

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



January 2015

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## Activities:

**Tuesday, January 27 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Senior Citizens Meeting - Village Hall

**Saturday, February 14 – Valentine's Day**



**Saturday, February 28 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Village Sledding Party - Bacci Park  
Weather permitting (snow required).



**March 1<sup>st</sup> - Spring Soccer Registration**



**Water Aerobic** classes are being offered by the Cuyahoga Heights School District every Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are held when school is in session. They are free to seniors 55 years and older, classes are open to all residents of the school district.

## Meeting Reminders:

**Council Meetings** (regular)  
2nd Wednesday of the month 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:**  
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.  
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct  
*\*Please note that the meetings have changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.*

**Finance Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.  
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct  
*\*Please note that the meetings have changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.*

## Future Important Dates:

**Monday, February 16 – President's Day**  
Village Hall/Service Department Closed  
**Rubbish collection delayed one day**

**Friday, March 20, 2015 – Arbor Day**  
application deadline

Village Hall

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



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### From the Mayor:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

Santa, Mrs. Claus and helpers had a wonderful time visiting house-to-house with the children in our Village on December 21. We've included several pictures from Santa's visit, as well as several of the homes that were decorated for the holiday. Our decorating lighting contest winners were: **1<sup>st</sup> Place** (\$75) - James & Lisa King - 4886 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Rick & Noel Centa (\$50) - 4795 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, and **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Rich & Linda Grabowski (\$25) - 4944 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who decorated their homes; they all looked so nice. And a very special thank you to our judge, resident Shannan Lovich. She and her life partner, Steven Rizzo graciously bowed out of the competition so that they could take part in the judging.

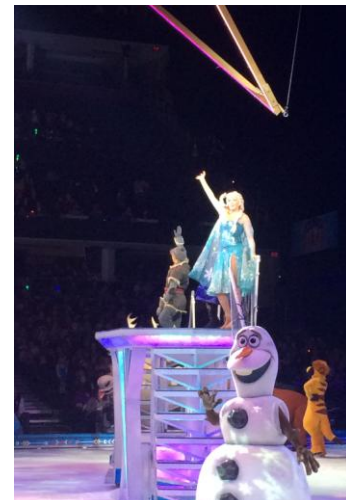
By now you should have received your 2015 Village of Cuyahoga Heights calendar which was delivered to each of the homes last month. The calendar has pertinent information such as rubbish collection, charity pick up, Village events, meetings, and sports registration deadlines. If for some reason your residence didn't receive one, please contact our office and we will make sure you get one.

After 23 years on the Fire Department, Richard "Ricky" Bacci's career came to an end due to health issues; his last day of employment was December 27, 2014. I know firsthand how much he respected his position as a firefighter/paramedic and how he will miss the job dearly. On behalf of the Village, its residents and employees alike, we wish him health and happiness in the coming years. Pictured to the right is Ricky from the Corn Roast last fall.



Congratulations to Kenneth "Kenny" Klir who retired from our Service Department on November 30, 2014 after 32 years. On behalf of our administration and the entire Village, we wish him well in his retirement.

Last Saturday the Village sponsored an event to see "Disney on Ice - Frozen." What a great show! Miss Lily Anne enjoyed it so much -- singing and smiling the whole time.





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### From the Mayor (*continued*):

Pictured to the right is Marisa Contipelli standing next to the National Championship trophy prior to the main event last Monday, as well as a picture from after the game. She was lucky enough to be in Dallas the entire weekend before the game! Marisa works for Time Warner Cable SportsChannel Ohio as a Sportscaster/Video Journalist. Her duties include sideline, reporting, editing, shooting...just to name a few. Congratulations to the Buckeyes for a great win and bringing home a championship to O-H-I-O! I'm very happy for the Big 10 regardless of my allegiance to that school up north. Best wishes to Marisa as she continues to further her dream in the sportscasting world.



Last February we informed our residents that the Village would be celebrating Arbor Day every other year instead of on a yearly basis as we have done in the past. We believe that we will get more participation from our residents by doing it this way. With that being said, the event will take place on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Bacci Park. Village residents may purchase a tree through the Village for \$200 which includes your choice of a tree (*Pin Oak, Red Oak, Norway Maple, Green Mountain, Sugar Maple or Red Maple*), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. For those residents interested in purchasing a tree, the application along with payment must be turned into the Village Hall c/o Lee Ann by **Friday, March 20**. We have included a "Memorial Tree Application" for your convenience with the newsletter.

Looking for a job? One of the businesses in the Village has a need for an individual who can drive a straight truck and who also has fabricating skills; rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour. Interested individuals can contact Lee Ann for additional information.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, and Mrs. Helen Kosicki.

January birthday wishes to employees: (8) Cheryl Harris; (9) Renato Contipelli; (12) Lois Henley; (13) Reno Contipelli; (16) Jimmy Henley and (24) Jacquelyn Kaminski. Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Rick Henley who celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary working for our Village on January 5 in our Service Department.



In closing, I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to the Gallitz family. Former resident, George "Buster" Gallitz passed away on Saturday, January 10; he was 93 years old. Buster Gallitz served in the Navy during WWII. Afterwards, he began his career as a police officer for the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department in 1946; and retired in 1981 as Police Chief. He and his family resided at 4589 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street for many years. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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### From the Clerk:

We have closed the financial books on 2014 and are ready to start a New Year. We will begin 2015 with a surplus of 1.44 million dollars in our General Fund and a positive balance in all of our other Funds. We accomplished many projects in 2014 that made our Village a beautiful place to live and work, and we have enough money in the bank moving into the New Year to feel financially comfortable.

### 2015

Last year, we estimated that we would end the year at 1.3 to 1.5 million dollars in our General Fund. We were right on the money. We will begin 2015 with 1.44 million in the General Fund. This is the fund designated by the State to pay bills and salaries. We have many other Funds as required by law and they are very secure, but the General Fund is the largest and most important. It is the Fund that I will focus on in future newsletters.

The Mayor and department heads are beginning the budgeting process for 2015, when completed; it will be a roadmap of all of our costs for 2015. Just know that we are being good fiscal stewards of the Village money, and will continue to do our best for all the residents, and the Village.

The Finance Department will again be extremely vigilant in watching our costs and revenue, and make sure Council has the information they need to help them make informed decisions.

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

Month Distributed	2012	2013	2014	2015	Difference from 2014	% change from 2014
JANUARY	531,947.49	644,593.83	701,203.65	699,834.03		
FEBRUARY	645,702.65	638,258.93	542,645.46			
MARCH	818,935.60	817,199.06	929,321.38			
APRIL	532,060.38	636,179.02	711,647.56			
MAY	685,629.54	633,944.39	617,963.16			
JUNE	619,557.23	646,774.82	643,339.71			
JULY	637,580.56	590,649.46	744,253.53			
AUGUST	602,701.42	591,619.13	616,110.30			
SEPTEMBER	593,358.57	641,230.39	607,652.11			
OCTOBER	733,896.34	598,372.95	676,923.26			
NOVEMBER	597,551.17	628,902.62	638,874.48			
DECEMBER	528,832.16	605,547.68	666,050.52			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,527,753.11</b>	<b>7,673,272.28</b>	<b>8,095,985.12</b>	<b>699,834.03</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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### Village Hall:



### Seasonal Employment Applications available as of February 18, 2015:

#### ATTENTION ALL:

#### Lifeguards, Pool Attendants, Pool Cashiers, Playground Monitors, Park Monitors and Park Concession Stand Cashiers

Employment applications are available for pick up at the Village Hall **starting February 18<sup>th</sup>**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### Job Requirements:

1. Lifeguards must be a Certified Lifeguard, CPR Certified and WSI (*if applicable*) when turning in their application.
2. Lifeguards, Park Monitors, and Playground Monitors must be 16 years old and Pool Attendants must be 15 years old by Saturday June 6, 2015.
3. All Cashiers must be 16 years old by April 1, 2015.
4. Applications and all proper documentation **must** be turned into the Village Hall by 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 18th**.
5. Applications **will not** be accepted after this date.

Park Monitors and Park Concession Stand Cashiers will start as soon as the weather permits!

The Swimming Pool opens on ***Saturday, June 6, 2015*** at 1:00 p.m.

*Please be advised that submitting an application does not guarantee employment.*

#### 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](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

#### 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 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.



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### Village Hall (cont'd):

#### Sports Registrations (cont'd)

Listed below are the dates of our annual deadlines for specific sports offered through our Sports Commissioner. 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).

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEADLINE DATE</u>
Spring Soccer Registration	March 1
Youth Baseball & Softball	April 1
Adult Men's & Women's Softball	July 15
Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1
Youth Basketball	October 15



#### Service Department:

##### Snow Removal Program

**Residential Snow Removal Program** for our 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 to clean 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.

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### Police Department:



Photo taken at Academy Graduation  
Pictured from L – R: Chief Brian Sturgill, Ptl. Jamie E. Lukas, Ptl. Kevin Stack, Mayor Jack Bacci, Ptl. David Lukas

### Police Academy Graduation

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to congratulate new police officers, Jamie E. Lukas and Kevin Stack who both successfully completed and graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Police Academy on Friday, December 19, 2014. Lukas and Stack are currently working the road with their field training officers. Both are expected to finish the field training program in the beginning of March.

### Training

The OPOTA portable training facility was in Cuyahoga Heights from December 16 – 18, 2014. The training was on building searches and room clearing techniques. Officers from Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights, Valley View, and Newburgh Heights took part in the training. This is a free service provided to law enforcement agencies by the Ohio Attorney General's office and the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy.



Ptl. Frank Trusso and Det. Jeremy Grabowski during the training

### Snow Ban

Residents, please remember that whenever the snow exceeds 2 inches, the snow ban will be placed into effect. We ask that you refrain from parking on the streets if the weather forecast predicts snow that will accumulate 2 inches or more. The CHPD will attempt to notify residents if their vehicles need to be removed from the street. **Vehicles may be cited, and as a last resort towed to allow the Service Department to clear the streets.** This way you and your safety forces can safely navigate the streets. Please pass along this information to your guests.

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911**

*All other calls please use 216-883-6800*



**Fire Department:**



**FOCUS**  
ON FIRE SAFETY

# Portable Heater Fire Safety



An estimated 900 portable heater fires in homes are reported to U.S. fire departments each year and cause an estimated 70 deaths, 150 injuries and \$53 million in property loss.

Only 2 percent of heating fires in homes involved portable heaters; however, portable heaters were involved in 45 percent of all fatal heating fires in homes.



*Label of a recognized testing laboratory*

**You can prevent a portable heater fire in your home this winter by following a few fire safety steps:**

- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least three feet away.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory and with an automatic shut-off so that if they tip over, they shut off.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.



**FEMA**



For More Information:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus)





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### **Rentals:**

#### **6922 Grant Avenue (Back)**

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

#### **5014 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street (Down)**

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

#### **4953 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street**

First floor apartment, three  
bedrooms, central air, no  
pets. \$800 per month,  
first/last month's rent plus  
deposit. (216) 271-4532

### **For Sale:**

#### **5024-5026 Willowbrook Drive**

Double side by side  
Unit #1: 4 bedroom, 2.5-  
bath  
Unit #2: 2 bedroom, 1.5-  
bath  
Excellent condition and  
updates throughout  
including A/C.  
\$199,900  
Realtor: Remax  
Call (216) 524-0424

### **Dispatch Department:**

With the unpredictable weather this area experiences in January and February, it's always a good idea to hope for the best but prepare for the worst. In that vein, here is a list of items that can be essential in the event of a storm or loss of power during the winter months.

#### ***Emergency Supplies List:***

- Electric space heater with automatic shut-off switch and non-glowing elements
- Blankets
- Multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher
- First aid kit and instruction manual
- Flashlight or battery-powered lantern
- Battery-powered radio battery-powered clock or watch
- Extra batteries
- Non-electric can opener
- Snow shovel
- Rock salt
- Special needs items (diapers, hearing aid batteries, medications, etc.)



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### Flower Fund Committee:

With your generosity and concern we have been able to maintain our spirit of neighborliness by sending flowers or a monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of those residents who have passed on. As all of you know, this is so very important for Cuyahoga Heights residents to know that we care during their time of loss. Please bring your donation to the Village Hall, or contact Marilyn Duszynski at 341-3024 if you need your donation picked up. Senior Citizens can bring their donation to any meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE VILLAGE HALL IF ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS PASSES AWAY. They should notify the Flower Fund Committee and the Police Department, they provide escort during the funeral.

### Senior Corner:

Welcome to our Senior Corner. We wanted to keep all of our village seniors informed about all we are doing as a club. We hope anyone 55 and older will find our activities interesting enough to join our group.

In December we had some very interesting and fun activities. We had our Christmas party which was so much fun. We had a lovely dinner catered by Lori's catering and we were entertained by a wonderful group called The Good Knights. They passed out various instruments to us and we joined them in singing and a bit of dancing and had a very enjoyable party.

Also in December, we went to a wonderful place called Castle Noel. It is decorated in everything Christmas including items from various windows that were decorated in the past in some of the stores downtown. Some of us were even brave enough to go down the slide from the Christmas Story. After our visit to Castle Noel we had a wonderful dinner at the Corkscrew Grill, the food and the service were excellent.

This month, we also have a few activities scheduled: On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Social upstairs in our Village Hall. This is our gathering to enjoy each other's company, play some bingo and have some of our wonderful baker's desserts. It's a nice way to get out of the house for a warm activity indoors. Any senior is welcome – come join us to meet other seniors and give our group a try. We look forward to welcoming new members – we have a fun group, come join us.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> we are going to Polaris for lunch. This is a school that teaches many things, which also includes cooking. These future Chefs always cook great food and there is a great bakery next to the restaurant.

In February we are having our Valentine's party for our members which is always fun. On February 19<sup>th</sup> we will be going to the Union Depot in Berea for lunch and then we are going to The Shoppe of Berea for some interesting shopping.

Keep reading each month to find out what we are up to next. We have all kinds of good things planned for our Cuyahoga Heights Seniors.

