

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



December 2014

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Current Activities:

Sunday, December 21

Santa Visits Resident Children

***Santa and helpers will also be picking up food for the needy as he makes his rounds. Leave your perishable items on your front porch.*

Christmas Decorating Lighting Contest

Turn your lights on by 5:00 p.m.
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve - Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas! Village Hall and Service
Department Closed



Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings (regular)

Second Wednesday of the month
Caucus at 6 p.m.
Business Meeting at 7 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Zoning Board Meetings

Third 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:

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day - Village Hall and Service
Department Closed

Friday, January 2

Village Hall and Service Department
Closed

Village Hall

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



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From the Mayor:

Around town

I would like to thank everyone who came out and attended our annual tree lighting event. We had a great turn out and it was nice to see so many residents. I wanted to thank Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School music teacher Angelo Bertolone, Jennifer Ulery, student volunteers, resident bakers, and anyone who helped out in any way to make this event possible. We truly appreciate it and couldn't do it without your support. I also want to thank Santa for taking time from his busy schedule at the North Pole to stop by and visit with the children.

Residents Adam Walko and Kathryn Banaszak tied the knot on Saturday, November 15 at St. Stanislaus in Slavic Village. Also on the same day -- Zach Snoddy, grandson of Mavis Snoddy, married Courtney Hustack at St. Barnabas in Northfield. Wishing both couples a life of happiness, love and laughter...congratulations!

Congratulations to Frank and Kim Schoeffler who became grandparents once again; Alice Lodena Schoeffler was born on November 25.

Don't forget that Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting our resident children on Sunday, December 21. If you haven't registered your child for a stocking, please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall as soon as possible. We will also be having a food drive during that time to help out those that are less fortunate. Any residents wishing to donate non perishable items -- please have the items on your front porch and our helpers will pick it up as Santa goes around town. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to Service Director Scott Waldemarson who celebrates his 20th anniversary working for our Village on December 19.

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.

December birthday wishes to employees: (4) Brenda Poole; (12) Vince Trusso; (14) Wendy Heinzman; (15) Diane Simmons; (16) Lou Franko; (20) Joe Vitanza; (21) Howard Selig; and (30) Frank Trusso. Happy Birthday!

The best gifts can't often be packed inside a box. How can you wrap laughter, love, conversation or tears? These memories can only be wrapped by one's heart. Take this holiday season -- and put down the phones -- spend time amongst family and friends and enjoy the gift of life. And please continue to keep our very own, Joe Brotosky and Hunter Krenisky, and all others serving in the military in your thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of myself, our administration, and all elected officials, we wish everyone a very Merry & Blessed Christmas.

God Bless,



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Tree Lighting





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From the Clerk:

We are at the end of another year and as I have stated for the past 11 months, we are sound financially and will head into 2015 with all our bills paid and money in the bank. I am estimating that we will have approximately \$1.2 to \$1.5 million in our General Bank Account to start the New Year, and I am very comfortable knowing we have this money in case of an emergency.

The Mayor, Council, and I have all worked very hard to make the right choices regarding our finances. We have worked well as a team, and looked at all possibilities before making any decisions that would affect our financial outcome.

I have been honored to be your Clerk, and I want you to know that I appreciate and cherish every moment I have been here. I love our Village and the residents, and I will continue to do the best job I can to make this a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. This is a time to enjoy your friends and family, and let them know you care.

If you have any questions or comments, 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	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	638,874.48	9,971.86	1.56%
DECEMBER	657,839.82	528,832.16	605,547.68	573,806.69		
TOTAL	7,122,176.79	7,527,753.11	7,673,272.28	8,003,741.29	362,210.00	3.84%



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Police Department:



The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department has three new police cars which are now in service (*pictured to the left above.*)

CHPD welcomes new part-time Patrolman Eric Sims who was sworn in on November 20 (*pictured to the right.*) Eric also works as a Sergeant with the Valley View Police Department and brings 25 years of police experience to Cuyahoga Heights.

**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season from the
Cuyahoga Heights Police Department!**

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911. All other calls, please use (216) 883-6800.

Holiday Home Safety & Crime Prevention

The holiday season is a busy and exciting time for all. Unfortunately, it is also a time when people can become careless in protecting their homes from holiday crime and nothing can ruin your holiday faster than becoming a victim of crime. The following tips can help you enjoy the holiday without incident.

Be extra careful about locking doors and windows when leaving your home, even for a few minutes.

Don't openly display gifts in view of the front window, tempting a thief to "smash and grab".

Leave a radio or TV on so the home appears to be occupied.

When leaving for an extended period of time, don't advertise! Have a neighbor or family pick up your newspapers and mail.

Use auto-timers on indoor and outdoor lights.

Don't leave messages on your answering machine or posts on social media (i.e. Facebook or Twitter) that you are out of town.

Don't leave keys near the door (i.e. under rocks, flower pots, or above door ledges). Instead, leave the key with a trusted neighbor or family member.

It is also not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of the holiday spirit by soliciting donations from door to door for a non-existent charity. Donate only to a recognized charitable organization of your choosing.

"Help us, help you!" Contact the police with any suspicious activity.

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department offers vacation checks and special attention details on your home if you are leaving town for an extended period of time. Please call to place your vacation check.



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Dispatch:

12 Ways to Have a Healthy Holiday Season

Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

- **Wash hands often** to help prevent the spread of germs. It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
- **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
- **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots. At home, work, and on the road, be prepared and prevent injuries too. Cold temperatures can cause health problems. Remember to protect you and your family this season by dressing in layers of light, warm clothing.
- **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
- **Fasten seat belts** while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
- **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
- **Get your vaccinations,** which help prevent various diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. Besides the flu vaccine, adults should get other vaccines too.
- **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents
- **Practice fire safety.** Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
- **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, and cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate them promptly.
- **Eat healthy, stay active.** Eat fruits and vegetables, which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day





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Rentals:

6922 Grant Avenue (Back)

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

5014 East 71st Street (Down)

2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom,
newly remodeled.
\$800 per month.
No pets, no smoking
Call (440) 717-0665

4929 E 71st St. - Back half

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



Service Department:

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:

Please shovel a path for delivery persons (UPS, mail, or newspaper delivery). 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.

