

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

**June 2014**

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## Current Activities:

Make your reservations now for the Village trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 2. Deadline to register is Friday, June 27. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28. The annual village-wide garage sales will take place from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; and later that day beginning at 5:30 p.m. the Swimming Pool will host their first "Dive-In" movie. All information is contained within the flyer – attached with your newsletter.

Time to clean out those filing cabinets of unneeded paperwork; Gateway Recycling will be holding their Village of Cuyahoga Heights Shredding Day on Saturday July 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Details with additional information is included in the flyer.

Come out and support the Blue Wave! Upcoming home meets are at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 23. *Good Luck Swimmers!*

*Wishing everyone a safe Fourth of July holiday. The Village Hall and Service Department will be closed that day.*



## 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.  
(Meetings held only during Work Session months)

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.  
(Meetings held only during Work Session months)

## Future Important Dates:

**June 28**  
Village-Wide Garage Sales

**July 13**  
Eleventh Annual Cuyahoga Heights  
Football Team Golf Outing

**July 15**  
Men's and Women's Softball Sign-Up  
Deadline

Village Hall

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



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### From the Mayor:

School is out and summer is finally here. It's great to see our youngsters out and about –playing ball, enjoying the playground or swimming in the pool. With that in mind, please be extra cautious while pulling in and out of your driveways.



I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our residents, friends, and family who attended our Memorial Day parade and service – taking the time to show their gratitude and appreciation to the brave men and women who gave their lives for this great nation. I especially wanted to acknowledge and thank Village veterans: Mr. Joe Nagy; Mr. Tom Nova, Sr.; Tim Krenisky and Frank Trusso, Jr., as well as to Joe Brotsky and Hunter Krenisky who currently are enlisted in the Marines, for participating in our event. To these young men, and all others that continue to serve our country, *stay safe and God Bless*. In addition, I wanted to express my thanks to the residents, committee members, elected officials, the Combs family, Mrs. Marge Woodrick and everyone else who helped in any way to make Memorial Day special for our veterans. We truly are a blessed community.





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### From the Mayor (*continued*):



### *Around town...*

With so many residents asking...we didn't realize just how popular our Village calendars were. I am happy to inform you that we were able to put together a seventh-month calendar from June-December and have included it with this month's newsletter. Our 2015 calendars will be delivered to our residents by mid-January.



Congratulations again to the Cuyahoga Heights High School Lady Redskins' softball team; they won the Division IV state title on Saturday, June 7. Several of the Lady Redskins are from our Village: Meridith Chopka, Brianna Galang-Swanson and Brittany Blasinsky. The state championship win is a first for our school. In addition, this is the first time a Northeast Ohio team has ever won a Division IV softball state title. *Well done ladies!*

Best wishes to the Class of 2014 Cuyahoga Heights High School students; they recently graduated on Sunday, June 1. Village residents are Madison Bacci, Michaela Bloam, Hailey Brotsky, Meridith Chopka, Thomas Evans, Brianna Galang-Swanson, Amanda Hartman, Bryan Jones, Brooke Kurfist, Antonio Matthews, MarySarah Menkhaus, Edward Pearce and Olivia Sokolowski. *Embrace new questions, respect old wisdom and never let go of your dream.*

The Village-wide garage sales will take place on Saturday, June 28. Twenty-seven households have signed up for the event. It's a great opportunity to purchase items at reasonable prices, as well as chatting with your fellow neighbors.

Pool Manager Marisa Contipelli along with her staff are organizing a "Dive-In Movie" at the pool on Saturday, June 28. *Despicable ME2* will be the featured movie that evening. *Don't miss out on the fun!*





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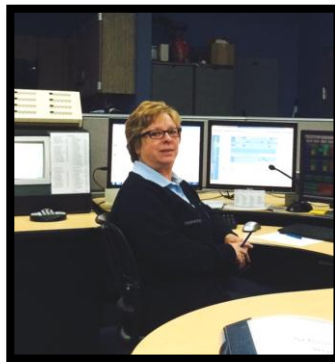
### From the Mayor (*continued*):

After numerous requests, our Village will be holding a document shredding event at Gateway Recycling located at 4233 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, July 12.

Once again our Village is planning a trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 2. We are offering special prices for our Village residents on tickets, fountain drinks and meal vouchers. What a great way to end the summer with a trip to Cedar Point at minimal prices. Please note that the deadline to sign up is Friday, June 27.

Happy birthday to Mrs. Helen Kosicki who celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday this month. On behalf of the entire Village, we wish her endless joy, health and happiness on her very special day.

Congratulations and best wishes to Police Dispatcher Christine Suhy who will be retiring at the end of this month after serving 30 years. On behalf of the Village, its administration, residents and employees alike, we wish her well in her retirement.



**“SAVE THE DATE”** for Saturday, October 11. We will be holding our annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park. Further details will be forthcoming.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.

*“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”* Abraham Lincoln





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### From the Clerk:

We are close to finishing the first half of 2014 and our finances are stable. As of today, we have taken in 50% of our expected revenue and spent 50% of our expected expenses. Our RITA tax revenue is up 10% for the year, and we continue to work closely with all of our departments to insure they stay within their budgets. We are financially secure and working hard to keep our Village sustainable far into the future.

Three financial points of interest for our Village are:

- 1) Our Audit for 2012-2013 has been submitted to the State by the independent accounting firm of Charles E. Harris and has been accepted with no modifications. They will soon certify the audit with the Clerk of the Bureau in Columbus. It is a very good audit, with no citations. This shows that the Finance Department is in compliance with all accounting rules and procedures.
- 2) We recently rolled over our BAN (note) for the money we borrowed last year for Capital Improvements and we again sold it on the open market at 1%. This is a great interest rate. The rate is determined by the market conditions and also how the community is perceived by investors. Like a consumer, if you are a big risk, the higher the interest you will pay. We submitted all of our financials and audits to the investors; they were very encouraged by the way we are handling our finances and gave us a great interest rate.
- 3) Our RITA revenue is up 10% for the year. At the beginning of the year, we estimated this to increase by 2.5% for the year. Although we are not finished with the year, I believe that we will continue to exceed our estimate in RITA revenue.

We will continue to monitor costs and revenue and keep you informed of our financial position as best as we can without confusing you. If you ever have any questions, 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	929,321.38	112,122.32	12.06%
APRIL	520,849.63	532,060.38	636,179.02	711,647.56	75,468.54	10.60%
MAY	557,801.31	685,629.54	633,944.39	617,963.16	(15,981.23)	-2.59%
JUNE	639,614.36	619,557.23	646,774.82	643,339.71	(3,435.11)	-0.53%
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			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,122,176.79</b>	<b>7,527,753.11</b>	<b>7,673,272.28</b>	<b>4,146,120.92</b>	<b>129,170.87</b>	<b>10.00%</b>



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### Fire Department:

#### GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets away from the grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

Never leave your grill unattended.

#### **Charcoal grills**

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

#### **Propane grills**

Make sure you check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. **Do not attempt to move the grill.**



### Dispatch:

Just a reminder to all of our residents, if you are going on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We are going to ask you 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 throughout the day and night.





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### Dispatch (continued):



SwiftReach will now be sending out an automated message to you every time a Tornado Warning has been issued for Cuyahoga County by the National Weather Service, this is for your safety.

If you have never been a part of or need to update your SwiftReach information, it can be done on the Cuyahoga Heights website using the SwiftReach portal on the Police Department web page or by calling the Dispatch Center at 883-6800. The SwiftReach system is used to notify our residents and businesses, by telephone, of any emergency situations that may occur in Cuyahoga Heights. The telephone numbers you supply the Police Department are kept strictly confidential and are not given out to the public.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### Village Hall:

#### Village Wide Garage Sale

The Village is having their annual garage sales on Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun day treasure hunting in your own neighborhood.

The following addresses will be participating:

#### Dressler Court

7120

7134

#### Marcelline Court

7123

7141

#### East 49<sup>th</sup> Street

4566

4610

4619

4623

4886

4888

#### East 71<sup>st</sup> Street

4707

4719

4795

4805

4895

4897

4912

4920

4953

4957

4979

4996

5028

#### East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place

4933

#### Willowbrook Drive

4982

4988

5011

#### New Residents

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help! Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to Lee Ann at [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

#### Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Angel Meriwether by the 20th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Please email the information to [a.meriwether@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:a.meriwether@cuyahogaheights.com).

#### Sports Registrations

Please note that there is a \$25 late fee for sports registrations that occur after the published deadline. The fee was established because late registrations create administrative and organizational difficulties when trying to plan leagues and schedules. In addition, late sign ups cause teams to grow beyond an appropriate size, which has an adverse effect on the ability of the participants to learn and develop. All registration dates are published in our newsletters, on our website, as well as promoted on our Village outdoor marquees.

Listed are the dates of our annual deadlines for specific sports offered through our Sports Commissioner. Sports registration forms can be downloaded from [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under the "Sports Department" and are also available at the Village Hall. If you have any questions relative to our sports programs, please contact Sports Commissioner Joe Vitanza at (216) 883-8288, or you can email him at [joseph\\_vitanza@yahoo.com](mailto:joseph_vitanza@yahoo.com).







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### Village Hall (continued):

#### ACTIVITY

Adult Men's & Women's Softball  
Cheerleading  
Flag Football  
Fall Soccer  
Youth Basketball

#### DEADLINE DATE

July 15  
August 1  
August 1  
August 1  
October 15

### Flower Fund

For well over 30 years, our community has operated a flower fund which is funded by contributions from Village residents and employees. This fund is used to send a planter, flowers or monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of the Village resident who passed away. Any resident wishing to contribute to the fund may send their donation to the Village Hall, or drop it off at the Mayor's office during normal business hours. Please join us in keeping this tradition alive.

[Don't forget to check us out at www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)

### Service Department:

#### Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year round program – please call the Village Hall if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.

#### Yard Waste

Yard waste (i.e., grass clippings, tree branches, leaves, etc.) must be put in bags or separate trash cans, **not in the 95 gallon Village issued grey trash cans or blue recycling cans.**

#### Senior Grass Cutting

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will be cut grass free of charge for our Senior Citizens and disabled persons who qualify according to the Ordinance:

- (a) **Registrant must be sixty (60) years of age or older and must reside alone or with a spouse of like age or older**, or the registrant must be disabled and not have an able-bodied person living with him or her who is under sixty (60) years of age. **“Disabled”** means physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions of caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.
- (b) The property registered must be a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling **and the owner of the property must reside at the registered property.**





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### Service Department (continued):

#### Senior Grass Cutting (continued)

Registrant must execute a consent and release, in a form approved by the Solicitor, granting permission to the Village to provide the grass cutting service and releasing the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the cutting of grass on the registrant's property.

Please note that our Village is not responsible for grass length, the grass cutters are set at a standard height and will not be changed. If you have a dog, please clean the area of dog waste so we can cut the yard properly. ***If you have already registered in the past, then you need not re-register.***

#### Pet Waste

Please remember to pick up after your furry friends when walking them in the Village, especially on sidewalks and tree lawns.

#### 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.

#### Table and Chair Rental

Tables and chairs can be rented from the Service Department (limit of three (3) tables and 30 chairs). You must pick them up and bring them back to the garage. You will need to stop in at the Service Department and sign the loan form.

#### Pest Control

Warmer weather brings out the little critters. If pests are “bugging” you, please call Vince Monaco directly at (216) 251-7770. If he is not there, leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as he is able.

#### **Grass Cutting Reminder!**

##### **660.15 WEEDS AND GRASSES**

(a) Every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the Municipality shall cause to be cut and destroyed all Russian, Canadian or common thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, ironweed and all other noxious weeds growing or being upon such lot or land and shall cut any other weeds or grasses to a height not to exceed six inches within two days of the receipt of notice as hereinafter provided. The Service Director shall issue notice to the owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the Municipality, upon which any of the aforementioned noxious weeds, or grasses or other weeds



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### Summer Fun Recipes

*Treats that require little or no baking – to keep your kitchen cool on hot summer days.*

#### Fudgie Oatmeal No Bakes

3 cups oatmeal	½ cup milk
½ cup peanut butter	4 Tbsp. cocoa
2 cups sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
One stick margarine	

Measure out oatmeal and peanut butter, set aside. In saucepan, combine sugar, milk, margarine and cocoa. Bring to a full boil and boil for one minute, without stirring. Remove from heat, add vanilla. Stir in oatmeal and peanut butter. Drop onto waxed paper by the spoonful. Will harden as they cool. Yields approximately two dozen.



#### Special K Bars

1 cup sugar	5 cups Special K cereal or Rice Krispies
1 cup white corn syrup	1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup peanut butter, smooth or Chunky	1 cup butterscotch chips

Heat together the sugar and corn syrup, stirring frequently until mixture begins to bubble. Remove pan from burner and stir in peanut butter. Add cereal (use a large bowl, put the cereal in the bowl first and then add the peanut butter mixture). Mix well. Spread mixture into a buttered 9 x 13 pan. Cool. Melt the chocolate and butterscotch chips together over very low heat (or double boiler) then spread over the top of the cereal mixture. Cut into squares when cool. Yields two dozen.

Both of these recipes are “kid-approved.” When you bake with your children (or grandchildren), you not only get delicious cookies, *you make memories that last!*

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please send it to [w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com) and we will include it in a future newsletter.



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### Service Department (continued):

#### 660.15 WEEDS AND GRASSES (continued)

in excess of six inches, are growing or standing, to cut and/or destroy the weeds and/or grasses within two days. The notice may be served by delivering it by one or more of the following procedures: personally delivering it to the owner, occupant or person in control of the land; delivering it or mailing it by regular or certified mail at the usual place of business or residence of the owner, occupant or person in control of the land; posting it in a conspicuous place on the land involved. A separate offense shall be deemed to have occurred each day on which such weeds or grasses are allowed to stand longer than two days after the receipt of such notice.

(b) Weeds or grasses which are not removed or cut as required by division (a) hereof are declared to be nuisances. The Service Director shall cause the abatement of the nuisance and shall report the cost thereof to Council which may assess the same on the real estate on which the nuisance existed. Such remedy shall be in addition to the penalty provided in division (c) hereof.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.

(Ord. 2010-126. Passed 11-10-10; Ord. 2011-40. Passed 6-8-11)

#### 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 49<sup>th</sup> Street**

3 Bedrooms; loft office (*loft could be made to a 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom*)

\$199,000. 1<sup>st</sup> floor master bedroom; 3-1/2 Bath, Granite countertops; full bar in the basement. Move in ready!

Call (216) 409-0057



#### For Rent:

##### **6922 Grant Ave. Back**

\$500 per month

Call (216) 408-0750

##### **Willowbrook Drive**

3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, finished basement, stove, refrigerator.

No pets. Please call Maria at (216) 341-7133

