

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

September 2014

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Current Activities:



Last Call – Flu Shots

Senior citizens flu shot and breakfast event will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014 in the auditorium at the Village Hall between 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Deadline to register is Thursday, September 18.**



Community Corn Roast

Our 4th annual corn roast will be held at Bacci Park on Saturday, October 11 from 4:00-11:00 p.m. New items to this year's program are pony rides, photo booth, and a kids' zone with crafts and games. Hope to see you there! A flyer is included with this newsletter.

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

Future Important Dates:

October 3
Senior Citizens Flu Shot & Breakfast

October 11
Community Corn Roast

October 26
Halloween party for all residents and resident grandchildren. See attached flyer for additional information

October 31
Happy Halloween! Trick or treat will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

November 4
Election Day - General Election
Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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From the Mayor:

Around town...

From all accounts the “End of the Season Back to School Neon Swim Party” on Saturday, August 23 was a huge success...and well attended by non residents. Over 100 kids and parents showed up that night. In addition to tie-dyeing, the kids enjoyed their glow in the dark necklaces. We were glad to hear that everyone had a great time. I would like to thank our Pool Managers and staff for all the great events that were planned throughout the summer.

It's been several years since we've had this much attention in town, but one of our newest companies, Universal Windows had their Grand Opening on Sunday, August 24 at 4565 Willow Parkway, formerly the Stanek Windows building. I, along with several councilpersons, staff, and department heads attended the ribbon cutting ceremony that afternoon; it was a great way to meet our new neighbors. During the event, former Cleveland Browns Kevin Mack and Hanford Dixon were on hand signing autographs. In addition, The Bone Lady and Chomps were walking around taking pictures with guests. ESPN 850 AM WKNR were also on the premises doing a live broadcast. If you're ever looking for windows, siding, doors, gutter protection or attic insulation -- this is the company to go to. Their office number is (440) 786-1400, or stop and see their new showroom...it's AMAZING!



On Monday, August 25, I took 24 of our senior citizens along with our department heads to Kelley's Island for the day. You couldn't have asked for a nicer day - not too hot and not a drop of rain. Once again our seniors enjoyed a day out of town, enjoying each other's company and of course, eating some delicious and fresh Lake Erie Walleye and Perch for lunch. I also picked up sweet corn from Bergman Orchards in Marblehead and gave it to our seniors for their annual picnic the next day at Klima Gardens. And from what I heard, the corn was very good! I hope to continue this tradition with our seniors in the future.



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From the Mayor (*continued*):



If you're not a registered voter, or if you need to make a status change to your name or address, you need to do so 30 days prior to the upcoming General Election which will be held on Tuesday, November 4. Forms are available, as well as "Vote by Mail Ballot Applications" at the Village Hall during regular business hours. This election will include the race for Governor which is between John Kasich and Ed FitzGerald. Do your part and exercise your right to vote.

Just a Reminder: Save the date for Monday, January 5, 2015. This is the date you are able to reserve Klima Gardens for the 2015 season. Try to stop in and see Lee Ann as soon as possible, because we all know the weekends for the summer months go very quickly.

Congratulations to Councilwoman Cheryl Harris who became a great-grandma again. Her granddaughter Ashley gave birth to a baby boy on July 26. Alexander Corbin weighed in at 8-lbs., 21.5-inches long. Baby and mother are doing well and big brother Sebastian loves his new little buddy.



We're happy to hear that Mr. Howard Combs, Sr., Councilwoman Lois Henley and Mr. Dennis Vanek are home and doing well. Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Debbie Bloam, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mary Jane Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, Mr. Frank Schoeffler and Mrs. Marge Woodrick.

Don't forget to come out and join us for our 4th annual Corn Roast on Saturday, October 11 at Bacci Park from 4:00-11:00 p.m. We've added a few new activities to this year's program, as well as some additional food items. Our Boy Scouts will be back again to help us with the "Not So Scary Hay Ride" at dusk. This event is a great way to get our school district community together as well as helping some of our smaller groups with additional funding (*Cross Country, Music Boosters, Art Club, Boy Scout Troop 28*). The event also helps our students attain their community service hours. Hope to see you there!



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From the Clerk:

Summer is coming to an end, and we are gearing up to finish Fiscal Year 2014. After having gone through 2/3 of the year, we have spent 70% of our budgeted amount in the General Fund, and received 70% of our expected revenue in the General Fund for 2014. We are right on track with our expenses and revenue, and our finances are solid. We have accomplished many projects this year, and the Village looks great. The pool was a huge success, and the Service Department employees continue to keep our Village sharp and clean.

As we enter the last part of the year, we will continue to control our spending, and watch our budgets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, or stop in my office anytime, 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	616,110.30	24,491.17	3.98%
SEPTEMBER	589,364.22	593,358.57	641,230.39	566,134.45		
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	6,072,619.20	307,266.11	34.62%



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Fire Department:



Fire Department News

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. During our visit we will be available to assist you in replacing your batteries or answering any fire prevention questions you may have. If you are not at home on your scheduled Sunday we will leave the bag at your door. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to schedule a return visit to your home.

Non-emergency number - 216-641-6799

Sunday, October 05th

East 49th Street
Grant Ave.

Sunday, October 12th

East 71st Street

Sunday, October 19th

Willowbrook Drive
Bletch and Marcelline Courts
East 72nd Place
Dressler Court

Dispatch:

Check the locks—and use them: In almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves get in through unlocked doors or crawl through unlocked windows. Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock. Key-in-the-knob locks alone are not enough.

- Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they are not properly secured. Install a commercially available lock or put a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door. To prevent the door being lifted off the track, drill a hole through the slide door frame and the fixed frame; then insert a pin in the hole.
- Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pin" your windows by drilling a small hole at a 45-degree angle between the inner and outer frames, then insert a nail that can be removed. Secure basement windows with grilles or grates.
- Instead of hiding keys around the outside of your home, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.
- When you move into a new house or apartment, re-key the locks.

Check the outside:

Look at your house from the outside and consider the following:

Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night.



- Keep your yard clean. Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that could be used to climb to an upper-level window.
- If you travel, create the illusion that you're at home by installing timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house at appropriate times. Lights burning 24 hours a day signal an empty house.
- Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions. And don't let your mail pile up: Call the post office to stop delivery or have a neighbor pick it up.
- Make a list of your valuables - TVs, stereos, computers, jewelry. Take photos of the items, list their serial numbers and description.



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Police Department:

Top 10 Simple Ways to Discourage Break-ins



When thinking about how to prevent break-ins from happening to you, there are a few things you should keep in mind. When thieves break into homes, there's a greater chance of them doing so during the day when many people are at work. Also, around 40 percent of annual household burglaries in the United States are not forced entries, meaning someone was able to walk, climb or crawl inside of houses almost as easily as if the owners left a key in the door [source: Bureau of Justice Statistics].

To keep unwanted intruders out of your home, you don't have to turn your property into a suburban Fort Knox. There are many solutions that require no money at all — just a little common sense.

- **Don't Showboat**

Don't leave items lying around the yard that could spark the interest of a would be burglar. If you buy a new T.V., appliance, or electronics, cut the box up before discarding it. Leaving it on a tree lawn could bring attention to your home. Open your blinds / curtains and see what can be seen from the street. If you can see it so can they.

- **Tricking Burglars**

Remember, more break-ins occur during the day when many people are at work. For that reason, when you leave the house, create an illusion that someone's still there. You can leave a light on, along with music or your television for good measure.

- **Secure Sliding Doors and Windows**

Sticking a pipe in the track for the sliding door will keep the slider from pushing open if the lock is picked. The same goes for windows, although a simple nail in the door frame could do the trick.

- **Don't Leave a Spare Key Out**

If you have to leave it out think of a unique place and use a combination lock box. Here are a few bad places: a fake rock, under the flower pot, or under a door mat. Or leave a spare with a trusted neighbor or nearby friend.

- **Secure Your Yard**

Tall shrubs and overgrown trees are welcome hiding places for criminals to wait until the coast is clear to get into your house. Low shrubs in front of windows remove additional covering for thieves if they attempt to break in through one. Cut away any tall tree branches that reach upper story windows.



- **Get Police Help**

If you're leaving town for a while, let the police know and request a house watch. We will do a perimeter check of your house a minimum of three times a day.

- **Prepare Before Vacation**

Besides the house watch, inform a trusted neighbor(s) to keep an eye on your house. Stop or have someone collect your newspaper and mail. Make arrangements for the grass to be cut if gone for more than a week. In the winter make sure someone plows or shovels the snow.



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Police Department (*continued*):

- **Know Your Neighbors**

Getting to know the people you live around is one of the most important safety steps you can take. Closer-knit neighborhoods generally report fewer break-ins because strangers will stick out, and people are more likely to keep a casual eye on other people's security.

- **Stay Vigilant!**

Although it's nice to know you have people watching out for you in your neighborhood, you also need to watch out for yourself. If you aren't paying attention to what you're doing, you could unknowingly be rolling out a red carpet for a burglar to waltz through your front door. Be careful of social media. *Most of us are guilty of posting those vacation pictures or checking in on* Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. That just tells people that there might just be an empty home.

- **Lock it Up**

As mentioned earlier 40 percent of break-ins happen without the use of force. That means a lot of people are leaving their houses without locking the doors and windows. Also don't forget to lock your cars in your driveway.

Although we try to make sure the road is covered at all times there may be instances when you may not see a patrol vehicle for the CHPD for an extended period of time. The CHPD would like to remind everyone that if you see a suspicious person walking around the neighborhood to please call and inform us. We will go investigate that person. **You are not bothering us** and we are more than happy to assist you in any way possible.



With school back in session, remember to keep an eye on the children walking to and from school. If you see anything unusual give us a call. Also remember to stop for buses and remember the school zone speed limit is 20 MPH.

As always, 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. Let's be partners in keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and play.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

All other calls please use 216-883-6800





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Village Hall:



Birthday wishes to employees in September: (5) Mark Davis; (9) Todd Bloam; (14) Ken Klir; (17) Debbie Reiger; (18) Brad Unger; and (24) Traci Ricco.

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 Socauský – 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.

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.

DEADLINE DATE
Youth Basketball

ACTIVITY
October 15

Don't forget to check us out at www.cuyahogaheights.com



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Village Hall (cont'd):

NEORSD Open House

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, located at 4747 East 49th Street is hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour the Sewer District's Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant. Try the Sewer District's lab and get your hands dirty, or visit the Great Lakes Science Center's traveling Fab Lab! Journey into the wild with Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks mobile exhibit! Weather permitting, Captain Neo will present you with special highlights of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium's work! See the heavy-duty equipment the Sewer District uses every day. Kids can make slime, meet Wally Waterdrop and more. That's 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., get there early – plant tours book up and the last tour leaves at 1 p.m. Plus, drop off your unwanted medicine or mercury thermometers. Your Sewer District, keeping our Great Lake great. For more information, log onto neorsd.org or call (216) 881-8247.

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.”

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.

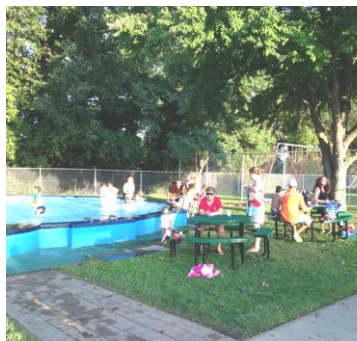
(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.

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



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Farewell to Summer 2014





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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 Bedrooms, 2 ½ bath, newly
remodeled bathroom,
Freshly painted, new hardwood
floors, finished basement,
Central Air, Stove, refrigerator.
Call (216) 269-4320

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. Please be advised that tables and chairs are not permitted to leave the Village. If they are taken out of the Village, you will lose this privilege.

Building Department:

The follow-up letters to the Summer 2013 maintenance reviews issued to all homeowner have been mailed.

We are thankful to most homeowners and occupants for their cooperation by correcting the items identified or responding for additional time. We have some, not many, that must communicate with the Building Department as to the status of the remaining repairs needed. After all, well-kept aesthetically pleasing homes support values in many ways. Remember grants are available pursuant to passage of Community Housing Maintenance Grant Program by the Mayor and Council

Renters: Please advise your property owner of their obligation to annually provide the Building Department a Certificate of Rental Property Occupancy per C.O. 1494.02(c)(2).

The Village Directory

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

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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
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