

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**May 2015**

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## **Current Activities:**

**Sunday, May 24** – Meet at Klima Gardens between 4:00–6:00 p.m. to decorate for the parade. Decorations will be supplied.

**Monday, May 25** – Memorial Day Parade and Service. Participants should assemble at 9:30 a.m. at Klima Gardens; step-off time is 10:00 a.m. Food and refreshments will be served after the service.

**Monday, May 25** – The Kennedy house will be open from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 10** – Deadline to register for the Village-Wide Garage Sale.



## **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**  
*\*Please note that the meetings have changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month - 5:00 p.m.*  
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

**Finance Committee**  
*\*Please note that the meetings have changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month - 5:30 p.m.*  
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## **Future Important Dates:**

**June 6** – Swimming Pool opens at 1:00 p.m.

**June 27** – Village-Wide Garage Sales from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**July 15** – Men & Women Softball  
Registration Deadline

Village Hall

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

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### From the Mayor:

Thank you to those that attended our Arbor Day celebration on April 24. The weather cooperated and the sun was out! Six trees were purchased and planted in memory of deceased family members: Mrs. Lillian Bacci purchased a tree *in memory* of Augusta Pasqualetti Perozeni; Mrs. Patricia Smosarski - *in memory* of her husband Raymond Smosarski; Mrs. Helen Leciejewski - *in memory* of Anthony Leciejewski and Stanley Kolakowski, Jim and David Nobili - *in memory* of their parents Henry & Jeanette Nobili. In addition to the memorial trees, Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski and Denis Vanek donated three Blue Spruce trees which were planted that evening near the service garage. I would like to also thank Councilwoman Lois Henley for helping out with the program and to Councilman Bloam and Councilwoman Harris for their support. Our next Arbor Day celebration will be held in April, 2017.

It is with great sadness to inform our residents that we lost another long-time resident, Casey Geca passed away on April 18. Our deepest condolences to the Geca family; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

On Friday, May 8 Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash was fortunate enough to observe a day with Cleveland Metro Life Flight and its crew. She actually observed a situation in which they had to land in a homeowner's backyard to reach the injured individual. Barb advised she had an exciting and informative day; she even got to fly over Cuyahoga Heights and Bacci Park. Pictured to the right is Barb in her flight gear.



In case you haven't been down to Bacci Park lately, our concession stand has been open this month on a part-time basis during baseball games. However, beginning Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> the concession stand will be open, *and throughout the summer*, seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. In the event there is a baseball game, the concession stand will stay open later. Our concession stand staff will also be planning several fun events in the evening this summer -- movie nights and game nights such as "*Capture the Flag*" for the kids. The events will be posted in the newsletter, as well as on the bulletin board at the swimming pool. I hope our residents will take advantage of our new concession stand and stop down at Bacci Park. Grab some lunch, do a picnic in the park with the family, or perhaps just grab a snack after your walk on the trail. A very special thank you to Tracy Murphy, Kelly Hartman, Nicole Wheaton and our staff for getting the concession stand up and running.

The vacant home at 7004 Grant Avenue was finally torn down this past Tuesday. After several years of being unoccupied and in disrepair, we were able to negotiate with the bank who donated the property to the Village. Our administration was then able to work in cooperation with the County Land Bank to remove this blighted property.





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### Senior Corner:

Well here comes summer everyone -- get ready for sunshine and fun. Mother Nature, however, is dumping a bit of rain and a couple cool days on us. That's okay though -- because it helps our flowers grow and gives us some respite from some really hot days.

We had a wonderful time on our trip to Severance enjoying the "Salute to Armed Services". The music by our Cleveland Orchestra was just wonderful. They played music as they honored each branch of our armed services. It was so touching to see all the individual members stand for a great round of applause. I was surprised to learn that they only had the one performance. I would have thought additional evenings of this great show would be well received by many more people.

On Saturday, May 16 we went to Barberton. They had a blossom festival with rides, food and fun. We went to dinner at Belgrade Gardens which is well known for their great chicken.

Please remember that we will be having our Memorial Day Parade. I hope all of you will try to come and pay tribute to all of our fallen comrades. They have given so much for us. A salute to them is the least we can do.

Upcoming events are as follows:

**June 17** – A trip to the Botanical Gardens with lunch at Sterle's.

**June 23** – Our Anniversary Dinner.

**June 25** – Ruby Tuesdays (*located at 7331 Broadview Road in Seven Hills*). We will be going to lunch as a fundraiser for our CHHS alumni scholarship and a trip afterwards to our Historical Society.

That's all for now...but will update with more next month. Please try to make time on your calendars to join us for some of our upcoming events or even join us at one of our meetings.



*Noel Centa, President*

*216-509-5278*

*Cuyahoga Heights Seniors*

### Swimming Pool:

Please see this month's inserts for detailed information regarding pool opening and available programs for this year. In addition to children's swim lessons, this year we will be offering Adult Swim Lessons.

**Pool Safety Fact:** Water wings are not a recommended flotation device! There is a warning label on all water wings that state they are a "TOY." Please do not use water wings! The pool has back packs available to borrow to keep your little ones safe.



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### From the Clerk:



Our finances are stable and we continue to try and find ways to increase our revenue and decrease our expenses.

At the end of April we had \$5.66 million in our General Fund after all the bills were paid. Currently, I am working on our five year forecast and I will share the results with you in the next newsletter.

All departments are watching their budgets and we are on track with our expected expenses for the year. We will continue to be diligent in our spending while maintaining a great way of life for our residents. The Village is beautiful and the services we provide are incredible. We are truly blessed.

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	623,337.78	(88,309.78)	-14.17%
MAY	685,629.54	633,944.39	617,963.16	783,999.52	166,036.36	21.18%
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>3,678,570.57</b>	<b>175,789.36</b>	<b>4.51%</b>



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### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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).

#### ACTIVITY

Adult Men & Women Softball  
Cheerleading  
Youth Flag Football  
Fall Soccer  
Youth Basketball

#### DEADLINE DATE

July 15  
August 1  
August 1  
August 1  
October 15



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### 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:** The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will pick up your unwanted equipment. 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.

**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.

**Table and Chair Rental:** Residents are still able to rent tables and chairs as long as you are able to pick up and drop them off from our service garage. The maximum number of tables and chairs you can rent are: 3 tables and 30 chairs. In addition, the tables and chairs must be used at the resident's home, and are **not** to be taken out of the Village. Please contact the Service Department at 641-3035 to make arrangements to reserve tables/chairs. If no one is available to take the call, please leave a message on their answering machine.



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### Police Department:



The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department participated in the annual Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society Parade on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The parade was from E. 12<sup>th</sup> and Lakeside to E. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following the parade there was a memorial service held in Police Memorial Square (*Huntington Park*) for fallen officers.



### Park Rules (Section 1076 Village Ordinance)

Please remember that residents need to stop by the Police Department for a fishing permit in order to fish at Bacci Park. Also, there is no boating permitted in the pond at Bacci Park. All ball diamonds and pavilions need a permit for use. Please contact the Village Hall for those permits. And lastly, please remember that your dogs need to be on a leash in the park – just like when walking your dog on the sidewalks of the Village (618.01 Village Ordinance).

### Reminders

Unregistered motorized bicycles/scooters, ATV's (446.01 Village Ordinance), and golf carts (450.01 Village Ordinance) are not permitted to be on Village sidewalks or roads. You can find all of the Ordinances on our web site at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com).

Now that school is approaching summer break and more kids will be out during evening hours, curfew hours will be enforced in an effort to keep our kids safe (648.10 Village Ordinance). Parents, please reference the following schedule:

- 12 years of age and under - 9:00 pm to 6:00 am of the following day
- 13 and 14 years of age - 10:00 pm to 6:00 am of the following day
- 15 and 16 years of age - 11:00 pm to 6:00 am of the following day
- 17 years of age - 12:00 midnight to 6:00 am

Also, please remember if the kids are in your yard and it is past their curfew time, an adult needs to be present outside with them. Thank you and have a safe summer!

As always, please feel free to stop and talk to any officer, whether it's just to 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:

Just a reminder to all of our residents, if you are going on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We are going to ask you when you will be leaving and when you will be returning home, if you have stopped your mail and paper, if you are going to leave any lights on in your home, if anyone will be stopping at your home during your absence and an emergency telephone number in case there is a problem. Dispatch will then forward that information to the Police Officers so they can check your residence throughout the day and night.



### Fire Department:



#### CPR Training at CHHS

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department trained the Cuyahoga Heights High School 10<sup>th</sup> grade class in the American Heart Association Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs as follows: Heartsaver Adult CPR/AED, Child CPR/AED, and Infant CPR. The students were given a curriculum that included classroom and hands on training. The students also completed a written and hands on test. We are proud to say that all the students passed!

#### Fire Hydrants Flushed

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will be flushing hydrants over the next few weeks. Notification signs will be displayed on the end of the streets the day before the hydrants are flushed. If your water becomes discolored, please run it to clear before using.



#### S.E.R.T. Haz-Mat Training at ASK Chemicals

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department, Southwest Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) Hazardous Material Team and ASK Chemicals teamed up to do a mock chemical spill drill last month. The drill simulated a chemical spill in the loading dock of ASK Chemicals and the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department served as the first-in-squad/engine and command. The S.E.R.T. team and the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department trained on the use of gas monitoring, unified command and the S.E.R.T. team practiced plugging of containers and drains to prevent the chemical spill from spreading.



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### Service Department *(continued)*:

#### **Grass Cutting Reminder!**

#### **660.15 WEEDS AND GRASSES**

(a) Every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the Municipality shall cause to be cut and destroyed all Russian, Canadian or common thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, ironweed and all other noxious weeds growing or being upon such lot or land and shall cut any other weeds or grasses to a height not to exceed six inches within two days of the receipt of notice as hereinafter provided. The Service Director shall issue notice to the owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the Municipality, upon which any of the aforementioned noxious weeds, or grasses or other weeds in excess of six inches, are growing or standing, to cut and/or destroy the weeds and/or grasses within two days. The notice may be served by delivering it by one or more of the following procedures: personally delivering it to the owner, occupant or person in control of the land; delivering it or mailing it by regular or certified mail at the usual place of business or residence of the owner, occupant or person in control of the land; posting it in a conspicuous place on the land involved. A separate offense shall be deemed to have occurred each day on which such weeds or grasses are allowed to stand longer than two days after the receipt of such notice.

(b) Weeds or grasses which are not removed or cut as required by division (a) hereof are declared to be nuisances. The Service Director shall cause the abatement of the nuisance and shall report the cost thereof to Council which may assess the same on the real estate on which the nuisance existed. Such remedy shall be in addition to the penalty provided in division (c) hereof.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02.

(Ord. 2010-126. Passed 11-10-10; Ord. 2011-40. Passed 6-8-11)





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### **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 Program**

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. 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.

### **Building Department:**

All home maintenance inspections have been completed. During the month of June you will be receiving a letter stating any problem areas requiring your attention.

Please remember that grant dollars are available through the George M. Suhy 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.

### **Village Wide Garage Sale**

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, garage and basement! The Village is having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the Village Hall at 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our Service Department. Please be advised that there are not enough tables for more than one table per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and Sun Courier in an effort to promote our Village wide garage sale.



**\*\*The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 10.**



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

Kudos to Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash, Fire Chief Neal Cash, and Dispatcher Scott Schoeffler. The three of them participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon on Sunday, May 17. The Cleveland Marathon features one of the flattest and fastest courses in the country. Barb ran the marathon (26.2 miles); and Neal and Scott ran the half marathon (13.1 miles). Congratulations on a job well done! Pictured are the three of them arriving at the 5-mile marker located at Clark and Fulton Avenues.



Very special milestone birthday wishes to Mrs. Maria Cheng as she celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, and also to Mrs. Helen Krusinski who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 27. Happiness and health to you both!

May birthday wishes to employees: Jon Greenberg & Dave Sammons - May 7; Trevor Elkins - May 18; and Brandy Murphy - May 28.

Congratulations to Norm Casini who celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our Building Commissioner on May 1 and to Pete Panizzutti who celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a firefighter on May 5.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers; Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, Mr. Frank Trusso, Sr., and Mrs. Kitty Wey.

I hope to see everyone at our Memorial Day parade and service on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Please show your support in honoring our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Thank you and God Bless!

