

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

October 2014

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## Current Activities:



### Community Corn Roast

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

### Village Halloween Party

Plan to attend the Village Halloween Party, Sunday, October 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. All Village children and grandchildren are invited. Don't forget to wear a costume!



## 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:

**Sunday, October 26**  
Village Halloween Party 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
See attached flyer

**Friday, October 31**  
Trick or Treat 6-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 4**  
Election Day

Village Hall

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



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### From the Mayor:

#### *Around town...*

On Friday, September 19 we held our fall luncheon at Klima Gardens with the various businesses in our community. We provided our guests with some good grub -- our traditional yellow perch aka "*Lake Erie's Swimming Gold*" that I caught last fall and this past spring. Again, we were told that it was fantastic! In addition to spending some time with our businesses, it also gives them the opportunity to network within the community. I've provided a page with pictures from the event, and as always, I want to thank our staff for making this event an on-going success.

I was able to spend the morning of Friday, October 3 with some of our senior citizens at our annual flu shot and breakfast event at the Village Hall. One of our seniors commented that she looks forward to this get together because it gives her a chance to sit back, relax and talk with her neighbors. We enjoy getting together with our elders in the community and will continue this tradition in the future.



Village resident, Jesse James grew several prized tomatoes in his garden this summer. His neighbor, Mrs. Lillian Bacci was so impressed by the beautiful tomatoes that she had to weigh them. Each tomato weighed 2.5-lbs. Kudos to Jesse for his amazing gardening skills. Pictured to the left are Jesse and my Mom, Mrs. Bacci.

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Tomi Sonoda who celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 4. "*May your birthday be filled with the beauty of nature and blessings the whole year through.*"

Birthday wishes to employees in October: (4) Dave Volek; (5) Rick Baciak; (6) Jason Grabowski; (11) Steve Harris; (20) Betty Yarmesch and (23) Sandy Stover.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Debbie Bloam, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mr. Howard Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, Mrs. Irene Kloss, Mrs. Sandy Waldemarson and Mrs. Marge Woodrick.



#### *Just around the corner...*

You don't want to miss out on our annual Halloween party which takes place on Sunday, October 26 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens. The party is open to all residents, resident children and grandchildren. There will be entertainment, food, refreshments, and fun! Come dressed in your Halloween costume.



Trick or Treat will take place on Halloween, Friday, October 31 during the bewitching hours of 6:00-7:30 p.m. For those residents that are giving out candy, please turn your porch light on so that children know they can stop by. Have fun, but be courteous and respectful to your neighbors.

**"Fall Behind"** - Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 2. Don't forget to move your clock back 1 hour.



# Mayor's Business Luncheon





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### From the Clerk:

We are moving into the end of the year and 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. We are continually trying to bring new businesses to our Village which would bring in more revenue.

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 and that is why I attach the RITA chart. These numbers are a critical part of how we operate throughout the year. We rely heavily on this revenue stream.

If you look at the chart, you will see that since 2011, our yearly RITA revenue has increased every year. So far this year we have taken in \$6,745,268.19, a 3.23% increase over 2013. These are good numbers, and we expect to beat last year's total revenue number of \$7,673,272.28.

Although the economy is getting better, we are very cautious in our budgets and our spending.

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

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	607,652.11	(33,578.28)	-5.53%
OCTOBER	654,241.55	733,896.34	598,372.95	631,131.33		
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>6,745,268.19</b>	<b>273,687.83</b>	<b>3.23%</b>



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### Police Department:

With Halloween right around the corner your safety and the safety of our children is our top concern. **Trick or Treat, October 31st 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Officers will be out as in recent years on foot and in cars. If you see ANY suspicious, criminal, or dangerous activity please stop one of the officers and let them know or call 911.

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
  
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

*Please take a look at the Halloween safety tip sheet (National Safety Council) that is included with this newsletter.*



**HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

If you are driving please be extra cautious follow all traffic laws and parking signs. Remember to keep an eye out for little ghosts and goblins running around.

Most importantly **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

Also as adults walking your children around, please remember the ordinance against walking around with open containers (including mugs filled with adult beverages)

#### **612.07 B3: OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED**

(B) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following circumstances:

(3) In any other public place

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN**





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### Police Dept. (continued):

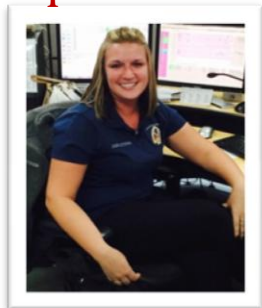


#### TRAINING

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department has recently been trained to carry the TASER X2. Ptl. David Lukas who is a certified TASER instructor put the officers through a three hour course which consisted of classroom and practical. Officers learned the parts of the device and went over the CHPD TASER policy. After completing two written tests the officers, while using training cartridges practiced firing the TASER at a cardboard target. Following that officers were hooked up to the prongs and experienced the effects of the TASER. This will give officers another, more effective tool to help with unruly suspects.



### Dispatch:



Meet one of our new Dispatchers:

Meet the newest member of our Dispatch Center, Ms. Danielle Short; she was a Dispatcher for the City of Brook Park for about two years before joining our Dispatch unit in September. If you hear Danielle on the phone, please welcome her to our fine Village.

#### Things to Watch For on Halloween for your pet

Halloween is a fun time for kids and many adults, but can be a frightening and stressful time for your pets. As a pet owner, you know your pet best, but here are some points to consider for your pet's safety.

- **Continual doorbell ringing and people at the door** (in costume, no less!) can be stressful for a pet. Some pets may experience stress-related diarrhea or potentially injure themselves if crated or otherwise contained. Keep your pet in a quiet and safe place on Halloween **Strangers in costume** - some animals may become unexpectedly aggressive or fearful, even normally friendly pets.
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- **Candles and Jack-O'-Lanterns** within a pet's range are a fire hazard. Wagging tails and frightened cats zooming through the house can easily tip over a candle or carved pumpkin, causing burns or a fire.
- **Keep your pets indoors** on Halloween night, especially black cats. Animals are at risk for cruel treatment by some Halloween pranksters. Many adoption agencies and humane societies will not allow adoption of black cats around Halloween for this reason.



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### Dispatch (continued):

- **Candy** - For many people, Halloween = candy. Many pets have a sweet tooth. Please warn children not to share their goodies with the family pet.

#### Candy Concerns

Candies, gums, mints, baked goods and chocolate containing the "sugar free" sweetener [xylitol](#) are especially poisonous, causing rapid hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver failure in dogs and possibly other species. [Chocolate is toxic](#) to pets. Granted, a 50 pound dog would have to eat about 50 ounces of milk chocolate (but only 5 ounces of baking chocolate) for a toxic dose, but much smaller amounts can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Signs of chocolate toxicity include tremors, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, increased heart rate, and in severe cases, seizures and death. If you suspect that your pet has eaten chocolate, consult your veterinarian. Other candies, such as lollipops and those with plastic components, pose a danger if ingested. Lollipop sticks and plastic parts can cause intestinal obstruction and potentially rupture the intestines, which is a life-threatening emergency.

#### Look at the variety of pet costumes! How can I resist?

Halloween costumes for pets have been around for many years. While the costumes can be entertaining for the human counterparts, caution is advised before dressing your pet up.

While viewed as fun and adorable for some pet owners, caution is advised when putting a costume on a pet. A pet in costume should NEVER be left alone and unsupervised.

Tight elastics on the costumes can get lost in the pet's hair, potentially causing owners to overlook them, leading to swelling and pain in the area of the elastic.

Some pets, if left alone in costume, may chew it up and ingest it. This *could* cause intestinal obstruction if more than small shreds of material are consumed.

If the costumed pet escapes or is frightened away, the costume could entangle the pet on trees, fences, etc.



### Fire Department:

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors** come in different shapes and can be purchased in combination with a smoke alarm. They can be installed at any level or on the ceiling.

It is that time of year that we will be spending a lot more of our time indoors. Please take the time to think about the silent killer that unfortunately takes a number of lives here in Ohio each year.



#### **Carbon Monoxide (CO)**

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that can kill you when inhaled. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless and can kill you without warning. Carbon monoxide cannot be detected without a carbon monoxide detector/alarm.



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### Fire Department (continued):

#### Sources of Carbon Monoxide (CO)

CO is a product of incomplete combustion. Any fuel-burning device may produce dangerous levels of CO Gas. Examples include:

- Furnaces (non-electric)
- Gas Water heaters
- Generators
- Fireplaces and wood stoves
- Gas stoves
- Non-electric space heaters
- Gas dryers
- Charcoal grills
- Lawnmowers, snow blowers, etc.
- Automobiles

#### Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning (CO)

Don't be fooled, CO poisoning can present like other illnesses (headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion which can escalate to unconsciousness and death). If you suspect carbon monoxide call 911 immediately.

### Village Hall:

#### 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. 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).

DEADLINE DATE  
Youth Basketball

ACTIVITY  
October 15

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





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### Village Hall (continued):

The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Village Hall. This election will include the race for Governor, County Executive, etc. We have all the information on all the races and issues. If anyone has any questions, please contact the Village Hall. Do your part as an American citizen and exercise your right to vote.



### Service Hours Opportunity

If you are a student in need of service hours – we have a fun option for you. Come and help with the Annual Village Halloween Party. The event will be held at Klima Gardens on Sunday, October 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jen Ulery at 883-2477 or Howie Combs at 276-4040. Have fun while getting credit for service hours.





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### 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.”

#### 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.

#### Snow Removal Program

***Residential Snow Removal Program*** for our 2014/2015 season.

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.



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### Service Department (continued):

#### **Rentals:**

##### **6922 Grant Avenue (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 71<sup>st</sup> Street (Down)**

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

##### **4929 E 71st St. - Back half**

Available Oct. 1, 2014  
2 Bedroom, 3 full baths, Appliances, Gas Fireplace, Garage, No pets \$1,100 a month; 1st & last, plus deposit. (216) 883-0735  
e-mail: [CuyHtsRental@aol.com](mailto:CuyHtsRental@aol.com)

#### **For Sale:**

##### **4719 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street**

4 Bedrooms; 3-bath colonial very well maintained home 1,950 sq. ft. living area/ 65 x 901.5 lot \$239,900  
Call (216) 406-5126

##### **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

- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Scott Waldemarson at 216-641-3505.

Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.

#### **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**

Cooler weather finds pests trying to find a warm place to winter over. 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.