

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**June 2015**

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## **Current Activities:**

**Sunday, June 21** – Happy Father's Day

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

**Saturday, July 4** – Happy Birthday America! In observance of the holiday, the Village Hall and Service Department will be closed on Friday, July 3.



**Wednesday, July 15** – Men and Women Softball Registration Deadline

## **Future Important Dates:**

**August 1** – Deadline to register for youth cheerleading, flag football and soccer (registration forms included in inserts with this month's newsletter)



**August 9** – Cleveland Indians Game

## **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**  
2nd 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.*

Don't forget to check us out at  
[www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com).

Minutes of our Council meetings are posted every month under the **Government Tab** and under Village Council – Agenda/Minutes.

Village Hall

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

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### From the Mayor:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us during our annual Memorial Day parade and service. It's a time when we can come together and pay homage to those brave men and women who gave their lives for this great country. I would also like to thank our police and fire personnel, officials, residents, children, and all who volunteered their time to make this event so special.



It is with great sadness for the loss of several of our friends this past month. Village resident, Mrs. Theresa Stankiewicz passed away on June 4; she was 89 years old. One of my fondest memories of her was when she would play the piano and sing at the senior citizens Christmas party. *Pictured to the left is Mrs. Stankiewicz at our 2014 Memorial Day service with her son, Mike and daughter-in-law Sandy.* Former Village resident and retired Cuyahoga Heights Fire Dept. Captain Lee Billi passed away on June 6; he was 69 years old. Lee was a great supporter and a friend. He took me hunting for

the very first time when I was a young kid, over the hill behind the Village Hall, where the Bacci Park walking trail is today. We were hunting for squirrels and he told me we had to be very quiet...something I struggle with today. *Pictured to the right is Lee helping out at my 2008 golf outing.* Former resident, Mrs. Patricia Koran also passed away on June 6. I remember as a kid growing up and spending a lot of time with the Koran family. She put up a lot with all the kids in the Village visiting her six kids on a daily basis. She was a



great lady and truly will be missed. *Pictured to the left is an undated photo of Mrs. Koran.* And lastly, Mrs. Caroline Kapral, another former Village resident passed away on May 29 at the age of 84. Many of us remember Mrs. Kapral pedaling around the Village on her three-wheeled bicycle. Please continue to keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



During our June 10 council meeting, we presented Fire Chief Neal Cash with a Proclamation honoring and thanking him for his outstanding dedication and endless service of 37 years with the department. Chief Cash has demonstrated throughout his life and career a sense of deep responsibility, pride and doing the right thing, whether it be for his family, his community or the fire service. He will officially retire on Friday, June 26, 2015. On behalf of all our elected officials and residents, we wish him a happy and healthy retirement. Due to the upcoming retirement, Michael Suhy was sworn in as Fire Chief and Howard Selig as Assistant Fire Chief that evening. Their new positions will commence on Saturday, June 27.



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

We wish both Michael and Howard the best of luck and are confident that they will do an outstanding job. I promise to all of you that have known the three of us growing up in the Village, that we will continue the tradition of providing excellent fire and EMS services. *Pictured from left to right are Asst. Fire Chief Michael Suhy, Fire Chief Neal Cash, Fire Captain Howard Selig and Mayor Jack Bacci.*



Congratulations to Village resident and Councilwoman Barbara Ann Biro who recently was appointed by Mayor Vic Collova as the City of Garfield Heights' Finance Director. During the past three months, Barb had been working in this capacity due to the death of Finance Director Ron Tomola. Barb has stated, "Ron was a mentor and good friend...which makes this bittersweet."

Terrace Construction continues to investigate the work associated with the Cleveland Water Department's transmission repair work on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Once repairs are made to both lines, the holes will be backfilled and pressure tested prior to pavement restoration. It's distressing to see our newly repaved street torn up by the utilities companies. These types of projects continue to be a disappointment after years of due diligence to protect our investments.

"The Eleanor Koran Gazebo" took a beating after 19 years of harsh, Cleveland weather. Last week the existing gazebo was razed and a new structure was reconstructed. Councilman Todd Bloam asked his fellow council members to consider the rededication of this new gazebo, once again, in honor of former Councilwoman Eleanor Koran.

On June 1 our concession stand officially opened for the summer — seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. In the event of ball games, it will stay open later. A security officer is also on duty while the stand is open for business. We hope our residents, friends and businesses will stop by and purchase a beverage or snack while enjoying their time at Bacci Park.

Best wishes to the students of the Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2015 who graduated on Sunday, May 31. Village residents are Brittany Blasinsky, Dennis Cerny, Jessica Davis, Veronica Gehring, Samantha Hanson, Jordan Hinkle, Emily Mormile, Lexie Nova, Courtney Pelfrey, David Porter, Danielle Roelands and Valerie Santiago. *Embrace new questions, respect old wisdom and never let go of your dream.*

Kudos to Village resident and CHHS Junior, Charlie Pelfrey who competed at States earlier this month in Pole Vault; he placed 11<sup>th</sup> out of 18<sup>th</sup>. We are very proud of Charlie's accomplishments and anyone who has ever attempted to pole vault will tell you...how difficult it really is. We can't wait to see what Charlie will do as a senior next year!



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



Congratulations and best wishes to Village residents Matthew & Mary Schoeffler who welcomed the newest member of their family, Henry Michael Schoeffler. Henry was born on May 21 and weighed in at 8-lbs., 7-oz., and 21-inches long. *Pictured to the left is Henry.*

**“SAVE THE DATE”** - Saturday, October 10 is our annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park.

It's that time again...my office is organizing our annual trip to Kelleys Island for our senior citizens (60 years of age and older). The event is planned for Monday, August 24. This is a great opportunity for myself and our department heads to spend time with some of our seniors, as well as getting them out of town and spending a day in Lake Erie's Western Basin. If you would like to attend this event and haven't yet signed up at a regularly scheduled senior citizen's meeting, please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall for additional information and reservations. **Deadline to register is Monday, August 10.**



Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Helen Kosicki who turned 93 years old this past Wednesday. On behalf of the Village officials, staff and residents...we wish you a happy and healthy year! *Pictured to the left is Mrs. Kosicki at the 2011 retirement party for our former mailman, Darryl Shazor.*

June birthday wishes to employees: Bryan Rini - June 1; Chief Neal Cash - June 4; Stanley Schab - June 8; and Pete Panizzutti - June 19.

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

We would like to inform our residents that Canalway Partners will be holding their annual Towpath Ten-Ten race this Sunday, June 21. The race takes place around 6:30 a.m. and usually ends by 10:30 a.m. I'm sure you'll see a lot of runners and/or walkers during that time throughout the towpath in Cuyahoga Heights.

This Sunday, June 21 is Father's Day. Our administration would like to wish all the Dads a very happy and enjoyable Father's Day. And lastly, we hope everyone has a fun and safe Fourth of July holiday.

*Let freedom never perish in your hands. ~Joseph Addison*



# Memorial Day!



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### From the Clerk:



As you can see from the RITA chart, we are ahead of last year's revenues by 2.28%. My estimate for the year is a 2% increase, so we are right on track. As of the end of May, we have collected 44% of what we estimated for the year, again right on track. Our Expenses at the end of May are at 35.6% a very good percent at this time. So, according to our beginning of the year estimates, we look pretty good.

Last month I reported that at the end of April, we had 5.66 million in our General Fund, this was a mistake due to my exceptional typing abilities, which are not the best, and it should have been 1.66 million. I need to look at the keys closer, and proof read a little better. At the end of May, we have 1.79 million in our General Fund. A little higher than the month before, but this will go up and down throughout the year, it is a moving target.

What I want you to know is that we are constantly watching the money, and we are in good shape moving into the last half of the year.

Have a great summer!

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	578,703.87	(64,635.84)	-11.17%
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			
TOTAL	7,527,753.11	7,673,272.28	8,095,985.12	4,257,274.44	111,153.52	2.28%

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### Village Hall:

#### 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).

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



#### Garage Sale:

The Village-wide garage sale will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Twenty-four households have signed up for the event. Hope you'll join in on the fun – it's a great opportunity to purchase items at reasonable prices, as well as chatting and getting to know your neighbors.

#### Document Shred Day:

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. as we will be holding our annual document shredding event at Gateway Recycling located at 4233 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street in Cuyahoga Heights. Bring your pile of old documents and have them shredded. If you have any questions, please contact event coordinator, Councilwoman Lois Henley at (216) 410-3365.

### Service Department:

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.





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### Service Department *(continued)*:

**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.**

**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.

### Senior Corner:

*Hi from the Senior Corner.* I think we have had enough rain for a while and our flowers should be beautiful. Everything is green and growing. I vote for some sunshine and nice days, school is out and it's time for our young people to enjoy their summer vacation without cloudy skies.

We took our trip to Barberton and had a nice lunch at Belgrade Gardens, one of the three or four restaurants that specialize in chicken dinners. The food was very good. We did not get to enjoy the Blossom Festival however, because we got rained out.

Dolores Len and I are working part-time at the new Concession Stand at Bacci Park. It is really a nice addition to the park. We have food such as hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, pop, candy, soft pretzels and chips. This has been nice for the walkers, joggers and the ball players. I hope all of you will take the time to stop down and see how nice it is and say, "Hi!" We would love to meet all of you.

Our summer activity schedule is very full. On Wednesday, June 17 we went to the Botanical Gardens and Sterle's for lunch. Next Tuesday, June 23 we are having our Anniversary dinner which is always a nice time to spend with our members. On Thursday, June 25 we are going to Ruby Tuesdays, as I mentioned in the May newsletter to support the school alumni. I hope some of you will join us there. It's a nice time to have a delicious lunch, catch up with some friends and support this very worthy cause.

#### Upcoming Events Include:

July 9 – Lunch at the Oriental Palace

July 28 - Pot Luck dinner. Please join us and give yourself a chance to get to know us.

August 12 – Lunch at Union Depot in Berea and shopping

August 24 – Trip with our Mayor to Kelleys Island

August 25 – Senior Picnic

I hope you will all think about joining the seniors as new members. We do quite a few outings and it would be a great chance for you to make new friends and have some fun. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

*Noel Centa, President*

216-509-5278

*Cuyahoga Heights Seniors*





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### Police Department:



Realizing that there has been much misinformation surrounding Ohio photo traffic enforcement programs, the Village wants everyone to be informed that the photo enforcement of traffic violations is indeed **constitutional** and that there has been **no ban** on the use of such devices.

In addition to the traditional methods, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department will use these enforcement devices as a **safe** and **lenient** alternative for the enforcement of local speed limits.



In March 2014, the Cuyahoga Heights Village Council authorized the “Automated Speed and Traffic Enforcement Program” to reduce speeding violations. This program employed devices that detected and photographed vehicles found violating speed limits. This evidence was then used to issue civil violations to the registered owners of violating vehicles. Please note that civil violations carry no points and have no impact on your insurance.

In December 2014, the Ohio General Assembly amended Senate Bill 342 creating new requirements regarding the use of automated devices to enforce traffic laws. One of the major changes created was the requirement that a police officer that is employed by the law enforcement agency of the municipality deploying such devices be present. Furthermore, the Ohio Supreme Court in Walker v. City of Toledo, ruled traffic cameras are constitutional and per this result, their use has been validated.

In May of 2015, the Cuyahoga Heights Village Council authorized the use of “**hand-held photo speed monitoring devices**” in order to comply with the new requirements in Senate Bill 342. The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department will only be using devices that have the judicial notice of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. These hand held devices will record evidence allowing the issuance of a **civil citation** for speeding violations.

Full-time officers of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department will be assigned to locations within the Village that are experiencing traffic problems. Locations will be given enforcement consideration based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to:

- Accident frequency
- Resident and business complaints
- Construction areas
- Police observations

The Cuyahoga Heights Photo Enforcement Program enables the Police Department to address serious traffic safety issues at select locations with high volumes of traffic and high violation rates. We know that traffic enforcement saves lives and deters crime.



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### Dispatch:



#### What Happens When 9-1-1 is Called:

- A central computer identifies the phone number and address the call is coming from, and sends it to the emergency agency serving the address
- The 911 operator answers and asks questions- including verification of the location- to determine needs and prioritize the call, then sends the emergency service
- Calls from cell phones are routed to CECOMS, the Cuyahoga County Emergency Communication System which connects callers to appropriate agencies.
- When using a CELL PHONE the address is not always identified by the computer. Be prepared to give the location of the EMERGENCY

#### Reporting Emergencies to Police:

Callers should remain calm and give information slowly. All calls, emergency or not, are answered by the same operators. Callers are asked to report:

- Location of the incident
- Name, address and phone number
- Type of incident
- Whether the crime is in progress or has already happened and the time it happened, if known

Details which may include: descriptions of any suspects, vehicle description, license plate numbers, direction of travel or other details, if weapons were involved

**Just as a reminder to all residents.** When going on vacation please stop your mail and paper delivery or make sure a neighbor or relative can pick it up for you. Also, it is a good idea to leave a light on a timer, in your living room or kitchen area. Residents may call the Police Department at 883-6800 and put a house watch on your home. The dispatcher will take all the information and pass it on to the police officers who will check your house throughout the day and night.



### Other News:

#### Heritage Home Program<sup>sm</sup>

If your home is 50 years old or older, you have access to free advice regarding home maintenance and improvement projects. The Heritage Home Program<sup>sm</sup> offers free advice, personalized site visits and access to fixed-rate financing as low as 1.85% to cover project costs. To schedule a free site visit or learn more about qualifying for a low-interest loan, please call (216) 426-3116 or visit [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org)

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### Fire Department:



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department would like to wish Chief Cash all the best in his retirement. Chief Neal Cash was a member of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department for 37 years. He will be retiring June 26<sup>th</sup> and will be succeeded by Assistant Fire Chief Michael Suhy. Captain Howard Selig will be the new Assistant Chief/Fire Inspector.

### 2015 Prom Promise

Every two years the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department teams up with Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, Brooklyn Heights Fire and Police Departments, and Valley View Fire and Police Departments to do a mock car accident. This drill is done for the Junior and Senior classes before prom and graduation. The drill is used not only for the training of the participating departments but more importantly to show the students the consequences of drinking and driving. We hope the program impacts every student as they continue through high school and after graduation and we wish the best to the class of 2015.







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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.

Vince Monacco, our dear friend and longtime exterminator, has taken ill. During his recovery period, Pest Management Inc. will assist our Village residents with their pest problems. Rich and Jeremy Kozlovich will be wearing green 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 at (440) 343-1316.



### **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 can also email the information to Lee Ann at [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

### **Village Bus**

Our Village bus operates on a weekly basis for our senior citizens. A schedule of the monthly bus run is published with our monthly Village Newsletter; otherwise, you can always contact the Village Hall for an additional copy of the schedule.

In order to ride the bus, reservations are required by calling the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 prior to 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the trip. For a Saturday trip, please call the Village Hall before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. All trips leave approximately at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Pick ups and drop offs are made at the resident's home.

Please note that all riders of the Village bus must fill out an emergency contact form. This form was established by Council to promote safety for all residents and organizations that use the Village bus. In case of emergencies, it is very important that the Village be able to call those individuals who you designate as emergency contacts. Our bus driver will keep this form on the bus. Please inform your contact person of any medications or conditions that would need to be available in case you were taken to the hospital.

And lastly, all non-residents who ride the Village bus for special bus trips must pay a \$5.00 fee. The fee may be paid at the Village Hall prior to the trip, or paid to the bus driver on that day.

*Mary Kay*

If you would like to book a party for a Mary Kay facial or make over, please contact Village Resident and Independent Beauty Consultant, Tammy Vokac at (216) 938-8394, or you can email her at [tam\\_j\\_vok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tam_j_vok@sbcglobal.net).