

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



November 2014

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Current Activities:

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day Observed

Village Hall and Service Department Closed

Special Pick Up will resume on Wednesday November 12th.



Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day Observed

Village Hall and Service Department Closed



Friday, November 28

Post Thanksgiving Day Observed - Village

Hall and Service Department Closed

Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Stockings

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting us on Sunday, December 21 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and delivering Christmas stockings to our resident children of Cuyahoga Heights who are between the ages of 0-10. They will also be delivering gift certificates to our resident children who are 11 and 12 years of age.

Please note that you **must** register your children for them to receive a stocking or gift certificate. A registration form has been provided with this newsletter. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 3.**

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:

Wednesday, December 3

Deadline for Christmas Stockings

Sunday, December 21

Santa Visits Resident Children

Santa will also pick up food for the needy as he makes his rounds

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve - Village Hall & Service Department Closed

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day - Village Hall & Service Department Closed

Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:

Around Town

I wanted to take this opportunity and thank everyone who came out and supported our annual community Corn Roast. The weather was picture perfect and well attended by residents, family and friends. New attractions this year were pony rides, kids zone and photo booth which were a huge hit with the kids, as well as the magic show which was “standing room” only. Congratulations to Renato Contipelli and Russell Hartman - this year’s “Corn Hole Champions.” Unfortunately, Dave Sammons and I were off our game and unable to retain the title. I also wanted to thank the Village Council and Clerk for supporting and allowing us the opportunity to make this event happen. And thank you to our staff, departmental employees, volunteers, students, and everyone who helped out in any way...we couldn’t have done it without you! We look forward to next year’s event and are currently in the process of securing a date.

On Friday, October 24 we were finally able to present the CHHS Lady Redskins Softball Team with a proclamation, as well as a championship pennant. The pennant hangs below our Village flag at both monumental walls in the Village. We are so very proud of these athletes and coaches on such a historical achievement for our school...congratulations again! Pictured to the right is a photo from that evening.



By all accounts, everyone who attended our Halloween party on Sunday afternoon, October 26 had a great time. In fact, we had about 160 people in attendance. This year’s magician was amazing - and he kept the kids attention the entire time. There was also a photo booth

which the older kids, as well as the adults enjoyed. I would like to thank Howie Combs and Jennifer Ulyer for all their efforts in making this event a success.

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11. *“Veterans Day is to celebrate the soldiers who are still alive and served in the forces at anytime, during peace or war.”* This might be their designated day, but we as American citizens should honor and thank them every day – for giving their service, commitment and heroism to our country so that we can enjoy the freedom and life we have been accustomed to. At this time, I would like to acknowledge and thank those Veterans that live in our Village: Neal Cash, Howie



Combs, Dave Domzalski, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Jim Meadwell, Joseph Nagy, Tom Nova, Sr., Ed Ranch, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso, Jr., and Richard Wallace. Please keep Joe Brotowski and Hunter Krenisky in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our country - stay well and stay safe. God Bless!

We hope everyone will stop by and join us for our annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday evening, November 28 as

we prepare for the holiday season with Christmas caroling, hot cocoa, cookies and a very special visit by Santa! Additional information on the event is included with this newsletter.

As most of you know, our Historical Committee Chairperson Mrs. Katherine Swartout recently moved to Arizona. She has been a valuable asset to the committee by donating her time, energy and knowledge - she is a great lady and surely will be missed. However, on a positive note, she will continue to publish the “Willow House Times” via long distance and to that...we thank you Mrs. Swartout!

Corn Roast





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From the Mayor (cont'd):

Since Mrs. Swartout's departure, we have appointed Mark Chase to the committee and are very excited, as he too has a vast knowledge of our Village's history. Other members on the committee are: Barb Bartczak, Laura Hine, Irma Schab and Sandy Waldemarson. I would like to thank each of the members for their contribution in serving on the committee in preserving and educating residents and friends alike on the history of Cuyahoga Heights.

Congratulations to Brenna Bacci, she was one of two students from Cuyahoga Heights High School that were selected to be participants in the "Look Up to Cleveland" program for the 2014-2015 school year. "Look Up to Cleveland" is a leadership development and civic awareness program for high school juniors. Participants develop skills for student leadership while becoming advocates for our Northeast Ohio community. They engage with the government, business, and community leaders who are guiding the revitalization of our city and build new friendships with a diverse peer group from across Cuyahoga County.

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Beatrice Duber (*aka Aunt Bea*) who celebrated her 75th birthday on November 3. *"As you celebrate the joys of 75, may you be surrounded by love, may you find many peaceful moments, and may you be blessed with happiness."*

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Pat Koran, Tom Nova; (3) Councilwoman Barb Biro; (10) Tom Kekelis; (27) Clerk Bob Unger and (28) Mark Hine.

Congratulations to Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash who celebrates her 25th anniversary working for our Village on November 20.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato and Mr. Casey Geca. Welcome back home -- Mrs. Sandy Waldemarson.

On October 16 our Village Engineer Todd Sciano and his wife Marie had their second child. Carlo Thomas Sciano was born at 9:12 a.m., weighing in at 7-lbs., 3-oz., and 18.9-inches in length. There were some complications - so please keep baby Carlo in your prayers.

Our condolences and prayers to Roylene, Tom and Jack Sample on the passing of Mrs. Marge Woodrick (*Roylene's Mother*); she passed away on October 29 after being ill. Marge was a fixture of our community, and at one time, very involved with our Recreation Board. Marge always donated her time to the Village, whether helping out before the Memorial Day parade passing out doughnuts and coffee - to helping in the kitchen preparing food for after the parade. You would always see her at our annual Halloween parties helping out and serving refreshments. She was a wonderful and kind person who truly will be missed.





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Village resident Mr. Cleri Adorni passed away on October 12, he was 91 years old, and resident John Chudzinski passed away suddenly on October 25. Please keep all families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. *"Not what we say about our blessings...but how we use them is the true measure of our Thanksgiving."*

Village Hall:

Medical Equipment Exchange:

In the interest of neighbor helping neighbor, the Village is glad to assist its residents who want to donate over-the-counter medical equipment (*such as walkers, canes, and bedside toilets*) that are gently used and in good condition to other residents in need of such equipment. If you are in need of this equipment, or have some to spare, feel free to contact Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski at 341-3024 for assistance.

Student in Need of Service Hours?

The annual Village tree lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, November 28. If you are in need of service hours, we are in need of you. Please contact either Jennifer Ulery at (216) 513-3508 or Howie Combs at (216) 798-9781.

Building Department:

Winter Safety Tips

- Never use fuel-burning appliances (such as propane, kerosene, and charcoal) which give off toxic fumes unless direct vented to the outside.
- Check all electric heaters for proper wiring.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire in fireplaces.
- Never close fireplace dampers when ashes are hot.
- Make sure that fireplaces are screened or protected to contain embers.
- Check fireplace and chimneys excess (soot and/or creosote) at least once a year prior to the first use of the season.
- Furnace should be checked before each winter/summer use for filters – filters should be changed every month or as recommended by the filter manufacturer.





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From the Clerk:

As we look towards the end of another year, our finances are very solid. All of our bills are paid and we will end the year with money in the bank. I project that we will surpass our beginning of the year estimates and end the year with a larger surplus in the bank than we originally estimated at the beginning of the year.

As you can see from the RITA chart, the revenue that we receive from taxes will be approximately 4% higher than last year. The other major variable in our revenue stream is the revenue we receive from the speed cameras. This money does not go into our General Fund, but into the Capital Projects Fund. It can only be used for large projects and not for employee's salaries.

Our budgets are constantly monitored by the Mayor and me. At the end of each month, I email the Expense Report to all of the department heads and the Mayor. This helps them stay within their budgets and control costs. There are no surprises, and when a department goes over budget, they are asked to explain the discrepancy and have a plan to correct it. The Mayor and I are both constantly assessing our financial situation. At this time, we are sound financially, and looking ahead to budgeting for next year.

The Mayor, Council, and I have all worked very hard to make the right choices regarding the budget and spending while maintaining a surplus in the bank for emergencies. As the Clerk, I am very comfortable with our cash position and will continue to work with the Mayor and Council to keep our Village solvent.

If you have any questions or comments, my door is always open. Please call or stop by my office.

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	607,652.11	(33,578.28)	-5.53%
OCTOBER	654,241.55	733,896.34	598,372.95	676,923.26	78,550.31	11.60%
NOVEMBER	511,005.62	597,551.17	628,902.62	541,978.91		
DECEMBER	657,839.82	528,832.16	605,547.68			
TOTAL	7,122,176.79	7,527,753.11	7,673,272.28	7,333,039.03	352,238.14	4.07%



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Police Department:



PROMOTIONS

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to congratulate Patrolmen Kenneth Schoeffler and Joseph Wallace on their promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Both Schoeffler and Wallace have been serving the Village of Cuyahoga Heights as police officers for 15 years.

Did you know?

State law prohibits texting while driving.

Ohio Revised Code: 4511.204

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Codified Ordinance: 432.45

If you're under age 18:

It is illegal to use any electronic wireless communications device while driving in Ohio.

This means:

No texting

No e-mailing

No talking on your cell phone, Bluetooth, Bluetooth speakers, On-Star or any similar device

No computers, laptops or tablets

No playing video games

No using your GPS (unless it's a voice-operated or hands-free device)

Even when you are sitting at a light or stuck in traffic

It's a Primary Offense: Law enforcement can stop you for any of the above reasons.

First violation: \$150 fine, driver license suspended for 60 days

Second and/or subsequent violations: \$300 fine, driver license suspended for one year

Exceptions: Pre-programmed GPS, vehicles in a stationary position and outside a lane of travel, emergency calls to law enforcement, hospital, fire department, etc.

Adult drivers (18 years or older):

It is Illegal to use a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text while driving in Ohio.

Minor misdemeanor, could face a fine of up to \$150



National Teen's Don't Text and Drive Week: November 17 – 23, 2014

Take the pledge at www.itcanwait.com



FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

All other calls please use 216-883-6800



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Police Department (cont'd):



Training

The members of the CHPD were also recently re-trained in CPR. The refresher course was taught by the fire department. The training included CPR (adult, child, and infant), AED, and Heimlich maneuver (choking). Members of the CHPD had to not only go over the verbal instruction but also had to practice their technique on the test dummies.

Dispatch:



The 5 W's to remember when calling 911

Where: Where is the emergency occurring; at your location or another location?

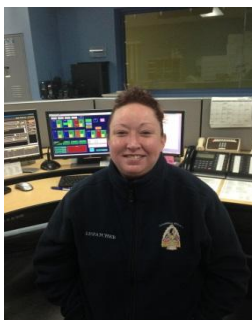
What: What is going on? Why is this happening?

When: When did the emergency occur?

Who: Who needs help? Who is calling?

Weapons: Any weapons involved in your emergency?

Residents please update the dispatch center with any new telephone numbers you would like added or numbers that may need to be removed from our Swiftreach emergency contact system. This would include if you no longer have a house phone (land line) and only use a cell phone. The Swiftreach system is for emergency notifications. The phone numbers are kept strictly confidential and not given out to the public. You may also make these changes on the Village webpage.



Please welcome our newest full time Dispatcher, Melissa Mackiewicz; she worked for the South Euclid Police for seven years before coming to the Cuyahoga Heights Police.



Fire Department:

Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- » Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- » Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- » Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- » Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- » Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- » Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- » Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- » Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- » Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly **grounded**.

Check the **outdoor vent** flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

- ! The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.



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NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education



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Service Department:

Rentals:

6922 Grant Avenue (Back)

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

5014 East 71st 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

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

Leaf Pick Up

Fall is here 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.



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.**

Just a Friendly Reminder:

All trash must be placed in garbage bags prior to disposing of in the Village issued trash cans. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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.

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.

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.