◆ Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
- ◆ Your child is using an online account belonging to someone else.
- ◆ Surveys indicate the internet poses serious risks for youth online ages 10-17:
- ◆ One in seven has received a sexual solicitation or approach over the internet.
- ◆ One in three has had unwanted exposure to sexual material-pictures of naked people or people having sex.
- ◆ One in 25 has received an aggressive sexual solicitation, someone asking to meet somewhere, calling on the phone or sending offline mail, money or gifts.

Here are some tips that will help keep your child safe when using the internet

- ◆ Make sure your child does not spend all of their time on the computer. People, not computers, should be their best friends and companions.
- ◆ Keep the computer or laptop in an area where it can be monitored, like the family room, kitchen or living room, not in your child's bedroom.
- ◆ Learn enough about computer's so you can enjoy them with your kids. If you have to search for something for work or have an interest for information on the internet, ask your kids for help. Have them show you the best way to locate them.
- ◆ Teach them never to meet an online friend in person. Children and teens can be very trusting and don't think there are people in this world that would harm them.
- ◆ Watch your children when they are online and see where they go. You may see them going to sites that are not appropriate for them. You can talk to them and explain why these sites are not appropriate. Take advantage of contact controls. Many software and internet service providers offer technology that help block inappropriate sites. They can also gain access by using smart phones, along with many other devices.
- ◆ Make sure that your children feel comfortable coming to you with questions and don't over react if things go wrong. Communication is the key and your children have to know they can come to you with any problems.



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From the Police (cont.):

- ◆ Keep your child out of chat rooms or internet relay chat channels unless they are monitored. Make sure they don't reply to any messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, aggressive, or distressing.
- ◆ Teach them what information they can share online and what they can't (like telephone numbers, address, their full name and what school they go to or photographs). No information about your child should be given out over the internet.
- ◆ Understand social networking trends. Popular sites such as Facebook are popular with young people, but have become hunting grounds for internet predators. Never let your child have an open, public page that anyone can go on.

If you think your child may have a problem with using the internet or an online predator please give the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department a call. We will have our juvenile officer contact you as soon as possible. We will use all of our resources; if we cannot find the answer we will assist you with other resources that are available.

Greater Cleveland Memorial Parade and Service in downtown Cleveland

The officers are from left to right:

Ptl. Ken Schoeffler, Ptl. Craig Morrow, Chief Douglas Pallini, Detective Jeremy Grabowski, Lt. Mark Davis, and Ptl. Ted Mackiewicz.



From the Dispatch:

Just a reminder to all of our residents, if you are planning to go on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We will ask you the following questions, when you will be leaving and when you will be coming home, if you have stopped your mail and paper, if you are going to leave any lights on in your home, if anyone will be stopping at your home during your absence and an emergency telephone number in case there is a problem. Dispatch will then forward that information to the Police Officers so they can check your residence though out the day and night.





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.
Please see attached
flyer! 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

Service Department:

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 Spring 2013.

Historical Committee Program:

Mark your calendars to attend the presentation by committee member Laura Hine entitled "How to Trace The History of Your Home." Laura will show you how to use the Cuyahoga County Auditor's and Recorder's websites to trace the ownership of your home. You will also learn how to find actual copies of deeds for the previous owners of your home and the many ways to find out more about the people who lived in your home before you. This presentation will be held June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Willow House (old VFW hall) on East 71st St.

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend if you like. Attached is the historical newsletter

The Swimming Pool opens on Saturday, June 8, 2013!

Residents may purchase their passes at the swimming pool office during regular pool hours beginning June 8, 2013. Proof of residence required.

Pool Passes

Individual: \$25.00 (*all ages*)

Family pass: \$75.00

Please see attached flyer for more information.

Blue Wave Swim Team See attached flyer for more information.

Flower Fund:

We are in need of donations, these donations are used to send flowers or monetary gift to families in memory of loved ones.

Please bring your donation to the Village Hall, or contact Marilyn Duszynski at 341-3024 if you need your donation picked up.