

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



September 2015

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Activities:

Saturday, October 3 – Village-sponsored trip to see Marvel Universe Live at Quicken Loans Arena. See attached flyer for more information. Registration deadline is September 4.



Future Important Dates:

October 2- Senior Citizens Flu Shot & Breakfast

October 10 – Community Corn Roast



October 25 – Halloween Party for all resident children and residents grandchildren. See attached flyer for details.

October 31 – Happy Halloween! Trick or Treat will take place from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

November 3 – Election Day/General Election – Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Village Hall offices closed

Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th at 5 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.

Village Hall

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From the Mayor:

On behalf of our elected officials, staff and residents, we would like to convey our deepest sympathies to several families who recently lost loved ones. Village resident Linda Attewell passed away on August 19; she was 67 years old, and resident William "Willie" Stahlnecker passed away on August 29; he was 63. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Village residents Debbie Reiger and John Reiger – their daughter Samantha got engaged to Jason Sousek on August 4; they are planning a wedding for September, 2017. Best of luck to Sam and her fiancé.

I, along with our department heads took 24 of our senior citizens to Kelleys Island on August 24. We couldn't have asked for a better day – the weather was beautiful. Everyone had a great time exploring, shopping or just catching up with their neighbors. And as always, the perch and walleye we had for lunch at the Captain's Corner was delicious. I hope to continue this tradition with our seniors in the future.

On August 27 our department heads, several council members, and myself attended the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual picnic at Klima Gardens. This event is less formal and more of a meet and greet – getting to know others in our surrounding communities.

Congratulations to resident Rebecca "Becky" Cash who was recently inducted to the Cuyahoga Heights High School Hall of Fame on August 28. Becky is the daughter of retired Fire Chief Neal Cash and Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash; she is also a graduate of the Class of 2004. She was a 4-year letterman in soccer and softball during high school and received many honors in both sports. Rebecca is currently an academic advisor at Kent State University.

Our pool staff finished off the summer with a Hawaiian Luau Party on August 29. The event was a success and they had a great turnout – even the weather cooperated that evening. Thank you again to our managers and staff for an accident free and fun time at the pool this past summer.

We held our networking luncheon with the businesses in our community at Klima Gardens on September 4. It was well attended for being a holiday weekend, and the feedback we received from our guests was that they enjoyed themselves and appreciate that we keep them in the loop. Guest speakers that day included Sue McConnell, President of the Cleveland Better Business Bureau; Rob Frost, Chairman of the Republican Party Cuyahoga County; and Chris McNulty. Our next event with our business community will be next spring for our annual breakfast.

Our senior citizens flu shot event is coming up on Friday, October 2. Even though it's not fun receiving a flu shot, we do look forward to spending the morning visiting and enjoying breakfast with our seniors.

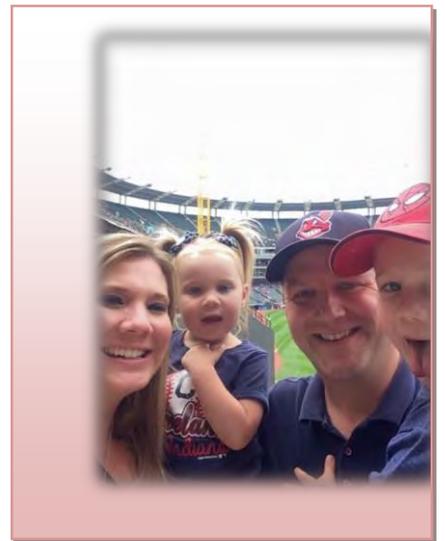
I hope to see everyone at our Corn Roast on Saturday, October 10. Since it was a huge success, we are trying to secure two hay wagons this year. Keep your fingers crossed and pray for good weather.

And finally, our General Election is Tuesday, November 3. In this election, residents will be voting for members of council. If you are a new resident and need to change your address, *or* if you never voted before and need to register, *or* if you need a vote by mail application, please call or stop by the Village Hall; we will give you the necessary forms. Registration deadline is Monday, October 5. Exercise your right to vote!

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

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Around Town



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From the Clerk:

The Village looks wonderful. Everyone has taken pride in keeping up our housing stock, the flowers on the poles are beautiful, and the streets and vacant land are meticulously maintained by the Service Department. These are things that keep our Village desirable, and increases the price of our housing stock. Being an inner ring suburb, these are the things we must do to keep our Village a great place to live and work.

We started the year with 1.45 million in our General Bank Account, and we are on track to finish the year with over a million dollars in our account after paying all of our bills and salaries.

The Council and Administration have wisely invested in many projects this year in infrastructure and economic development, and still maintained a balance of over a million dollars in our bank account. Unfortunately, we continue to put off large projects like Canal Road and Grant Avenue resurfacing and pool renovations until we can figure out a way to pay for them.

The residents had a great time this summer at the pool, and Bacci Park. We employed many of our local children and seniors to work there, and they did a great job. Unfortunately, summer is coming to an end, and I hear people are already buying gifts for Christmas!

Having gone through three quarters of the year, we are in great shape financially. We have gone through 64% of our budgeted expense, and we have received 79% of our expected revenue. This means our spending is under our budgeted amounts, and we took in more revenue than expected so far this year.

Although our finances look good today, we are always looking to make sure the economy doesn't change. We will continue to monitor the finances and be good stewards of the

JANUARY	531,947.49	644,593.83	701,203.65	806,899.10	105,695.45	15.07%
FEBRUARY	645,702.65	638,258.93	542,645.46	626,184.73	83,539.27	15.39%
MARCH	818,935.60	817,199.06	929,321.38	838,149.44	(91,171.94)	-9.81%
APRIL	532,060.38	636,179.02	711,647.56	623,337.78	(88,309.78)	-12.41%
MAY	685,629.54	633,944.39	617,963.16	783,999.52	166,036.36	26.87%
JUNE	619,557.23	646,774.82	643,339.71	578,703.87	(64,635.84)	-10.05%
JULY	637,580.56	590,649.46	744,253.53	630,699.68	(113,553.85)	-15.26%
AUGUST	602,701.42	591,619.13	616,110.30	851,514.14	235,403.84	38.21%
SEPTEMBER	593,358.57	641,230.39	607,652.11	422,410.26	(185,241.85)	-30.48%
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	6,161,898.52	47,761.66	0.078%

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General Election

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. In addition to county wide issues, our Village Council Members are all up for re-election. Do your part as a citizen and vote. The polls will be open downstairs in the civic center at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



If you are a new resident and haven't yet changed your address with the Board of Elections, forms are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours. In addition, we also have "Vote by Mail Ballot Applications."

Voters must be registered in Cuyahoga County in order to vote in any election. In order to vote in Cuyahoga County, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a United States Citizen;
- You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the General Election;
- You must be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days;
- You must register to vote at least 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote.
- 17 year old residents can register and vote in a Primary Election if they will be 18 on or before the General Election. 17-year-olds can vote for candidates only.

Voter Identification Requirements:

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include:

- A current and valid photo identification card (e.g., driver's license or state ID)
- A military identification
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

Important Dates:

- 10/05/2015 Close of Registration
- 10/06/2015 Opening of Vote by Mail (Absentee) voting
- 10/31/2015 12:00 p.m. Noon - Deadline for applications by mail for an absentee ballot to be mailed
- 11/02/2015 Voting in person at the Board of Elections ends
- 11/02/2015 All Vote by Mail / Absentee ballots mailed anywhere in the U.S. must be postmarked on or before this date and received at the Board of Elections on or before 11/13/2015 in order to be counted.
- 11/03/2015 All overseas Vote by Mail ballots must be signed and submitted for mailing by 12:01 AM EDT on or before this date and received on or before 11/13/2015 in order to be counted.
- 11/03/2015 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Election Day - Provisional voting at the Board of Elections
- 11/03/2015 All Vote by Mail / Absentee ballots returned in person must be received at the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. in order to be counted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).

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Service Department:

Special Pick Up

If you need a special pick up for trash that is oversized, large amounts, or hazardous waste, don't forget to call the Village Hall to be put on the Special Pick Up list. Special Pick Up day is on Tuesday mornings, unless there is a holiday on Monday, at which time, the Special Pick up will be taken care of on Wednesday. You must call the Village Hall by 4:00 on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up. Your assistance is appreciated.

Pet Waste

Please remember to pick up after your furry friends when walking them in the Village, especially on sidewalks and tree lawns.



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.

Table and Chair Rental

Tables and chairs can be rented from the Service Department (limit of three (3) tables and 30 chairs). You must pick them up and bring them back to the garage. You will need to stop in at the Service Department and sign the loan form. Please be advised that tables and chairs are not permitted to leave the Village. If they are taken out of the Village, you will lose this privilege.

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 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.”

Please note:

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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Police Department:

Cell phone, text messaging news: A Senate plan that would tack on an additional \$100 fine for those who commit a long list of traffic offenses while driving distracted has been approved and sent to the House. The June 25 vote was unanimous. Legislation also was filed for the session that would allow primary enforcement of the Ohio texting & driving law. Another bill seeks a general distracted driving law, but with secondary enforcement. The state's texting ban is drawing widespread complaints from police that it's too difficult or bothersome to enforce. Neither bill has seen any action as of late summer.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is pushing for distracted driving fines from \$100 to \$300 that would be tacked on in addition to penalties for other offenses. The money would be used to fund driver education. The 2015 proposal initially was part of Gov. John Kasich's state budget, but was removed by the House Finance Committee Feb. 23. That plan returned via House Bill 86 from state Rep. Cheryl Grossman.

The Ohio distracted driving laws have two levels of enforcement: There is only secondary enforcement for adult drivers who text message. This means that police need another reason to stop and cite violators, such as weaving or speeding. For drivers under the age of 18, however, texting and the use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices are primary offenses. State Rep. Michael Sheehy's HB 88 would apply primary enforcement to adult drivers. Ohio became the 39th state to ban text messaging while driving.



Village texting laws

432.45 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular traffic while using a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication.

432.40b FULL TIME AND ATTENTION.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle without giving his or her full time and attention to the operation of such vehicle.

Our Furry Friends



There have been several complaints about dogs off leash in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. Please remember that the Village has a leash law that applies not only to sidewalks but to all public property including Bacci Park, Klima's Gardens, The Metroparks, and all playgrounds.

If your pet does escape from your home or yard please notify the

618.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

(b) A person who is the owner or has charge of any animal shall not permit it to run at large in the public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon unenclosed land, or permit them to go upon any private yard, lot, or enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure.

Are you prepared for a disaster? Please go to www.ready.gov – Plan ahead for natural disasters.

With the school year back in the swing of things remember to keep an eye on the children walking to and from school. If you see anything unusual give us a call. Also remember to stop for buses and remember the school zone speed limit is 20 MPH.

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



Fire Department:

Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit



With every 30-minute delay in advanced stroke care, patients chances of a good outcome drop by 14%

5,600

Every year in Cuyahoga County alone, 5,600 people suffer a stroke which is the 4th leading cause of death.

WHY?

Why a mobile stroke unit? With 2 million brain cells lost every minute during a stroke, time is of the essence. At Cleveland Clinic, we've developed an innovative way to get care to patients faster: **A Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit.**

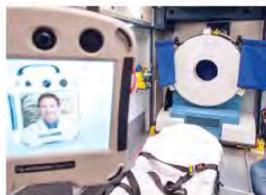


Cleveland Clinic's Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit essentially brings all of the necessary stroke diagnosis and treatment tools from the Emergency Department right to the patient.



How does it work?

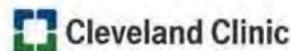
The Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit is a stroke-specific emergency response vehicle, equipped with a highly skilled medical team and specialty on-board devices. This means we can rapidly diagnose and initiate treatment for stroke patients wherever they are when symptoms begin. When a 9-1-1 call is received for a suspected stroke, a dispatcher simultaneously launches both our unit and an ambulance. Together, our emergency teams work together to identify whether it is indeed a stroke and, if so, begin appropriate therapy while in transit to any Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center.



Our Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit features include:

- > CT scanner
- > Laboratory testing equipment
- > 2-way portable videoconferencing system, enabling a stroke physician to evaluate and facilitate patient treatment in minutes.

We are happy to announce that our department is teaming up with the Cleveland Clinic for the use of their Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit. This partnership will be another great asset to the Fire Department as we continue to provide the best care to our residents. We will begin our partnership September 25.





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Fire Department (cont'd):



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will be delivering Fire Prevention literature and batteries for your smoke alarms on 3 consecutive Sundays during the month of October. During our visit we will be available to assist you in replacing your batteries or answering any fire prevention questions you may have. If you are not at home on your scheduled Sunday we will leave the bag at your door. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to schedule a return visit to your home.

Non-emergency number - 216-641-6799

Sunday, October 4th

East 49th Street
Grant Ave.

Sunday, October 11th

East 71st Street
Bletch and Marcelline Courts

Sunday, October 18th

Willowbrook Drive
East 72nd Place
Dressler Court

Dispatch:

Get a **flu shot**. Even though you could still get sick after getting the shot, the vaccine can provide protection against severe complications from the flu.

Wash your hands. One of the best ways to avoid getting sick is to wash them regularly and thoroughly. Use hot water, plenty of soap, and wash for at least 30 seconds.

Raking leaves? **Prevent back injuries** by standing upright while raking and pull from your arms and legs. Don't overfill leaf bags, and when picking them up, bend at the knee and use your legs, not your back, for support.

Do not allow children to play in leaf piles near the curb. The piles can obstruct the view of drivers and put your child at risk for getting hit, especially since it gets dark outside earlier. Check all **outdoor lighting fixtures** to make sure they are working properly. This can safeguard you against falls and neighborhood crime.

Keep an **emergency kit** in your trunk. Some can be found in stores already pre-made for convenience, but if you want to create your own, be sure to include a flashlight, first-aid kit, jumper cables, windshield washer fluid and basic tools. You might even consider purchasing a car battery charger if you have a long commute each day.



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Senior Corner:

Hi everyone. Well this weather sure has been crazy. We went from really hot to rainy and cold to back to beautiful. Ohio weather, go figure.

Our Kelly's Island trip with our Mayor, Jack Bacci, was very nice. The weather was a bit cool, but we have always had a great time, even in the rain. The boat trip was a bit rocky for me, but we got there and back safely and had a great time. Jack is always so nice to do this for the Senior Citizens of Cuyahoga Heights. Thank you so much Jack from all of us.

We had our Senior Picnic on Tuesday, August 25th. We had the typical picnic food, i.e., fried chicken, coleslaw, biscuits, dessert and played some games. It is always so nice to spend time with our fellow seniors. The weather was with us that day.

We were not able to take the trip on the Goodtime. The plans did not work out, but maybe we can try again in the future.

Our day on Lolly the Trolley is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th. We are to meet at the Village Hall on 8:45 and the trip will be about 2 hours. We are then going to have lunch at Shooters. We look forward to having a nice day together.

A group of us are planning to go to the Breakfast Buffet at Slyman's in Independence. The food is great and you can create your own omelet. It is served from 9:30 to 1:30 on Sunday mornings. Don't miss it.

Don't forget to sign up for your flu shot on October 2nd. Winter is coming and we need to protect ourselves.

We all look forward to the Corn Roast in Bacci Park on October 10th. The Seniors will again sell 50/50 tickets. Please stop by our booth. There are always fun things to do at the Roast. A hay ride, good food, games, a maze for the kids and a good time to visit with your neighbors.

We will be having our Halloween party at our Senior Social on Tuesday, September 27th. Throw on a costume, or not, and join us.

We have a few things coming up in the following months and I will keep you informed of the details.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 216-509-5278.

Noel Centa, President
Cuyahoga Heights Seniors



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New Residents

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help! Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to Lee Ann at l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Wendy Heinzman by the 15th of the month, to be included in the following month newsletter. Please email the information to w.heinzman@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 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

DEADLINE DATE

Youth Baseball & Softball	April 1
Adult Men's & Women's Softball	July 15
Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1
Youth Basketball	October 15



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Other News:

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 Monaco, 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.



CVCC Programs for October:

College Night at CVCC

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Representatives from over 125 colleges will be on hand to answer questions.

Digital Animation Workshops (grades 4-6, cost \$20.00, includes snack):

Comic Con Adventures

Saturday, October 3, 9 am – 12 pm

Register at: <http://www.cvccworks.edu/StudentWorkshops.aspx>

Spiderman and Mary Jane Comic Adventure

Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 12 pm

Register at: <http://www.cvccworks.edu/StudentWorkshops.aspx>

Community Wellness Presentation with the Cleveland Clinic:

Osteoarthritis and Exercise – Ways to Exercise with Arthritis and How Exercise Can Help Manage Arthritis

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 1-2:00PM Learn how exercise improves flexibility, joint stability, and muscle strength and what types of exercise have shown to decrease amount of pain and disability for osteoarthritis sufferers. Light refreshments prepared by our Culinary Arts Students will be served. Free event, registration required. Register by October 19, 2015 to Marie Elias at melias@cvccworks.edu or online at <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-10-27-15>

College and Career Planning Seminar:

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

High school parents and students may attend either of two sessions to hear experts speak about important career and college planning topics. The session focusing on freshmen and sophomores will include information on developing an independent student, assisting students with exploring career paths, creating a solid academic portfolio and earning college credit while in high school. The session for parents of juniors and seniors includes information regarding career and major decision making, navigating the college search process and obtaining scholarships/financial aid. "All attendees will receive a free packet of resources. Please register online for the seminar at <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-CCP2015>