

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

July 2015

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Current Activities:

Thursday, July 23 - Blue Wave Swim Team swim meet 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24 - Christmas Eve Pool Party
Games - Prizes - Stockings - Candy Canes
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25 - Stuff the Bus at the parking lot between Cuyahoga Heights Elementary and Middle Schools. See enclosed flyer for more details.

Saturday, August 1 - Deadline to register for youth cheerleading, flag football and soccer

Saturday, August 8 - Movie at the Pool - "Jaws"
10:00 p.m. Rain date August 15, 2015

Monday, August 10 - Deadline for senior citizens to sign up for Kelley's Island trip with Mayor Bacci. Call Lee Ann at the Village Hall to add your name.

Future Important Dates:

Saturday, October 10 - Annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park



Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings

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

Finance Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Don't forget to check us out at
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:

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing Fourth of July. Prior to enjoying the holiday, our staff at the Village Hall had an impromptu birthday celebration for me on July 2...and a surprise visit from Miss Lily made my birthday even more special!



Finally, the weather cooperated for our residents and the Village wide garage sales took place last Saturday; I heard from several residents that they did pretty well. Later that evening (*pictured above to the left*) we held our first-ever family movie night at Bacci Park. It was a beautiful night and the weather was perfect. Pool Manager Tracy Murphy noted there were about 50 residents in attendance. She hopes more residents will attend at future events and plans on having another movie at Bacci Park sometime late August. In the meantime, she and her staff are currently working on a swim party and movie at the pool next month.



Congratulations to all our little ones who graduated from Safety Town on Friday, June 26. This is a great program for our children to explore their community through class activities and field trips while learning important safety precautions. Pictured to the left is Village resident Charlie Nichols who received a Safety Town Award on that day.

The Blue Wave Swim Team's next home meet is Thursday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.; they will be competing against Peak Performance. In addition, we have the privilege of hosting this year's Championships on Saturday, August 1. We hope some of our residents will come out and show their support. Best of luck to our Blue Wave swimmers!





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From the Mayor (*continued*):

Our annual trip to Kelley's Island with our senior citizens (60 years of age and older) has been planned for Monday, August 24. **Deadline to register is Monday, August 10.** This is a great opportunity for myself and our department heads to spend time with our seniors, as well as getting them out of town. If you haven't already signed up, please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall for additional information and reservations.



On another note, don't forget that transport services are available for our senior citizens who are otherwise unable to get to their doctor appointments. If any senior citizen has a doctor's visit and are in need of transportation, please contact Lee Ann during normal business hours one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit.

July birthday wishes to employees: David Lukas - July 2; Rick Henley - July 5; Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski - July 10; Jude Kaliszewski - July 14; Tony Dorris - July 17; Bob Guilfoyle - July 23; Frank Domzalski - July 26; and Fire Chief Michael Suhy - July 27.

Congratulations to Don Pallini who celebrated his 31st anniversary as a Firefighter on July 2, and to Angel Meriwether for her 5th anniversary on July 6 as our Payroll Administrator/Assistant to the Village Hall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer because before you know it...the kids will be back in school.

We should never let our fears hold us back from pursuing hopes. ~ John F. Kennedy



Around Town!



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From the Clerk:



At the end of June, we had 1.5 million in our General Fund after paying all of our bills and salaries. We still need to shore up some of our other funds such as Police & Fire Pension, the Home Loan Grant Fund, the Sewer Users Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the General Note Retirement Fund. In order to keep these funds solvent, we will have to make a transfer from the General Fund of \$550,000 before the end of the year.

So let's look at these funds. We are required by law to pay Police & Fire Pensions. As their salaries increase over time, so does the amount the Village must pay. The Home Loan Grant Fund is the money the Village gives back to the homeowners when they invest in their homes, and it has been hugely successful in keeping up our housing stock. The Sewer Users Fund is the money we use to pay all residents sewer bills. Residents pay their water bills, but no sewer bills. These Funds are supported by the General Fund, and during the year, we make transfers out of the General Fund in order to pay bills attributed to these funds.

We talk about our costs rising every year, and I just wanted you to get a general idea of some of the reasons our General Fund is so important, and that it supports many of the other funds to pay bills you might not have thought about.

Projecting revenue and expenses are the challenges we face every year, and so far we are on track to finish the year with around a million dollars in the bank after paying all of our bills, and barring any unexpected emergencies. We are working hard to make 2015 a very successful year, and keep our Village sustainable far into the future.

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	559,924.17		
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	4,817,198.61	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 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.

ACTIVITY

Cheerleading
Youth Flag Football
Fall Soccer
Youth Basketball

DEADLINE DATE

August 1
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October 15



Concession Stand

Before summer comes to an end...stop on down at the concession stand. It's open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. In the event of ball games, it will stay open later. Relax and enjoy the outdoors with Mother Nature while grabbing a snack. Pictured to the left is a sample of our daily menu.

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.



Senior Corner:

I would like to start off by welcoming our newest members, Dick Chapman and Tim Krenisky. We are glad that they joined our club and look forward to many events with them.

Since our last article, we have been very busy. We went to the Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, June 17. It was absolutely beautiful and the butterfly room was really amazing. Afterwards, we went to Sterle's for lunch. On Tuesday, June 23 we had our Anniversary dinner at The 100th Bomb Group Restaurant. The food was excellent and the room was nicely contained so we were able to go around and talk to everyone. On Thursday, June 25, several members from our club went to Ruby Tuesday's in Seven Hills for a fundraiser that the CHS Alumni Association has been sponsoring the past few years. This is a nice place to eat and their salad bar is the best I have seen. On Thursday, July 9, we went to a new restaurant called Oriental Palace. It is a Chinese buffet with more selections that you can imagine. The food was good and I know I ate way too much. Our members who attended these events thoroughly enjoyed themselves and a great time was had by all.

On Tuesday, July 28 we are having our annual pot luck dinner. It starts at 5:00 p.m. and we encourage all our seniors in the Village to join us for good food and fun, as well as meeting new friends. We have also included a flyer on this event with the newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

August 12 - Union Depot lunch and shopping trip

August 24 - Trip to Kelley's Island with our Mayor, Jack Bacci

August 25 - Annual Picnic at Klima Gardens

We look forward to seeing you at our events and will keep you updated. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

*Noel Centa, President
Cuyahoga Heights Seniors
(216) 509-5278*

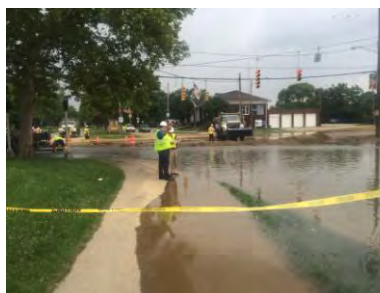


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Police Department:

During the last month, the area of East 49th between Grant and Harvard Avenues took a beating. First, there was a motor vehicle accident that took out two utility poles in front of 4133 East 49th Street. The vehicle ran through one pole shearing it at the base. That action snapped a second pole. Power and some other utilities were out in the area for some time, as well as the road being closed for approximately one day. Thankfully, no one was injured. First Energy finished the repairs approximately 24 hours after the initial accident.



On Harvard Avenue at East 49th Street there was a water main break. The break caused the road to flood at the intersection and into the parking lot of BP. The road had to be shut down for a couple of days while the Cleveland Water Department stopped the water. Work is still being done on the road where the break is located.

National Stop on Red Week

Sunday, August 2, 2015 - Saturday, August 8, 2015 is National Stop on Red Week. Make sure you stop for red lights, flashing red lights, flashing railroad crossings, and stop signs. According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety in 2014 there were 11,273 motor vehicle accidents involving stop signs, red lights, and railroad crossings. Those accounted for 46 fatalities. Please be safe and stop on red.



Construction Updates

Harvard Avenue Resurfacing Project: (City of Cleveland) Through October, Harvard Avenue will be closed to eastbound traffic between East 55th and East 93rd Streets for resurfacing operations. Eastbound motorists will be detoured via I-77 northbound to Broadway Avenue to Union Avenue to East 93rd Street. Harvard Avenue will be open to westbound traffic throughout the project. The entire project resurfaces Harvard Avenue between East 55th and East 93rd Streets. Tentative completion date is October 2015.

I-77 Bridge Deck Replacement Project: Weekdays through July, crews will close the right lane of I-77 northbound between I-480 and Brecksville Road (SR 21) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All I-77 northbound motorists will need to use the contra flow lane. The ramp from I-480 westbound to I-77 northbound will be maintained.

Remember that the speed limit is 50 MPH in the construction zone (both northbound and southbound) **and it is enforced.**

You can get updates on these projects, as well as others around the area by visiting www.dot.state.oh.us.





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Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds in the United States each year. Research conducted for AAA shows that teens are more likely to be involved in fatal crashes when school is out, between May and September. The likelihood that teens will be involved in crashes also rises substantially after 9 p.m. Probationary drivers under the age of 18 will have the following restrictions during the first 12 months after obtaining their license:



- No driving between midnight and 6 a.m., unless that driver is accompanied by a parent or a guardian. The probationary driver can also be exempt with valid documentation from work, school or church allowing driving between these hours.
- No driving with more than one non-family member in the car.
- All passengers must wear safety belts at all times.
- No use of mobile communication while driving.

The new law also requires everyone in the vehicle — front and back seats — to wear their safety belt at all times while a probationary driver is behind the wheel. An existing law will continue that restricts the number of occupants in a vehicle to its number of safety belts.

For more information check out BMV FAQ's on teen driving at http://bmvo.hio.gov/faq_teen_driving.stm

We hope you are having an enjoyable summer! Please use caution driving through the village as many children are out playing and riding their bikes.

Remember to call dispatch with your house watches when you go on vacation. This way we know that you are not home. We will keep a closer look on your home and physically check the exterior once a shift.



In case you've noticed: Police officers are working in the park M-F 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and on the weekends from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Most officers are from the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department; however, there might be some from outside agencies. If you are enjoying the park and notice any problems, please stop the officer and let them know.

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:



Please keep an eye out for children coming and going to the pool. If you see anything suspicious, please call the Police Department at 883-6800, we will send an officer to check it out. Also, always remember to be very careful when pulling your car in and out of your driveway; sometimes children are very hard to see when walking on the sidewalk.



Never approach an animal which you have not come in contact with before. Please call the Police at 883-6800; we will contact our animal control person. Also, remind your children to be careful around any animal they are unfamiliar with. Even the friendliest dogs can become grumpy during the hot summer months.

Fire Department:



Pictured (from left to right) Mayor Jack Bacci, FF Peter Theus, FF Nick Heintz, FF Damon Schreiber, Fire Chief Michael Suhy, FF Patrick Goldsworth, FF William Malovrh, and FF David Bronza (not pictured FF Joe Kappa)

To continue to ensure the safety of our Village, Mayor Bacci recently swore in 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. We are thrilled to welcome them to the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department.

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Fire Department (*continued*):

Heat Awareness Information

It's best to avoid the outdoors in the early afternoon (about noon to 3 p.m.) because the sun is usually at its strongest, putting you at higher risk for heat-related illnesses. If you can, exercise with a friend, because it's safer — and more fun — to have someone at your side.

Here are some other tips:

- Get off on the right foot. You probably sweat the most in your shoes, so choose well-ventilated shoes and look for socks that repel perspiration. Foot powders and antiperspirants can also help with sweat.
- Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing in breathable fabrics such as cotton, or a newer fabric that repels sweat. Add a hat and/or sunglasses.
- Drink up. Before you get started, apply a water-resistant sunscreen with at least SPF 15, and reapply it every two hours. Stay hydrated by drinking a few cups of water before, during and after your exercise. Avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages.
- Take regular breaks. Find some shade or a cool place, stop for a few minutes, hydrate and start again.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion:

- headaches
- heavy sweating
- cold, moist skin, chills
- dizziness or fainting (syncope)
- a weak and rapid pulse
- muscle cramps
- fast, shallow breathing
- nausea, vomiting or both

If you experience these symptoms, move to a cooler place, stop exercising and cool down immediately by dousing yourself with cold water and rehydrating. You may need to seek medical attention.

Symptoms of heat stroke:

- warm, dry skin with no sweating
- strong and rapid pulse
- confusion and/or unconsciousness
- high fever
- throbbing headaches
- nausea, vomiting or both

If you experience these symptoms, seek medical attention right away.





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Rentals

4953 East 71st

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.

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.