

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**May 2013**

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## **Current Activities:**

### **Sunday, May 26**

Join the Community Activity Committee at Klima Gardens to decorate bicycles, wagons, etc., for the parade. 1 p.m.-3p.m.

### **Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day Parade, the parade will assemble at 9:30 a.m. and begin at 10:00 a.m. CAC & volunteers serving food and refreshments after parade.

### **Monday, May 27**

Willow House open 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 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.

### **Master Plan Meetings**

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

## **Future Important Dates:**

### **Saturday, June 1**

Willow House Open 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **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

Village Hall

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



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### From the Mayor:

We will be hosting our annual Memorial Day parade and service on Monday, May 27. As in the past, the parade will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Klima Gardens (*next to the Willow House*); step-off time is 10:00 a.m. Miss Lily Anne (*pictured to the left*) received a pink '55 Chevy pedal car for her second birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be peddling her new ride in the parade. I hope that other children and adults in our community will partake in this event.



I would also like to encourage our residents to attend our service that morning in paying tribute to the brave men and women who have made such great sacrifices for our country. We need to keep our Memorial Day tradition alive, as so many are no longer with us today; and I ask for this next generation of men and women who have served their country to march in our parade. *Thank You and God Bless!*

*"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." ~ Lee Greenwood*

### *In other news...*

Our deepest condolences to the Suhy family; long-time Village resident and former Councilman George Suhy passed away on April 16 after battling cancer. Condolences also to Jim & Mike Mallos; their mother Augustina "Gussy" Mallos passed away last month. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.



Best wishes and happy retirement to Ray Smosarski. He retired from the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department on April 30 after working 25 years as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Prior to his employment in the Village, Ray served four years in the United States Marine Corps; thank you for your service Ray!

Several members of our staff attended a seminar last month on "The Affordable Health Care Act" to attain a better understanding of this new act as it relates to part-time employees who work more than 30+ hours. We are monitoring this very closely as it ultimately can impact our part-time budget.

You might have noticed that the former Electric Welder property has finally taken shape – grass has been planted and no longer an eye sore. Talks with representatives from the Firefighters Community Credit Union are moving forward.

An old air raid siren from the school has been restored and repurposed on a building within NEORS so our southwest end of the Village can be alerted in an emergency event. This is one of three sirens in our community; one is located on top of the fire station and the other is on Chapek Parkway.

At last...the Water Department fixed the water leak at 4510 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street where water had been running into the street for months. Hopefully this issue has been solved; we would hate to see any further work being done once East 71<sup>st</sup> Street is repaved.

The Village Hall ramp construction is about 85% completed. The Board of Elections will be doing an inspection on the ramp the week of June 3. If everything goes accordingly, the ramp should be open for use by June 10.



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Sadly, we were informed by a representative from the George Murray Lodge #67 that they will not be holding their annual police memorial service this month due to the lack of participation.



The Cuyahoga Heights High School Alumni Association held a three day fund raiser at Ruby Tuesday in Broadview Heights. Lee Ann and I were on hand during lunchtime this past Tuesday mingling with our senior citizens. Hopefully, the Alumni Association was able to raise some money for their scholarship program. We look forward to doing this event again next year.

This past Friday, we had 69 third graders visit the Village Hall for their annual field trip. The children are studying communities and how communities are governed. One of their favorite parts of their visit is getting a tour of the hall.

Next Friday we will be hosting our annual business networking breakfast (BNB) at the Village Hall. This is a great opportunity for our administration to inform the businesses in our community about what's going on, as well as hearing their concerns.

Special birthday wishes to my Mom, Mrs. Lillian Bacci who turns 85 on May 17 and to Mrs. Clara Pallini who turns 82 on May 31. *Happiness and health to you both!*

May birthday wishes to employees: Amanda Soldat – May 3; Jon Greenberg and Dave Sammons – May 7; Trevor Elkins – May 18; Ricky Bacci – May 26 and Brandy Zmiji – May 28. *Happy Birthday!*

And finally, a big “shout out” of thanks, appreciation and admiration to all the Moms – Happy Mother’s Day!





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### From the Clerk:

The cold weather is finally coming to an end, and summer is right around the corner. Soon school will be recessed, and the Village pool will be open. Many of our young residents have applied for a summer job at the pool, and will be working as Checkers and Lifeguards. This is a long standing tradition in our Village that continues to this day, employs our local students for the summer, and helps to give them an opportunity to make some spending money for the summer.

We are in good shape financially, and working on staying within our budget. Council has decided to move forward with a number of projects this summer, and because of the financial climate, we are able to borrow the money at a great interest rate, and move forward with 4 million dollars worth of updates to our buildings and roads. Expect to see these projects start this summer.

Our General Fund is solid, and our goal as always, is to keep a reserve of approximately 2 million dollars on hand for any emergencies. I believe that we will end the year with a healthy General Fund, after paying all of our bills and salaries.

Our RITA revenue which comes from the Payroll Tax is approximately \$100,000 dollars more than the same time last year. We projected a minor increase in RITA taxes this year, and we are right on track. Estimating our total revenue and budgeting for expenses is a very challenging task, but over the last three years, the Mayor, Angel, Trevor, and I have done an outstanding job of doing both.

We are still in a very uncertain economic climate, and will continue to monitor our costs while moving the Village forward, and investing in our future. If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

### R.I.T.A. Report

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	496,650.27		
JUNE	579,983.55	639,614.36	619,557.23			
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			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,745,211.92</b>	<b>7,122,176.79</b>	<b>7,527,753.11</b>	<b>3,232,881.11</b>	<b>207,584.72</b>	<b>9.85%</b>



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### Village Hall:

#### Village Wide Garage Sale

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.**

#### Well Visit Clinic

Village residents 60 years of age and older are eligible for certain blood work and an EKG at no charge once a year. The Clinic is located on the second floor of the Village Hall and is open by appointment only. Please call Joann Socausky, R.N. at New Number **(216) 401-1039** to set up an appointment.

#### Spring Round Up

It's that time of year for spring household hazardous waste round up! Clean out your garage and basement. Materials accepted are oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, spray paint, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, pesticides, weed killers, mold killers, caustic cleaners, automotive products, tar and driveway sealers, motor oil, mercury, kerosene, and gasoline. Please call the Village Hall to arrange for your special pickup.

#### Unwanted Pests

If any resident is having a problem with bugs (*for example: black ants, bees, etc.*) please contact the Village Hall to report your pest problem. Please note that this service is free for our residents except for termites.

#### 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.

#### Table & Chair Rental

Residents are still able to rent tables and chairs as long as you are able to pick up and drop them off from our service garage. The maximum number of tables and chairs you can rent are: 3 tables; 30 chairs. In addition, the tables and chairs must be used at the resident's home, and are **not** to be taken out of the Village. Please contact the Service Department at 641-3505 to make arrangements to reserve tables/chairs. If no one is able to take the call, please leave a message on their voice mail.



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### Fire Department:

#### Hotter in NE Ohio: Beat the H.E.A.T.

Extreme Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States. In recognition of National Heat Awareness Day, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management encourages awareness of the dangers associated with extreme heat.

On average, extreme heat claims more lives each year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined. Humans and animals exposed to extreme heat can suffer from heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and heat cramps. Knowing the differences between these conditions is critical when determining the need for medical care.

**Heat Cramps** are muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion. Although heat cramps are non-life threatening, they are often the precursor to more serious heat-related health concerns.

**Heat Exhaustion** typically occurs when people overexert themselves in hot, humid weather conditions. Heat exhaustion causes an increase in blood flow to the skin, resulting in less blood flow to vital organs. If untreated, heat exhaustion may cause a victim to suffer heat stroke.

**Heat Stroke** Heat stroke, also referred to as “Sun Stroke”, damages the body’s temperature control system, which regulates perspiration. A victim experiencing heat stroke can suffer brain damage or death if they do not receive proper medical care.

Here are several measures that individuals can take to stay safe and beat the **H.E.A.T.** this summer.

**Hydrate.** Whether you feel thirsty or not, drink plenty of water to avoid becoming dehydrated, especially when working or exercising outside.

**Educate yourself.** Know your local weather, temperature, and heat index forecasts. Take actions to stay cool and safe when the temperatures hits eighty-five degrees or the heat index is ninety degrees. Know the warning signs of heat illness and how you can stay cool.

**Act quickly when a heat illness is suspected.** Seek medical attention immediately for any of these warning signs: cramping, rapid pulse, heavy sweating, hot red skin, dizziness, confusion, nausea, vomiting.

**Take it easy.** Anyone working or exercising outdoors should avoid overexertion, especially between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Take hourly breaks in the shade or in air conditioning.

Stay cool and Beat the H.E.A.T.

For more information : <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/>

**\*Support Local 702 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Walk-A-Thon!  
See the attached flyer for more information!**



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### Service Department:

#### Tree Trimming

Each residential property is able to receive one (1) tree removal and up to two (2) trims per calendar year. Each property owner must sign a “**Waiver of Liability & Right of Entry**” form before having this service. Applications for this program are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours, or you may download the application from our web site under the “Service Department.”

#### Tree Lawns

Tree lawns in the Village will **not** be cut by our Service Department personnel, except for those tree lawns for the seniors/disabled residents that qualify with the grass cutting program. As always, we thank you for your continued cooperation.

#### Rototilling

The Service Department will begin rototilling residential gardens during May (*weather permitting.*) Please call the Village Hall during normal business hours to schedule this service.

#### 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.



### For Sale:

5026 Willowbrook  
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 info.

4719 E. 71st Street  
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 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.

## 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

### Price for Guests

Pass holders may bring a guest to the pool (*no matter what age*); the price per guest, per day is \$5.00.

### Swimming Lessons

The cost is \$30 for 3 week sessions.

### Hours of Operation

**Monday through Thursday:** 1:00-7:45 p.m.  
**Friday:** 1:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Saturday and Sunday:** 1:00-8:00 p.m.  
Swim Practice M-Th: 7:45-9:00 p.m.  
Adult Lap Swim: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

### **Blue Wave Swim Team**

If your child is interested in joining the *swim team* for the 2013 summer season, please be advised that the Village of Cuyahoga Heights will reimburse \$50 per child at the completion of the swimming season. Please note that the child must be an active participant throughout the season. See attached flyer for more information.

### **Playground Instructor**

The Village Hall will continue to accept Playground Instructor Applications until the position(s) are filled. Please stop by and pick up an application if you are interested. A full job description is available at the Village Hall.

## NOTICE FOR YOUTH SUMMER JOBS

On April 16, 2013, Cuyahoga County Government Executive Ed FitzGerald publically recommended that Youth Opportunities Unlimited execute the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Opportunities Program. Contingent on the approval of this recommendation by the Cuyahoga County Council, Y.O.U. will offer approximately 2,500 youth, ages 14-24, the opportunity to be placed in a 25-30 hours per week summer job in Cuyahoga County.

MySummerJob Registration has re-opened for youth, ages 14-18, and will remain open until 12:00pm (noon) on May 15, 2013.

All youth are encouraged to register for the MySummerJob program - to register visit [www.youthopportunities.org](http://www.youthopportunities.org).

### **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.