

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



April 2015

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## Arbor Day

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It was originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska and proposed by J. Sterling Morton in 1872. Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April in the United States.

Please join us as we celebrate our Arbor Day celebration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24 at Bacci Park. Six trees will be planted this year by various residents in memory of their departed family members. Hope to see you there!



## Garage Sale

The annual Village wide garage sale will be held on Saturday June 27, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

## Historical Committee

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 – The Kennedy house will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and see our expanded displays. Please note that we are always looking for new items to add to our collections.

## **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

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## **Future Important Dates:**

**May 10** – Mother's Day

**May 24** – "Let's Decorate" at Klima Gardens from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Decorate your bikes, wagons, strollers for the parade. Decorations will be provided.

**May 25** – Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 a.m. Picnic afterwards at Klima Gardens



Village Hall

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

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### From the Mayor:

Our senior ladies are always telling me what a blessing Lily is and how she will keep us young...and they are right! There is no better example of the enjoyment she brings us — especially at traditional and cherished Village events such as the Easter egg hunt. It was nice to see so many of our little ones at the event. Even though it was chilly, at least the sun was out and snow wasn't on the ground. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank our Village residents and students who volunteered their time in helping out; without their assistance these events wouldn't be possible. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday.



Several weeks ago we held our annual “Business Networking Breakfast” in the Village Hall Auditorium. We had a great turn out with over 60 attendees; our guest speaker was a representative from TeamNEO who spoke about the economic trends in Northeast Ohio. Our administration puts this event on twice a year and will continue to do so into the future. After each event we usually receive thank you notes or positive comments from the businesses; I would like to share one with you. “Mayor - We were able to refresh friendships with many other attendees, whom we would not otherwise get a chance to sit down with over a breakfast due to hectic schedules and I wanted to personally thank you!”

Our staff is gearing up for our Arbor Day celebration which will be held on Friday, April 24 at Bacci Park; six trees will be planted. Mrs. Lillian Bacci purchased a tree in memory of Augusta “Aunt Coke” Pasqualetti Perozeni; Mrs. Pat Smosarski purchased one in memory of her late husband, Raymond “Shmo” Smosarski; Mrs. Helen Leciejewski purchased two trees for dearly departed members of her family Anthony G. Leciejewski and Stanley “Koko” Kolakowski; and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nobili purchased two trees for his departed parents, Henry Nobili and Jeanette M. Nobili. We hope that you will be able to join us for this special occasion.



For those of you that may not know, National Police Week will take place throughout our country the week of May 10. During that time, special recognition is paid to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. With that in mind, I have had several requests that we honor those individuals through “Project Blue Light.” The color blue is symbolic of peace. By displaying a blue light, you send a message that you support America's Peacekeepers, your light is guiding them to safety, and you hope the year will be peaceful. The light can

shine for the holiday season or all year long. “Project Blue Light” is a nationwide recognition of those police officers who have died in the line of duty. It began in 1988 in Philadelphia when Dolly Craig wrote a letter to Concerns of Police Survivors stating that she would be honoring her late son-in-law, Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Gleason, during the holiday season by placing a blue light in her window. For those residents who would like to participate and are in need of a blue bulb for their home, please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall to be put on the list.



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### **2015 CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Again this year, Council has passed legislation for a Village Scholarship to assist Cuyahoga Heights graduating seniors with their future college tuition. Recipients will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

To be eligible, the recipient must:

- 1) Be a resident of Cuyahoga Heights
- 2) Be a graduating high school senior in the spring or summer of 2015
- 3) Be enrolled either full or part time at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2015
- 4) Complete the fall 2015 term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing

Applications are available at the High School Guidance Office or at the Village Hall and must be submitted to Clerk Unger's office by May 1, 2015. Our administration encourages and promotes higher education for all of our students and is proud to continue the Village Scholarship tradition to help our graduating seniors.

### **Senior Corner:**

Well, it's not snowing but the weather could definitely be warmer. I vote for a lot of sunshine from now until the end of September. Can I see a show of hands?

On Saturday, March 21 we had a great time at the Grand River Ice Festival. We visited several wineries and several of us purchased some of the Ice Wines. We were able to sample different flavors and had munchies to go with each sample. After our visits, we had an enjoyable dinner at Pickle Bills. It was right next to the water, but unfortunately, it was too cold to walk on the pier. On Tuesday, March 24 we had our St. Patrick's dinner at our social. We enjoyed corned beef and ham sandwiches from Simon's Restaurant as well as dessert. Bernice Suhy's family brought a wonderful cassata cake to help us celebrate her birthday. We thank them for that wonderful treat and again a super happy birthday to Bernice.

Some of us just got back from our trip with Great Day Tours to Washington DC. It was such a fun trip and we had a good time laughing and talking with everyone. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible. We timed it so we could see all of the cherry blossoms but again Mother Nature was not kind to us. I think the high temperature was 48 and with the wind, was quite uncomfortable. We had a good time though and our Entertainment Lady, Lois Henley, provided us with things to do to make the time on the bus go fast. We had munchies and liquid refreshment to sustain us along the way. Some of us even took naps. As with most trips, though, it was nice to get home.

For May, we are going to see the Salute to Armed Services on Friday, May 1 and to the Hofbrauhaus for dinner. We are all sold out on tickets for this evening. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we are going to Barberton for a chicken dinner and there is also a blossom festival that weekend. Also, please note that the Historical Committee is having an Open House on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10. Please try to stop by and see some of our displays.



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### From the Clerk:



Looking at the RITA chart below, for the first three months we are 5.19% ahead of the first three months of last year. This is a great start, but overall, I believe that we will end the year at approximately 3% over last year. These figures are approximately \$240,000.00 over last year's total. This is income that comes primarily from people working in our community and is a good sign for the economy.

Although our tax revenue is up this year, I am very concerned about the amount of infrastructure problems that our Engineer has brought to the table that needs to be done this year, and the items we need to purchase under Capital Outlay.

Capital Outlay is a one-time, non-operating expense such as police cars, ambulance, radios, new pool liners, trucks for the Service Department and so on. They are one-time purchases that are not in the operating budget, yet at some point, they have to be purchased, either for repairing or replacing something. Nothing lasts forever, and things always need to be repaired and updated, just like our homes and cars.

So, even though our operating budget is \$300,000.00 less than our estimated revenue for 2015, our Capital Outlay total is \$900,000.00, and if we spend the whole amount we budgeted for Capital Outlay, our total in the General Fund at year end will be less than when we started. Historically, we have not spent the whole amount we budgeted for Capital Outlay, and Council will continue to make wise choices for all Capital Outlay expenses.

Currently, we have 1.5 million in our General Fund and I am confident that at the end of the year, we will still have a comfortable amount moving into next year. I will be updating the Five Year Plan in the coming months and will keep you updated on how we look for the next five years.

Today, our finances are stable and we will continue to keep you updated. 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	806,899.10	105,695.45	13.10%
FEBRUARY	645,702.65	638,258.93	542,645.46	626,184.73	83,539.27	13.34%
MARCH	818,935.60	817,199.06	929,321.38	838,149.44	(91,171.94)	-10.88%
APRIL	532,060.38	636,179.02	711,647.56	590,837.98		
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>2,862,071.25</b>	<b>98,062.78</b>	<b>5.19%</b>

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### Village Hall:

#### Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned into Angel Meriwether by the 20th of the month so that it is 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.

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).

#### ACTIVIY

#### DEADLINE DATE

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:

#### Friendly Reminder:

**All trash must be placed in garbage bags prior to disposing of in the Village issued trash cans. In addition, dog litter must be bagged before placing in the trash can. Your cooperation is appreciated.**



**Recycle Your Computer Month:** The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will pick up your unwanted equipment on Tuesdays in April. All you need to do is call the Village Hall at 641-7020 by Monday to be put on the special pick up list for Tuesday. Acceptable home computer equipment includes CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, and ink printer cartridges. Cell phones and their accessories are also accepted.

**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.**

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### Service Department (*continued*):



#### Senior Grass Cutting

"Spring Time" is right around the corner and once again the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will be cutting grass free of charge for our Senior Citizens and disabled persons who qualify according to the Ordinance:

- (a) Registrant must be sixty (60) years of age or older and must reside alone or with a spouse of like age or older, or the registrant must be disabled and not have an able-bodied person living with him or her who is under sixty (60) years of age. "Disabled" means physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions of caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.
- (b) The property registered must be a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling **and the owner of the property must reside at the registered property.**
- (c) Registrant must execute a consent and release, in a form approved by the Solicitor, granting permission to the Village to provide the grass cutting service and releasing the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the cutting of grass on the registrant's property.

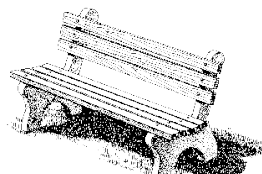
Please note that our Village is not responsible for grass length, the grass cutters are set at a standard height and will not be changed. If you have a dog, please clean the area of dog waste so we can cut the yard properly. ***If you have already registered in the past, then you need not re-register.*** We ask that applicants be patient with this service, as the program will start up at the end of April.

**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."

**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.

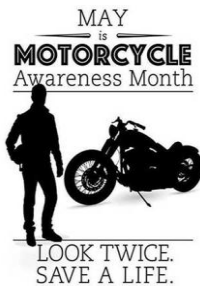
**Rototilling:** The Service Department will begin rototilling residential gardens during May (*weather permitting.*) Garden areas must be marked clearly. Please call the Village Hall during normal business hours to schedule this service.

**Park Patrol:** Park Patrol will begin at the end of April.

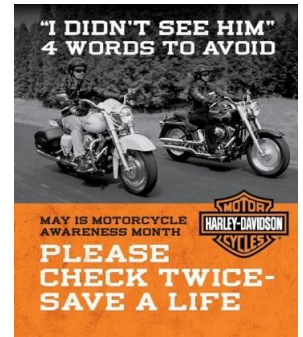


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## Police Department:



The weather is warmer so that means those who love to ride will be on their motorcycles. Motorcyclists have all the same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle driver on the roadway. During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May - and during the rest of the year - drivers of all other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcyclists, and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Remember to look twice and save a life.



### TRAINING

As our continued effort to strive in excellence, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department continues to train our officers. Over a three day period during spring break, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department with Brooklyn Heights PD and Valley View PD conducted "Active Shooter" training at the school. Each officer spent four hours at the school going through drills. This was a mandatory training for CHPD officers.



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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### **Dispatch:**

We have received some questions in regards to the use of the Emergency Sirens in the Village, the sirens are activated when a Tornado warning is put into effect by the National Weather Service in Cuyahoga County or a tornado has been sighted in the county. The siren will run for three minutes during the emergency. These sirens are used mainly for notifying the public that they need to seek shelter while outdoors. These sirens are tested the first Saturday of each month at noon, the test runs for one minute.



Our Swift Reach system is set up to call all of those residents that have their phone numbers listed in the Swift Reach notification system whenever a Tornado Warning has been issued in Cuyahoga county. If your telephone number is not in the Swift Reach system, please call the Cuyahoga Hts. Police Department or go on the Village website for the Swift Reach portal to enter your information.

### **Fire Department:**

To continue to ensure the safety of our Village, the fire department recently hired seven part time firefighter/paramedics. The new men represent a variety of communities across Northeast Ohio and come with a range of experience, expertise and eagerness to learn--and every guy has a passion for the job. The group is currently undergoing training and will begin filling shifts in May.

We are thrilled to welcome Bill Malovrh, Patrick Goldsworth, Joe Kappa, David Bronza, Nick Heintz, Peter Theus, and Damon Scheiber to the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department and look forward to them joining our team and community.

### **Building Department:**

Our Building Department would like to advise each homeowner that the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' Codified Ordinance Section requires the Building Department to review all exterior properties as herewith noted for property maintenance for the year 2015. All exterior properties/buildings for non-residential dwellings shall also be inspected as well during the months of April and May.

The items that need to be repaired for each dwelling will be listed on each homeowner's report, if any, and are the observations made by our Building Department. We hope that each homeowner will rectify all items within a specific timeframe which also will be included on the report. Please be advised that if a homeowner fails to correct the problem in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Building Department, a citation and/or penalty may be issued in compliance with the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

Please remember that grant dollars are available through the Cuyahoga Heights Community Housing Maintenance Grant Program. The application, ordinance and instructions for the grant can be found on our web site at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under the Building Department. In addition, our Ordinances can be found under the Legal Department on our web site.



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### Police Department (*continued*):

With prom and graduation season right around the corner we wanted to remind everyone that hosting underage drinking parties is against the law. We want our children to have a safe and enjoyable prom and graduation, so please remember to say NO!

[www.dontserveteens.gov](http://www.dontserveteens.gov)

#### **612.02 SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS; PROHIBITIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS**

(b) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the public place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor. An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(c) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground, or restaurant when the person knows or has reason to know either of the following:

(1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and who is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person.

(2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

(d) (1) No person is required to permit the engagement of accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by an underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any beer or intoxicating liquor and is not supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian who is or will be present at all times when the beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person.

Violation of the above is a misdemeanor of the first degree. For more information contact the police department or visit [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) to locate our village ordinances.





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### 2015 Village Pest Control Program

#### **Rentals**

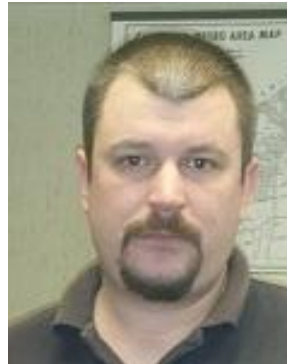
##### **4953 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street**

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

Pest control services are available to our residents free for the inside and outside of your home. However, this service does not cover termites and bed bugs.

Please note that our dear friend and longtime exterminator Vince Monaco has taken ill. During his recovery period, we will have two gentlemen assisting with our pest control service; Rich and Jeremy Kozlovich of Pest Management Inc. While working within the Village, Rich and Jeremy will be wearing greens vests so they are easily identified by our residents. Pictured below is Jeremy Kozlovich (*left*) and Rich Kozlovich (*right*). If you are having a pest problem, please leave a message with your name, address and the nature of the problem with the Kozlovich's. You may reach them at (216) 661-3553, 1-800-794-2035, or Rich's cell phone (440) 343-1316.

As noted in the flyer that was distributed to our residents last week, if you **DO NOT WANT** the outside of your house sprayed for the annual spring spray program, you must contact Rich or Jeremy and advise them. For your convenience, we have included the information again with this newsletter.



### **Finance Department:**

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights is starting the search for a candidate to fill a vacancy in our municipal finance department. \$19.23-24.04/hr. This individual must have a finance or related degree and/or four years of government finance experience. The ideal candidate would possess a strong payroll background for fifty plus employees, accounts payable skills, knowledge of EGov Pro accounting system or similar accounting software, superior Microsoft Excel skills, general office knowledge, and work well with the elected officials, employees and the general public on a daily basis. Please see a full list of requirements and job description at <http://www.cuyahogaheights.com/services> . Please send a resume to [hr@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:hr@cuyahogaheights.com) no later than Friday, April 24, 2015. Start date between June 2015-November 2015.



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

Next month we will be celebrating Memorial Day with our annual parade and service. Once again, I would like to call out to those individuals who have served or continue to serve our country -- to participate and march in the parade. We truly need to keep this tradition alive and remember the men and women who died while serving our country. Ever year, we continue to lose veterans from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. For so many years, these men stood proud before us and marched in our parade. It is now time for our next group of men and women to march – *never forget, ever honor.*



Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Linda Attewell, Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mary Jane Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, Mrs. Irma Schab and Mrs. Kitty Wey.

April birthday wishes to employees: Ken Schoeffler – April 1, Scott Waldemarson – April 7, Joanne Socausky – April 13, and Bryon Borowy – April 30.

