

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



August 2014

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Current Activities:

End of the Season Back to School **Neon** Party

Saturday, August 23rd 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Games, activities and prizes all night!

Bring a white t-shirt to participate in tie dying.

\$3.00 for pizza, pop and ice cream, you **DO NOT** have to be a pool pass holder to attend.

Register at the Pool Office during pool hours or email villagehall@cuyahogaheights.com



EXTENDED POOL HOURS for 2014

Monday, August 18th to Wednesday August 20th
Open Swim 1-5 p.m.
Adult Lap Swim 5 -5:45 p.m.

Saturday, August 23rd (last day of season)
Open Swim 1-5 pm.
Adult Lap swim 5-6 p.m.
End of the year Pool Party 6-10 p.m.

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:

August 25
Mayor Bacci's Trip to Kelleys Island with our Senior Citizens

October 3
Senior Citizens Flu Shot & Breakfast

October 11
Community Corn Roast

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



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From the Mayor:

August is like the Sunday of summer...and it's winding down quickly. The kids are getting ready for school and family vacations are over. We wait all winter long for summer and before you know it, it's gone. We have been working on two EDC projects and continue to move forward. Hopefully, Council and I will have some positive economic news on at least one of the two in the near future. We're preparing for our annual business luncheon in September, our senior flu shot event in October and of course, Corn Roast, besides all the other day-to-day normal business activities. We continue our commitment in making our Village a great place to live, work and play.

Around town...

Dominion East Ohio recently advised the Village that they will be making upgrades, as well as replacing a 4-inch intermediate pressure gas main on the north end of East 71st Street. The project already started and the majority of the work is confined to the sidewalk area within the right of way; it should be completed by fall.

Construction of the pavement improvements project began earlier this week on Willow Parkway and should be completed within four weeks.

Since Newburgh & South Shore Railroad, LLC refused to budget any monies for repairs to their crossings in Cuyahoga Heights, our Village went ahead and paid for the repairs to the railroad tracks on Grant Avenue and East 49th Street. These repairs have made our residents, as well as our businesses, much happier while traveling on these roads.

Pool Manager Marisa Contipelli and her staff held a Christmas in July party on July 25. Kudos to the staff for another successful event and great turnout. Special guests that evening included Santa and Mrs. Claus who posed for pictures with the children. In addition to games and crafts, the children enjoyed the movie "Elf." Our pool staff is currently gearing up for their final event on Saturday, August 23, "End of the Season - Back to School Neon Swim Party." We hope our residents, young and old, are able to attend the festivities as we bid farewell to another pool season.





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From the Mayor (*continued*):

The weather finally cleared up around mid-afternoon in Sandusky on Saturday, August 2. The Village offered residents Cedar Point tickets at half price and about 45 residents took advantage of the offer. We're happy to hear that everyone had a great time.

The Cuyahoga Heights Schools will be holding their annual senior citizens appreciation dinner on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The event also includes a performance by the CHHS marching band as well as a visit to the alumni archive room. Seniors who are not members of our senior citizens organization and did not sign up, can still attend the event by calling the Superintendent's office at 429-5702. Deadline to register is September 5. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 3 - CVS will be coming to the Village Hall to vaccinate our senior citizens (60 years of age and older) for their yearly flu shots. In addition, Nurse Socausky will be on hand to do blood work for our seniors at no charge. Additional information on this event is included in the newsletter.



Congratulations to Patrolman Ted Mackiewicz and his wife Jamie Lynn; they became parents for the first time. Addison Melaina was born on July 31, 2014. Pictured to the left is Ted with his new bundle of joy.

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Elisa Venchi who turned 97 on August 12 and to Mrs. Bernice Blue who will be 96 on August 24. May your special day bring you happiness, peace and serenity.

Please keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Bernice Blue, Ernestine Deliberato, Casey Geca, and Marge Woodrick.

Our condolences and prayers to the Perozeni family. Augusta Perozeni passed away on July 14 at the age of 100. Many of our life-long residents knew her as "Aunt Coke" and she was actually my Grandma Bacci's sister. Pictured to the right is Aunt Coke teaching a very young Brenna Angela the art of handmade ravioli.



Birthday wishes to employees in August: (1) Ross Patterson; (4) Randy Eliason & Brian Baciak; (5) Angel Motz; (14) Scott Schoeffler; (15) Jamie Lukas; (16) Wesley Unger; (20) Jasmine Wallace; (26) Michael Chase and (30) Craig Morrow.

"We should never let our fears hold us back from pursuing hopes."
~ John F. Kennedy



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From the Clerk:

The Village pool was a huge success this year. Pool Manager Marisa Contipelli did a great job of managing all the employees and scheduling some great events for the children and families. So far this year, the pool has taken in approximately \$20,000.00 in revenue from pool passes, swimming lessons, and selling pop and candy. This helps offset the cost of running the pool.

We are into our eighth month of the year, and our finances are looking solid. There have been no major financial concerns so far this year.

At the beginning of the year, we develop a report outlining our expected revenue. This is money that we expect to collect during the year from areas such as RITA taxes, permits, local government, police citations, pool passes, ambulance runs, etc. If you look at the RITA Chart I have provided, as of the middle of August, we are \$282,774.94 ahead of last year's RITA revenue at the same time. This is a good thing; we want our actual revenue to be more than our expected revenue.

We are in good shape financially, and will continue to watch our budget and adjust if necessary.

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

Month Distributed	2011	2012	2013	2014	Difference from 2013	% change from 2013
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	744,253.53	153,604.07	20.64%
AUGUST	498,636.91	602,701.42	591,619.13	576,203.92		
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	5,466,578.37	282,774.94	30.64%



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Fire Department:

Sky Lanterns



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department has recently had a few inquiries about using Sky lanterns. The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office has issued a clarification letter on the code requirements of "Sky Lanterns," also commonly known as "Wish Lanterns," "Chinese Lanterns," "Kong Ming Lanterns," or any other similar device which is set on fire and released to the atmosphere, allowing the burning object to drift uncontrollably. They are usually made of some type of paper, with a bamboo frame or other materials that can easily catch fire. As you can imagine, an open flame drifting with the winds overhead can potentially cause a fire hazard.

The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office has determined that the sky lanterns meet the definition of a flame effect. As such they are regulated under the Ohio Fire Code. Although it is not illegal to buy or possess the lanterns, you are required to have a flame effects exhibitor's license and a locally issued permit from the fire department to display/use sky lanterns. Along with the potential fire hazard they can be a health hazard to birds and animals due to many of the lanterns having a wire as part of the construction.

If you have any questions about this or other Fire/EMS issues please call us at 216-641-6799 and we will do our best to answer them.



A note from the Dispatchers: School will begin soon, please keep an eye out for the children coming and going to school. If you see anything suspicious please call the Police Department at 883-6800, we will send an officer to check it out. Also always remember to be very careful when pulling your car in and out of your driveway; sometimes children are hard to see when walking on the sidewalk. Parents, please remind your kids to watch for cars when waiting for the bus or walking to school.

TIPS FOR CALLING 911

1. Know the location of the emergency
2. When calling 911 do your best to stay calm and answer all questions
3. Is a person hurt or in danger? Do you need the police Fire or ambulance?
4. Help the 911 call taker help you
5. Know the phone number you are calling from
6. Teach your children how and when to call 911
7. Prank calls to 911 are illegal in most states
8. If you do call 911 by mistake do not hang up



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Police Department:



As you may have noticed the streets within the Village have been re-stripped. To clear up any confusion with the new parking lane on East 71st, please follow any and all signage. For example, there is no parking northbound from 6:00 am – 9:00 am Monday – Friday and no



parking southbound from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Monday – Friday. Also please remember that there is no parking on E. 49th from 6:00 am Monday to 6:00 pm Friday.

Once again fishing at Bacci Park is by permit only. Please see the Chief of Police for the permit.

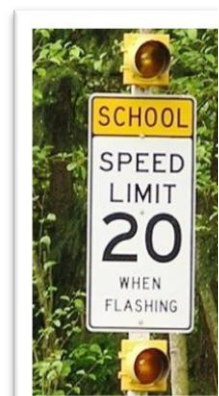


We would like to welcome our two new full time officers, **Kevin Stack** and **Jamie Lukas**. Kevin is originally from Brooklyn Heights and Jamie grew up in Cuyahoga Heights. Jamie will be keeping up the family tradition of protecting the residents of the village as he is the son of Ptl. Jamie Lukas and brother of Ptl. David Lukas. Both Kevin and Jamie will be leaving for the Ohio State Patrol Academy in Columbus for Basic Peace Officer Training until December. Then both will be placed into the department's field training program for 12 weeks with Ptl. Ken Schoeffler and Ptl. Jamie Lukas.

It's that time of year again when students will be returning to school. The first day of classes for the Cuyahoga Heights School District is Thursday, August 21, 2014. Please keep these helpful tips in mind. Together with your cooperation we can ensure that our young ones have a safe school year.

Motorists:

- Please obey the reduced School Zone Speed limit of 20 MPH.
- Stay alert and watch for children as you back out of your driveways and when crossing sidewalks.
- Stop at least 10 feet from all stopped school buses receiving and discharging students.
- Please obey all traffic direction from Police and School Crossing Guards as they supersede any traffic signal.
- Please observe all parking regulations when dropping off and picking up students.
- Remember to stop at the stop line, if you stop beyond it you could be on the crosswalk.





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Parents and Students:

- Please cross the street at designated pedestrian crosswalks and avoid stepping from between parked vehicles/school buses.
- Be alert to vehicles exiting from driveways and parking lots.
- Stay on the sidewalks and lighted areas while walking both to and from school.
- Avoid horseplay while adjacent to streets and roadways.
- Please escort younger walking students to the crossing area.
- Be alert to any suspicious persons and/or vehicles that may be along the route to campus and alert the Police ASAP!

Please feel free to stop and talk to any officer, whether it is to just say hello or inform us of any problems or suspicious behavior. We may not know of all problems within our community.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

Village Hall:

Flu Shots

In cooperation with CVS Pharmacy and the Mayor's Office, the Village of Cuyahoga Heights will once again be offering flu shots to our Village senior residents (60 years of age and older). Just like we have done in the past, the Village will pay for flu shots for our Village senior residents and employees. In addition, we will offer flu shots to our Village residents who are under 60 years of age; however, those individuals are required to pay for their flu shot at a cost of \$25.00; payment of "exact" cash or check is due the day of the shot.



The flu shots will be administered on Friday, October 3, 2014 in the Village Hall Auditorium from 9:00-10:30 a.m. As in past practice, **flu shots will be offered by reservation only**. Please call Lee Ann at the Village Hall at 641-7020, Monday through Friday during normal business hours to make your reservation. Also, please advise if you need a ride to and from the event. Deadline to register is Thursday, September 18.

Our well visit clinic will also be open that morning for our senior citizens beginning at 8:30 a.m. with our Village Nurse, Joanne Socausky – no reservation is required. If you plan on getting blood work, please do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before. We will have a light breakfast, as well as refreshments for our senior resident participants.

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.



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Village Hall (continued):

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

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. Sports registration forms can be downloaded from 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.

<u>DEADLINE DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Youth Basketball	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

Cuyahoga County Programs

[Housing Enhancement Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

This program allows homeowners in all Cuyahoga County communities (except Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls Township, and Hunting Valley) to borrow money for repairing or remodeling homes at three percentage points below a bank's market rate for home improvement loans. HELP has no restrictions on a borrower's income and few limitations on what improvements can be made to a property. Both owner-occupied and investment properties are eligible. Applications are available at any bank branch of these participating banks: First Federal of Lakewood, Huntington Bank, KeyBank, PNC Bank and U.S. Bank. For additional information, please call (216) 443-2149.



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Village Hall (cont'd):

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP is a federally funded program designed to assist eligible low-income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. Households may be eligible for assistance from HEAP if the household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Households may be eligible for assistance from PIPP Plus (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) if the household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. Call the HEAP Office at (216) 420-6830 for individual assistance.

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

This program enables eligible low and moderate income homeowners to make repairs and basic home improvements that maintain the quality of their housing and create a positive effect in the surrounding neighborhood. Loans are offered at below-market interest rates. Loan amounts are based on the approved repair needs of the property for terms up to 15 years. Interest rate and term of the loan depend on yearly (gross) income. Loans are available for one to four-family owner occupied homes. A title search, credit check and appraisal are required, and will be provided by the Program. Senior citizens 62 or older who meet eligibility and income criteria may be eligible for their Senior Deferred Loan program. The loan is deferred until the title transfers. For information call (216) 348-4066.

Weatherization

To apply for weatherization assistance in Cuyahoga County, please call (216) 651-0077.

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.**

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.”





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Service Department:

Senior Grass Cutting

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will 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.
- b. **“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.
- c. “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.**

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.
- (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)



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Service Department (continued):

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.
Realtor: Remax
Call (216) 524-0424

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.



For Rent:

6922 Grant Ave. Back

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

Willowbrook Drive

3 Bedroom, 2 ½ bath, newly
remodeled bathroom, freshly
painted, new hardwood floors,
finished basement, stove,
refrigerator. No pets. Call (216)
341-7133

5014 East 71st Street (Down)

Two bedroom, one bathroom,
newly remodeled. \$800 per
month. No pets, no smoking.
Call (440) 717-0665

4953 East 71st Street (Down)

Three bedroom, central air, No
Pets. Call (216) 271-4532

Pet Waste

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



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.

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.

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.

Building Department:

During the recent home exterior inspection follow-ups, I noted many homes with missing or illegible house numbers. For safety reasons, as well as identification, all homes must comply with clear, readable house numbers visible from the street.

By now you should have received your follow-up letter for the recent home exterior inspections. Please remember to notify Norm Casini in the Building Department when the maintenance items have been completed, or if you require additional time to complete the repairs.



Have a safe Labor Day weekend

Village Hall/Service Department is closed on Monday,
September 1

Garbage pick up on Tuesday September 2

Special Pick up on Wednesday September 3

Charity Pick up on Thursday September 4

The Village Directory

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641-7020

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8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and
1:00-4:30 p.m.

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Sports Commissioner, 883-8288



ANY Emergency 911

Fire Department 641-6799

Animal Control 641-3505

Building Dept. 641-7020
Bus Reservations 641-7020
CHS Elementary 429-5880
CHS Middle School 429-5757
CHS High School 429-5707

Pest Control 251-7770

Police Department 883-6800
Senior Clinic 520-0927
Service Department 641-3505
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