

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**October 2013**

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## Current Activities:

**Friday, October 4**  
Senior Citizens Flu Shots

**Saturday, October 19**  
Community Corn Roast

**Corn Roast at Bacci Park**  
*Saturday, October 19, 2013*

Join us at Bacci Park for a day full of fun for the whole family. This annual get-together supports and celebrates a number of important community groups, volunteer organizations and our school district.

LIVE MUSIC • PUMPKIN & FACE PAINTING • HAY RIDES & MAZE  
STARTS AT 4:00 PM • FIREWORKS AT DUSK!

Sweet Corn, Hot Dogs, Chili, Pumpkin and Apple Pie and Refreshments sold by  
CHS Music Boosters, Boy Scouts, CHS PTO and CHS Sports Organizations

The event will be cancelled if inclement weather is imminent. Check the Twitter feed at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) for updates.

**Sunday, October 27**  
Village Halloween Party

**Thursday, October 31**  
Trick or Treat 6-7:30 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**  
October 11th at 6 p.m.

## Future Important Dates:

**Tuesday, November 5**  
Election Day, Village Hall Closed

Don't forget to cast your vote at the  
Village Hall from 6:30 a.m to 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 11**  
Veterans Day Observed, Village Hall and  
Service Department Closed

**Thursday, November 28**  
Thanksgiving Day Observed, Village Hall  
and Service Department Closed

**Friday, November 29**  
Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.  
& Post Thanksgiving Day Observed,  
Village Hall and Service Department Closed

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



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### From the Mayor:

Autumn is upon us, and with that, brings a very eventful October. CVS will be coming to the Village Hall next Friday to vaccinate our seniors for their yearly flu shots and Nurse Socausky will be doing their blood work. This is just another great way to spend some quality time with our seniors. Last month, I was able to take a bus load of our resident seniors for a fun and exciting day at Kelleys Island. It couldn't have been a better day – not a drop of rain; the weather was beautiful! Besides roaming around on the island in golf carts, we enjoyed perch and walleye at the Captain's Corner. It was great to see some new faces on the trip - and we look forward to doing it again next year!



On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the school held the second annual homecoming parade. I was proud to sponsor the homecoming court float for the second year in a row. A lot of work and effort was put fourth by our students to put on this great event.



On October 11, our administration will be hosting the annual fall luncheon for the businesses in our community. Mr. Jack Schron, Jr., President of Jergens, Inc., and District 6 Cuyahoga County Council member has graciously volunteered his time to be our key note speaker that afternoon.

ArcelorMittal is doing maintenance repair work to one of their two blast furnaces with an investment of \$55 million. The last time major work had been done to the furnace was back in 1989. They are also celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

And finally, we are well under way in planning our third annual Corn Roast on Saturday, October 19. We hope that many of our residents will join us during this special event – sip on warm cider, munch on corn, listen to music and meet new friends....stay tuned.

*Please don't mind our dust – projects around town...*

The **Village Hall Exterior Renovation Project** is progressing more rapidly than anticipated since the weather is cooperating, and completion of grinding out mortar joints will finish up shortly. Mortar (*tuck-pointing*) is to follow along with painting and entrance repairs. Soon we will see an aesthetically beautiful building with much needed work and a fresh appearance.

The **Village-wide Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Project** is well under way. Earlier this month construction began on replacing the concrete walks on Bletch & Marcelline Courts, East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Willowbrook Drive. East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Grant Avenue construction began shortly after. The sidewalks on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street will be repaired concurrently with the repair and resurfacing project.

The **East 71<sup>st</sup> Street Repair and Resurfacing Improvement** project began earlier this week and will focus on the residential area working from the I-77 cross over north to Chapek Parkway. We understand the inconvenience of this project, however many factors contribute to the scheduling of these types of necessary improvements. The lengthy list of logistics include: engineering, financing, bidding, contracting, legislative approval, and finally scheduling of the project itself by the contractor. In addition, two traffic calming islands will be built to assist in slowing the transient motorists who travel through our residential district.

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The **Harvard Avenue Repair, Resurfacing, and Traffic Signal Improvements Project** is well under construction. The existing concrete base turned out to be in much worse shape than anticipated leading to a delay in getting the first layer of asphalt installed. The concrete base repairs are complete and the intermediate layer of asphalt has been installed. Harvard Hill is also taking shape with its new lane configuration and pavement narrowing paving the way for the installation of a new concrete walk which will connect our Harvard Avenue businesses to the Cleveland Metroparks Trail. Over the next several weeks, the remaining structures will be adjusted to grade along with the installation of a new retaining wall. As we have noted in previous newsletters, our 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 Harvard/Denison Intersection will be the first signal improved with our new traffic signal upgrade program.

*In other news...*



It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of our friend and neighbor Oliver "Ollie" Vaccher. Ollie was a lifelong and dedicated resident of Cuyahoga Heights. He retired after a 31 year career at the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District from 1980 through 2011 as well as serving as member of the Cuyahoga Heights Village Council from 2002-2005. I grew up with Ollie as a close neighbor and considered him to be like an older brother. I have a million stories I could tell about growing up with Ollie, one of my fonder/foolish memories is recalled daily as I look at the scar on my left hand; the result of Ollie's BB gun... as I recall, Ollie was practicing his aim on some pop cans in the back yard and the aforementioned scar is the result of my disbelief that anything was coming from the gun (because he wasn't hitting any of the cans). The next time Ollie pulled the trigger, I decided to place my hand in front of the barrel, much to my surprise, I learned the hard way that bb's were actually being fired (just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it's not there). I ended up having two BB's removed from my hand and Ollie ended up getting a whipping he never deserved from his pop. Be sure to say a prayer for Ollie's family as we will all surely miss our neighbor and good friend.

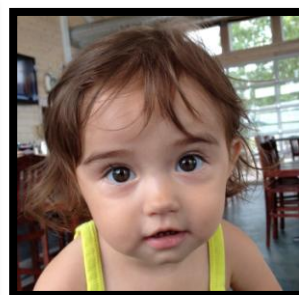
We extend our condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pritchard, Sr., for the loss of Ed's father, Arie. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

On a brighter note, congratulations to residents Danny Osbourne and Debbie Meadwell who recently got married. I had the honors of officiating their wedding. Best wishes to both of you for a long and happy life together.

A very special birthday wish to Mrs. Tomi Sonoda who turns 91 on October 4. Many blessings to her as she celebrates her big day!

October birthday wishes to employees: Dave Volek – October 4; Rick Baciak – October 5; Jason Grabowski – October 6; Steve Harris – October 11; Betty Yarmesch – October 20 and Sandy Stover – October 23. Happy Birthday!

*Ms. Lilly Ann enjoying life...*





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### From the Clerk:

After going through three quarters of the year, we are on track financially to finish the year with paying all of our bills, and having a reserve in the bank for emergencies. We are in solid financial shape moving into the last quarter.

This Administration has made a commitment to making our Village a great place to live by investing in projects that will benefit all of us, while staying within our means. As you can see, the projects have started, and most will be completed before the end of the year.

Financially, we went to the bond market to get the money to pay for these projects, and we sold the note for 1%, a great interest rate that is manageable to fit into our budget at this time. With all the needed work that we are doing in the Village, we will secure our buildings and roads for a long time.

Periodically, I talk about revenue and how it has affected our Village. I want to try to explain why we have had to make tough financial choices based on our decreasing revenue.

Cuyahoga Heights has always had enough money to do whatever we wanted until the downturn of 2008, when our 2009 yearly revenue in our General Fund dropped by almost 1.5 million dollars from 2008. Our revenue for 2012 was still 1 million dollars less in our General Fund than in 2008.

Most of our revenue is derived from withholding taxes from people working in our Village. The more jobs we have, the more revenue we get. Most of our RITA revenue is derived from withholding taxes from people working in our Village, and that is why I attach the RITA chart. If our RITA revenue goes up, we can assume it is because more companies have hired more employees, and the economy is getting better.

Next month, I will try to explain what our future revenue looks like for our Village, and if the economy is truly getting better.

If you ever have any questions or comments, please call, or stop and see me. My door is always open.

Distributed	2010	2011	2012	2013	from 2012	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	641,230.39	47,871.82	8.06%
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>5,840,449.03</b>	<b>172,975.58</b>	<b>3.53%</b>



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### Police Department:

#### **Passing on the right violation- E.71<sup>st</sup> Street**

Yellow lines separate traffic going opposite directions and white lines separates lanes of traffic traveling the same direction. This makes E. 71<sup>st</sup> a designated one lane highway on each side of the yellow center lines.

In an effort to maintain safe travel on E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, passing on the right is prohibited. We will look at each traffic stop on a case by case basis and if warranted under Cuyahoga Heights Cod. Ord. 432.04, then a citation will be issued.

#### **Trick or Treat, October 31st 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

##### Safety Tips for Parents

Make your children eat dinner before setting out

Children should carry a cell phone so they can call home

An adult should accompany children, of any age

Make sure all costumes are made of flame-retardant material

Always test make-up in small area first. Remove it before bedtime to avoid skin/eye irritation

Make sure you know where they are going

Tell children to bring candy home to be inspected

##### Safety Tips for Homeowners

Make sure your house is well lit

Make sure your yard is clear of anything that can trip children

Put pets away to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater (Your pets get scared too) Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable If you use candles place pumpkins well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing

##### Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

Carry a flashlight or glow stick

Walk; don't run. Stay on sidewalks. Obey traffic signals

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries.

Stay in familiar neighborhoods

Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground

Make sure shoes fit

Wear clothing with reflective markings or tapes

Only go to houses that have a light on

Never go into someone's home

Stay away from and don't pet animals (you may scare them).

Stay away from unfamiliar cars or people

Swords, knives, etc., should be short, soft and flexible

Don't eat any candy until your parents have inspected it

Never go up to a house alone; stay in a group





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### **Fire Department:**

#### **Fire Department News - October is Fire Prevention Month**

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will be delivering Fire Prevention literature and batteries for your smoke alarms on 3 consecutive Sundays during the month of October. The firefighters will also be passing out one new photoelectric smoke alarm per household for those who have not already received one. The alarms were provided by a grant from ArcelorMittal Steel Company. During our visit we will be available to assist you in replacing your batteries or installing the new alarms. If you are not at home on your scheduled Sunday please do not hesitate to contact us at our non-emergency line at 641-6799. We will be happy to answer your questions or schedule a return visit to your home.

#### Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

East 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grant Ave.

#### Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

East 71<sup>st</sup> Street

#### Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Willowbrook Drive  
Bletch and Marcelline Ct  
East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Dressler Court

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#### **October is not only Fire Prevention Month but it is also designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

The Cuyahoga Heights Firefighters will be wearing pink during the month of October to support the fight against Breast Cancer.





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### Service Department:

#### Leaf Pick Up

Fall will be approaching us quickly and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

#### Fall Round Up

It's that time again of the year! Clean out your sheds, garages and basements. Materials accepted are oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, spray paint, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, pesticides such as bug and rodent killers, weed killers, mold killers, caustic household cleaners, automotive products, tar and driveway sealers, motor oil, mercury, kerosene and gasoline. Call the Village Hall to arrange for your special pick-up on Tuesdays.

### Dispatch:

#### Severe Thunderstorm information

##### Before a Severe Thunderstorm:

Have an emergency kit and family plan made.

Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a severe thunderstorm.

Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.

Make sure window and doors are secured, close blinds, shades or curtains.

Unplug any electronic equipment, before the storm arrives, power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.

##### During the Storm:

Use your battery operated radio to listen for storm updates.

Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging. Cordless and wireless phone not connected to wall outlets are ok to use.

##### After a Severe Thunderstorm:

Never drive through a flooded roadway. "Turn Around, Don't Drown"

Stay away from storm damaged areas to keep from putting yourself at risk.

Listen to your radio for updated information or instructions, as access to roads may be blocked.

#### Swiftreach Emergency Contact System

Residents: The Fire Department sent out a Swift Reach notification on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm regarding the flushing of the fire hydrants, if you did not receive the call and would like to be put in the Swift Reach system please call Barb Cash at Cuyahoga Hts. Police Dispatch or go on the Village web site and you can registrar on the Swift Reach portal.



### 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.  
\$199,900  
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-  
5126.

#### **4962 East 71st St**

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

#### **4586 East 49th Street**

3 Bedrooms; 1-1/2 Baths  
\$150,000  
Call (216) 441-1245  
*home owner selling*

#### **4650 East 49th Street**

3 Bedrooms; loft office  
*(loft could be made to a 4<sup>th</sup>  
bedroom)*  
\$205,000  
1<sup>st</sup> floor master bedroom;  
3-1/2 Baths  
Granite countertops  
throughout; full bar in  
the basement  
Beautiful – move in  
ready!  
Call (216) 409-0057

### For Rent:

#### **7200 Bletch Court,**

Large 2 bedroom,  
modern, open floor plan,  
washer/dryer hookup,  
central air, garage,  
\$750/month plus  
deposit. Pets OK with  
deposit. Call Michael  
(216) 310-4762

### Around Town:

#### **Eight Alumni and Coach to be Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2013**

The Athletic Hall of Fame committee is pleased to announce the selection of eight alumni and a former coach for induction into the Cuyahoga Heights Athletic Hall of Fame, as the Class of 2013.

The inductees include, **Chet Priebe '50**, a three sport athlete that excelled in track where he was a Conference Champion, established three school records, was state qualifier in three events and earned All Ohio honors; **Jim Domzalski '66**, a two sport athlete that was outstanding in basketball where as a two year starter he earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District and Honorable Mention All Ohio while establishing single season scoring and career scoring records; **Tim Toth '76**, excelled in football earning Plain Dealer Dream Team, 1<sup>st</sup> All District and Special Mention All Ohio honors as a tailback and defensive back, and as a wrestler was the District Champion and earned All Ohio honors at the State Meet; **Tom Toth '76**, excelled in football earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District and Honorable Mention All Ohio honors as a linebacker and in wrestling was Conference Champion and the league's MVP; **Andrea Tegel/Adams '94**, an outstanding two sport athlete that earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference and Honorable Mention All Ohio honors in basketball and was twice 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Cuyahoga County, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All conference and team MVP in softball; **Gino Petitti '94**, excelled in track where he established two school and Conference records, was Conference Champion, District Champion and earned All Ohio honors in two events; **Matt Brown '94**, a three sport athlete that excelled in wrestling where he was a two time Conference and District Champion and All Ohio as a senior; **Chris Oryl '00** an outstanding performer in three sports, excelled in football earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Ohio honors as a kicker and in baseball was selected All Conference three years, twice as 1<sup>st</sup> Team; and **David Piper 'Coach**, long time head cross country and assistant track coach.

#### **Youth Basketball Clinics**

On Sunday, November 3rd and 10th the Valley View Community Center will be offering Youth Basketball Coaching and Clinics for \$8.00 per session. If you complete these sessions please contact Joe Vitanza (883-8288) for information on how to receive reimbursement from the Village of Cuyahoga Hts. See attached flyer.

