

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



October 2015

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Future Important Dates:

October 25 – Halloween Party for all resident children and residents' grandchildren at Klima Gardens from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

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



November 1 – Eastern Standard Time resumes, set clocks back one hour.

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

November 11 – In observance of Veteran's Day,
Village Offices and Service Department will be closed.



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.



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 their loved ones. Last month, Elisa "Nony" Venchi passed away, she was 98 years old. And on October 1, Mr. Frank Trusso, Sr. passed away. Mr. Trusso served as a councilman for our Village during 1980-1983 and 1985. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.



We couldn't have asked for a better day for our Corn Roast – and the amount of people that showed up was incredible! Even though we had two hay wagon rides going, there still was a line. The bigger kids, as well as some of the younger children, really enjoyed the haunted hay wagon ride. And the fireworks – outstanding! Unfortunately, Village residents and 2014 Corn Hole

Champions Russell Hartman and Renato Contipelli lost their title to Brooklyn Heights residents Jerry Wise and Joey Hepburn...there's always next year. It was great to receive so many positive comments about the Corn Roast and we are happy that everyone enjoyed themselves. We couldn't have pulled it off without team effort. It's not one person – it's not one Village – it's not one Mayor; it's everyone involved that made it possible. Thank you to each and every individual who helped in any way to make this event so remarkable! Save the date for next year – **Saturday, October 8, 2016.** *What a great team -- pictured to the right: Wendy Heinzman, Kristy Neff, Angel Motz, Lee Ann Schoeffler & Angel Meriwether.*



Congratulations to Village resident and Cuyahoga Heights graduate, Lisa Combs. Lisa was chosen as the 2015 Homecoming Queen for The Ohio State University on Saturday, October 10. Twenty students, ten males and ten females were chosen as court members. These members are chosen based on their leadership qualities, spirit, integrity, and achievement through their contributions and involvement at Ohio State. Over 64,000 students are enrolled at the college. We are so very proud of Lisa's

accomplishments and this special recognition. *Pictured above: Mrs. Barbara Combs, Jennifer Combs Wesselhoff, Mr. Howard Combs, Sr., Lisa Combs, unknown & Howie Combs.*

Our annual flu shot and breakfast with our senior citizens was held earlier this month at the Village Hall. The event turned out well as usual and our seniors enjoyed chatting amongst one another, as well as with our senior and Village Hall staff. In fact, we had several seniors that didn't want a flu shot but wanted to eat breakfast and visit with their neighbors. We are so fortunate to be able to do this with our seniors and we are happy that they truly enjoy this event. *Pictured to the right is Mr. Tom Nova, Sr.*



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From the Mayor (cont'd):

Earlier this year, our Village offered its residents half price tickets to see Marvel Live at the Q on October 3. We had thirty residents sign up and “Betty the Bus Driver” took us to The Q that evening. Once again, the seats were fantastic, and both adults and youngsters enjoyed the show. The expression on the faces of our little ones was priceless as they watched their Super Heroes in action. *Pictured to the right is Traci Nichols in her Spidey glasses, and below Lily, Brenna & Madison Bacci.*



Congratulations to Village residents and first-time parents Nathan and Jackie Graff who welcomed their little bundle of joy, John Carter on September 29. John weighed in at 7-lbs. and 13-oz. Best wishes to the family.



Best wishes and congratulations to Cleri Knapik who retired on October 2 after 25 years of service at Euclid Hospital. On behalf of our Village residents, we wish you a happy, healthy and exciting retirement Cleri!

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Tomi Sonoda who turned 93 on October 3. Hope your birthday was special and one to remember...best wishes!

Congratulations to Clerk Robert Unger and his wife Janine; their son Dustin recently got married on Saturday, October 17 to Michelle Martinez. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day. The polls will be open at the Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Do your part and exercise your right to vote!

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Donna Pellini and Mrs. Gerry Sajetwoski.

Don't forget that Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. It's a day to celebrate and honor all the men and women who have served in our U.S. Armed Forces. Each and every one of us need to be thankful to our Veterans for giving their service, commitment and heroism to our country so that we can enjoy the freedom and life we have been accustomed to. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following residents who are Veterans: Neal Cash, Howie Combs, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Jim Meadwell, Joseph Nagy, Tom Nova, Sr., Leonard Petrykowski, Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso, Jr., and Richard Wallace. Please continue to keep Joe Brotowski and Hunter Krenisky in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our country. God Bless!



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From the Clerk:



We are moving into the last quarter of the year, and we are on track financially to finish the year with paying all of our bills and having a surplus of over a million dollars in our General Fund.

After three quarters of the year, we have spent 72% of our budgeted expenses, and we have received 84% of our expected revenue. These are good indications of finishing the year with a larger than expected balance in our General Fund.

We are committed to making our Village a great place to live by investing in projects that will benefit all of us, while staying within our means. The Village looks wonderful, and we should all be very proud.

The majority of our revenue is derived from people working in our Village. The more jobs we have, the more revenue we get. Most of our RITA revenue is derived from withholding taxes and that is why I attach the RITA chart. These numbers are a critical part of how we operate throughout the year. We rely heavily on this revenue stream.

According to the RITA chart, we have taken in \$143,000.00 more than this time last year. We will continue to monitor our expenses and revenue to make sure we end the year with a healthy balance in our General Fund.

If you ever have any questions or comments, please call, or stop and see me. My door is always open.

Month Distributed	2012	2013	2014	2015	Difference from 2014	% change from 2014
JANUARY	531,947.49	644,593.83	701,203.65	806,899.10	105,695.45	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	772,784.21	95,860.95	14.16%
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	6,934,682.73	143,622.61	3.17%

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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 in the auditorium at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



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.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).

Building Department:

Winter season is approaching fast. With that in mind, most dwelling fires occur during the winter season. The majority of these fires occur at night between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Please check all of your smoke detectors to make sure they are operating properly. Smoke detectors must be installed on all levels of your home. All bedrooms and hallways should have smoke detectors installed in them.

- Change batteries twice a year
- Alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced
- Periodically, every four to eight weeks, test all smoke alarms

Working smoke detectors save lives.



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Heritage Home Program:



Heritage Home Program

Much can be said about a community by its housing stock and we all should take pride in Cuyahoga Heights. Our Village has wonderful homes worthy of maintaining and enhancing. To aid homeowners in doing this, our community has participated in the Heritage Home ProgramSM of the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) for the past several years. This is a wonderful service that is available to you – **free of charge!**

For owners of houses over 50 years old, the Heritage Home ProgramSM provides free technical assistance for home repair and maintenance projects such as:

- Site visit to the property to assess projects and provide feedback
- Advice on kitchen and bathroom makeovers
- Advice on repair and maintenance issues
- Advice on compatible additions
- Assistance finding contractors
- Evaluation of contractor estimates
- Impartial product and service reviews
- Color consultations for exterior painting

In addition to providing technical assistance, the Heritage Home ProgramSM offers low, fixed-interest loans for home improvement projects with current rates as low as 1.85% for 10 years. Most projects, interior and exterior, can qualify for this equity-based financing option.

Interested homeowners can find more information at www.heritagehomeprogram.org or you can contact Heritage Home ProgramSM staff at (216) 426-3116.





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Police Department:



With Halloween right around the corner your safety and the safety of our children is our top concern. **Trick or Treat, October 31st 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Officers will be out as in recent years on foot and in cars. If you see ANY suspicious, criminal, or dangerous activity please stop one of the officers and let them know or call 911.

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Please take a look at the Halloween safety tip sheet (National Safety Council) that is included with this newsletter.

If you are driving please be extra cautious follow all traffic laws and parking signs. Remember to keep an eye out for little ghosts and goblins running around. Most importantly ***DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!***

Also as adults walking your children around, please remember the ordinance against walking around with open containers (including mugs filled with adult beverages)

612.07 B3: OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED

(B) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following circumstances:

(3) In any other public place

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN



FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911 Other calls please use 216-883-6800

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Fire Department:

We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Halloween. If you see our fire trucks or ambulances out during Trick or Treat please stop by, we will have treats for the kids.

If we missed you during our annual smoke detector checks and 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



Dispatch:

Halloween Safety tips for Pets

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous for dogs and cats. Symptoms of **chocolate poisoning** may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures.

2. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but kids will be dressed in costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. Put your dog or cat in a secure room away from the front door.

3. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can make your pets stomach upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities.

4. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.

5. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow.

6. Make sure your pet has a name tag

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that they will be returned. Just make sure the information is up-to-date.

Have a safe and happy Halloween from the Dispatch Center!



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Senior Corner:

Hi everyone. It looks like winter is on its way. Autumn is always beautiful but we know what that leads to unfortunately. We live in Ohio so what else could we expect.

I hope all of you got your flu shots. It is so nice of our village to provide that for us, as well as the blood work that this service provides. We are very fortunate to live in Cuyahoga Heights.

I hope many of you had a chance to attend our Corn Roast. It gets better every year. I noticed an even bigger crowd this year. The Kids Corner was so nice and it was so cute to see all of the children walking around with their little faces painted. The hay ride was fun for all. The drum corps entertained us with their wonderful presentation. They are absolutely amazing. The food was good. Chili dogs on a brisk day seemed just right. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with the event. It could not be done without all of you. Thank you, Mayor Bacci for continuing this tradition.

The seniors had a 50/50 raffle and the lucky winner was Laura Hine. We also had a beautiful gift basket that we raffled. The Rudowski family will be enjoying that. Thank all of you who purchased tickets, this will help the seniors with many upcoming events.

We have our Halloween party coming up on October 27th. Don't eat dinner ladies and gentlemen, food will be served.

Upcoming Events

November 14th – Our trip to the Dickens play. The bus leaves at 7:15 A.M.

November 18th – Lunch at Polaris – The bus leaves at 11:15

December 12th – Senior Christmas Party

Please call me at 216-509-5278 with any questions.

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.

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.

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.



Can you help?



The local pet shelters and rescue groups are always in need of old blankets, towels, pet supplies etc. If you would like to help these animals, please contact Gina Snoddy at (216) 308-7519, or e-mail her at gmsnoddy2825@gmail.com. Donations can also be dropped off at Gina's house at 5029 East 71st Street any time. Your help is appreciated.



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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.

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.**

Leaf Pick Up

Fall will be approaching us quickly and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

Snow Removal Program

Residential Snow Removal Program for our 2015/2016 season.

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.
- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Scott Waldemarson at 216-641-3505.
- Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.

The Village Directory

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1:00-4:30 p.m.

JOE VITANZA
Sports Commissioner, 883-8288

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ANY Emergency	911	Fire Department	641-6799
Animal Control	641-3505	Pest Control	251-7770
Building Dept.	641-7020	Police Department	883-6800
Bus Reservations	641-7020	Senior Clinic	520-0927
CHS Elementary	429-5880	Service Department	641-3505
CHS Middle School	429-5757	Village Hall	641-7020
CHS High School	429-5707	Village Pool	341-7684

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