

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



March 2014

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Current Activities:

Monday, March 17, 2014 – St. Patrick's Day



Easter Egg Hunt

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at Klima Gardens; rain-or-shine! The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' children and grandchildren; 0-12 years of age.



Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets, stuffed animals, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the Village Hall during regular business hours prior to Thursday, March 28. All items being raffled will benefit Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28. Several of our Boy Scouts will be on hand during the egg hunt selling raffle tickets.

CHHS students looking for additional community service hours can do so by helping out during the egg hunt. Please contact either Lee Ann or Angel at the Village Hall by Friday, April 11.

Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings (regular)
2nd Wednesday of the month
Caucus at 6 p.m.
Business Meeting 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.

Economic Development Committee Meeting
First Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.
Cancelled in April

Finance Committee Meeting
First Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Public Works Meeting
March 18th at 11 a.m.

Future Important Dates:

April 1
Youth Baseball and Softball Registration
Deadline

April 1
Employment applications for seasonal
employment pick up at Village Hall

Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:



After 29 years of dedicated service to the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department, Captain Pete Angiocchi (*pictured at the left*) retired on February 28, 2014. Throughout his employment Pete dedicated himself to maintaining the integrity of the department and ensuring the safety of our residents, businesses and visitors in our community. His work ethic is second to none and he truly will be missed. Chief Douglas Pallini served our Police Department for 33 years and also retired on February 28. On behalf of the Village, its residents and employees alike, we wish them much success and happiness in their retirement.

With the recent retirements, changes have been made within both departments. Lt. Brian Sturgill (*pictured below at left*) has been appointed to Police Chief and Lt. Mark Davis (*pictured below at right*) will fill our new position of Assistant Police Chief. Mark is not only eager to serve in this administrative role; he also, as most of you know, has a passion for our detective bureau and will be overseeing all case

management with Detective Grabowski. Both Chief Sturgill and Assistant Chief Davis will be upholding a tradition of excellence while moving our department forward to the standards of which law enforcement is held today and into the future. In addition, Fire Captain Angiocchi's retirement allows us to bring Firefighter Bryan Rini back to the full-time roster within the bargaining unit. Congratulations to all!



In other news...

Our administration and council have been and continue to work on the revitalization of the north end of East 71st Street taking advantage of recent development momentum. The cold weather and snow has not seemed to slow down the Firefighters Community Credit Union's construction.



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We recently created an “*Economic Development Playbook*” outlining the economic and tax incentive tools we have available to help win new and expansion projects within the Village. Some of those incentives are: Job Growth Grant, Exterior Improvement Grant, Tax Increment Financing and Enterprise Zones.

The Village is currently working with David Sternberg of Metro Space Realty to promote the property at 4922 East 49th Street (*formerly Gallo Display.*)



Some of you may have noticed some excavation taking place between the Klima Gardens pavilion and the west end overflow parking lot. Independence Excavating has been hired to do some exploratory excavation in the area where we have a recurring sink hole. This sink hole was remedied several times over the years but now poses a risk to any folks utilizing the facility. Village Engineer Todd Sciano will be monitoring and hopefully rectifying the issue so the area is safe for all to enjoy this summer.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at the Village Hall – polls will be open for voting from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Voters will be casting their votes for candidates such as: Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State Treasurer, State Supreme Court, County Executive, and (7) County Council seats – *just to name a few*. If you're not a registered voter, please stop up at the Village Hall during normal business hours to pick up an application, or give us a call and I will personally drop one off at your residence. Deadline to register is Monday, April 7. You can change things – **exercise your right to vote!**

In addition, the Board of Elections is seeking community members to serve as poll workers during the May 6 Primary Election. Poll workers can earn \$172.10 and applicants may apply on-line at www.442vote.com or call (216) 443-3277. Application deadline is Friday, April 18. On another note, we were notified by AT&T that they have over 90 jobs looking to be filled in Ohio with many in the northeast Ohio area. If you are interested in working for a great company, working with the latest in wireless technology or starting over, please explore their website at www.connect.att.jobs/ohio. Last year, AT&T hired over 900 new employees here in Ohio.

Milestone birthday wishes to Mr. Danny Lipiec who turned “60” on March 1. “*Sto lat!*”

March birthday wishes to employees: Brian Sturgill – March 8; Joe Wallace – March 11; Angel Meriwether – March 12; Jeremy Grabowski – March 15; Cathy Zmija – March 24; and Barb Cash – March 25.

Congratulations to Trevor and Laura who welcomed a new addition to their family. Emma weighed in at 8-lbs; 19.25-inches and was born on February 27.

Wishing everyone a fun and safe St. Patrick's Day!





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From the Clerk:

Moving into 2014, we are financially stable and will continue to monitor our expenses to make sure we finish the year in solid financial condition. As we all know, our RITA taxes are a pivotal part of our General Fund revenue, and our General Fund is what we use to pay bills and salaries.

Looking at the RITA chart for the first three months of the year, we are showing an increase of almost \$10,000 for the same time period in 2013. We have not yet received our second check for March from RITA, so I am projecting an increase of \$50,000 over the same period as last year. We would love for this trend to continue, but we remain cautious.

We will continue to watch revenue and expenses throughout the year, and adjust as necessary. As you know, at the beginning of the year, we are making educated guesses as to what our revenue will be for the year, and hope that we never run into another financial disaster like we had in 2008.

Today, our finances are stable and we will continue to adjust as needed.

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

Month Distributed	2011	2012	2013	2014	Difference from 2012	% change from 2012
JANUARY	584,669.79	531,947.49	644,593.83	701,203.65	56,609.82	8.07%
FEBRUARY	537,785.87	645,702.65	638,258.93	542,645.46	(95,613.47)	-17.62%
MARCH	824,604.94	818,935.60	817,199.06	865,442.83		
APRIL	520,849.63	532,060.38	636,179.02			
MAY	557,801.31	685,629.54	633,944.39			
JUNE	639,614.36	619,557.23	646,774.82			
JULY	545,762.77	637,580.56	590,649.46			
AUGUST	498,636.91	602,701.42	591,619.13			
SEPTEMBER	589,364.22	593,358.57	641,230.39			
OCTOBER	654,241.55	733,896.34	598,372.95			
NOVEMBER	511,005.62	597,551.17	628,902.62			
DECEMBER	657,839.82	528,832.16	605,547.68			
TOTAL	7,122,176.79	7,527,753.11	7,673,272.28	2,109,291.94	(39,003.65)	-9.55%



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Fire Department:

Congratulations to Capt. Pete Angiocchi on his recent retirement. Pete's last work day was February 27th after **29** years of service; we wish him good health and the best of luck during his retirement years. Pete was a dedicated worker and his work ethic was exemplary, he will be missed greatly by us all.

Fire Chief Neal Cash

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Suhy

A Preparedness Resource from The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management

At-A-Glance

ReadyNotify

ReadyNotify is a mass notification system used to notify citizens, residents, and businesses of critical situations, non-emergency events, and provide information about necessary actions.



What is ReadyNotify?

In conjunction with the ReadyCuyahoga Program, the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management has launched ReadyNotify, a countywide mass notification system. This means, that Cuyahoga County can send out mass messages to citizens, residents, and business who voluntarily register for notifications.

What Type of Notifications Will I receive?

You can expect to receive notifications about:

- Emergency Events
- Cuyahoga County Government News
- Cuyahoga County Building Closures
- Water Boil Alerts
- Safety Messages
- Other Information

Did you know?

Having redundant sources of emergency notifications on mobile devices will ensure you get the right message during an emergency

What Type of Information is Required to Register?

Participation in the ReadyNotify Program is **voluntary**. A valid email will be needed to sign-up. During the registration process we will ask you to give us information about yourself such as your address, your primary language, and if you require any special assistance during an emergency event. Only information indicated with a star * is required.

How Will I Receive Messages?

When you sign-up in the system, you will also have the opportunity to choose how you want to receive messages. Messages can be delivered in the following ways:

- Cell Phone
- Home Phone
- Work Phone
- Email
- SMS/Text Messaging
- Fax

How Do I Register?

To register please go to the link: ReadyNotify.CuyahogaCounty.us



Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management
P: 216-443-5700 | cuyahogacounty.us





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Police Department:



On February 26, residents and businesses may have noticed a short delay in traffic on East 49th Street. This was due to a large transformer that was being delivered from the CSXT railroad to the electrical sub-station located inside the Cleveland Metro Parks.

The 250,000 lbs. transformer was moved by Edwards Moving and Rigging from Shelbyville Kentucky, with an escort provided by the Cuyahoga Heights Police. The transformer was transported on a specially designed trailer containing 12 axles. The move was performed safely and with only minor traffic delays.

OUTSTANDING JOB DETECTIVE GRABOWSKI



On February 12, 2014, Detective Jeremy Grabowski participated in the MDA Lockup, a charity campaign to raise money for MDA awareness and support for kids affected by this disease. With the support of the community and local businesses he was able to raise over \$2,400.00. The money he raised will help send 3 kids to summer camp, provide money for doctor visits and medical equipment.



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Dispatch:

Safety Tips

- Never open your door without looking out a peephole or window.
- ALWAYS demand identification from utility workers and delivery persons.
- Never step outside your home to be shown something on your property until you verify the credentials and identification of the utility company or other service provider.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT ALWAYS CALL THE Police Department AND WE WILL CHECK IT OUT!**

If you call **911** by accident, **STAY ON THE LINE** and let the dispatcher know it was an accident.

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

Village Hall:

Seasonal Employment Applications:

Employment applications are available for **Lifeguards, Pool Attendants, Cashiers, Playground Monitors, and Park Monitors** at the Village Hall **on or after April 1, 2014**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Please be advised that submitting an application does not guarantee employment.

Lifeguards must be a Certified Lifeguard, CPR Certificated and WSI (*if applicable*) when turning in their application. Lifeguards, Park Monitors, Cashiers, and Playground Monitors must be 16 years old and Pool Attendants must be 15 years old by Saturday June 7, 2014. **Applications must be turned into the Village Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2.**

Please be advised that applications will not be accepted after this date.

Park Monitors will start as soon as the weather permits!

The Swimming Pool opens on **Saturday, June 7, 2014** at 1:00 p.m.



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Village Hall:

Jean Notarian Scholarship for High School Seniors

The application for the Jean Notarian Scholarship is available on the Brooklyn Heights Village website under the Women's Service Club tab. The scholarship is open to all students in the Cuyahoga Heights School District including parochial school students. The only requirement is a minimum of 80 hours of documented and verified community service. The application deadline is May 1st.

DON'T DELAY~GET YOUR APPLICATION IN A.S.A.P.

Save the Date: Village Garage Sale

Saturday, June 28, 2014 –more information to come.

For Sale:

5024-5026

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.



4650 East 49th Street

3 Bedrooms; loft office
(loft could be made to a 4th
bedroom)
\$205,000
1st 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:

6922 Grant Avenue **(Back)**

\$500 per month
Call (216) 408-0750

4580 East 49th Street

Whole House – 3
bedrooms, 1.5 bath
\$900 per month
Call (216) 389-0254

5028 East 71st Street **(Up)**

Call (216) 406-2620

Service Department:

In observance of Easter, the Service Department will be closed on Friday, April 18th, and Monday, April 21st. The bus will take residents shopping on Thursday, April 17th, and trash will be picked up on Tuesday, April 18th.

Building Department:

At the February council meeting, additions were made to the George M. Suhy Grant Program. The following improvements were added:

- Qualifying exterior improvements now include: Excavation, repair or replacement for exterior dwelling foundation drain tile; waterproofing of below grade exterior walls; and excavation, repair or replacement for exterior sanitary/storm sewers.
- Qualifying interior improvements now include: Excavation, repair or replacement for interior dwelling underground building sanitary/storm drainage sewers.

These improvements are retroactive to January 1, 2013.

George M. Suhy Grant applications are available at the Village Hall on the literature rack or on the link under the Building Department on the Village website.

Maintenance Inspection Follow-Up:

Starting in early spring, the Building Department will re-inspect all dwellings to verify compliance with the maintenance letters that were mailed the summer of 2013. All homeowners are requested to advise the Building Department by letter or phone as to the status of their corrections. If you are a renter, please notify the homeowner of this upcoming re-inspection.