

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



November 2015

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Activities:

November 26/27 - Thanksgiving Day observed. Village Hall and Service Department closed.

November 27 - Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

December 4 - Christmas Stocking registrations due to Village Hall.

December 20 - Santa Claus is coming to Town. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit resident children.



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

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:



It is with great sadness, that yet again we lost several residents. Clerk Robert Unger's younger brother Tom passed away on October 24; he was 57. Mrs. Bernice Blue passed away on November 16; she was 97. On behalf of our administration, elected officials, and staff, we would like to convey our deepest sympathies to the families.

Our business neighbors

Our administration recently wrote a letter to the Greater Cleveland Partnership in support of Alcoa and its request for Ohio grants. The facility on Harvard Avenue is upgrading its 35,000- and 15,000-ton presses; these grants will help retain and create new jobs at their facility.

Long-term economic development

I also wanted to update our residents, especially those on East 49th Street about the Nicky Boulevard Project. As many of you may know, our administration has been committed to working towards the future development of the Nicky Boulevard Landfill Brownfield Redevelopment Project and stabilization of the East 49th Street residential backyards – no matter how painful the process has been, there has been measurable progress made by our administration in 2015.

- The first portion of the leachate collection system had been installed by Boyas Excavating, Inc., earlier this year which allowed the Village to commence on the first portion of the environmental permitting.
- In August of 2015, Village Council engaged an environmental consultant to complete a wetland and stream delineation, and mitigation analysis of all of the properties associated within the project limits.
- Last month, the delineation report was submitted to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- Sometime this month, the USACE will be on site to conduct their review of the facility. Once we receive their concurrence, we will submit our application to the USACE and Ohio EPA for approval to move forward with the masterplan for the Nicky Boulevard landfill.

Our administration recognizes that the process is slow, and our residents have been very patient and understanding, but we want to assure you that we are committed to seeing this project through, and utilizing the brownfield redevelopment as an economic asset for the Village's future business solicitation.

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From the Mayor *(continued)*:



Events

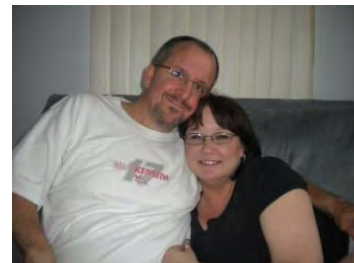
What a beautiful day we had for our annual Halloween party at Klima Gardens. In fact, it was so nice, a lot of the kids spent it outdoors on the playground. As usual, everyone that attended had a great time. Good food, fun entertainment and cute costumes. I would like to thank Jennifer and Dan Ulery, and their volunteers for all their efforts in making this event a success. Pictured to the left is Charlie, Julia and Traci Nichols. Pictured to the right is Rick, Mary Ann and Sara Cockrell, and family.



I know it's Black Friday, and many of you might be shopping, but I hope some of our residents will stop by and join us for our annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday evening, November 27 at 6:30 p.m. This event kicks off the holiday season with Christmas caroling, hot cocoa, cookies and a very special visit by Santa!

Special news

Congratulations to Village residents, Bob Spies and Tracy Murphy (*pictured to the right*) on their recent engagement. We are very happy for the both of you -- best wishes!



Milestone birthdays

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Barbara Combs who celebrated her 75th birthday on November 6, and to Mrs. Susan Revak who turned 85 on November 18. *"As you celebrate your special birthdays -- may you be surrounded by love, may you find many peaceful moments, and may you be blessed with happiness."*

Employee birthdays

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Pat Koran & Tom Nova; (3) Councilwoman Barb Biro; (10) Tom Kekelis; (27) Clerk Bob Unger and (28) Mark Hine.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mary Jane Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Dave Porter and Mrs. Gerry Sajetowski.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. *"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."* - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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From the Clerk:

As we look towards the end of another year, our finances are very solid. We started the year with 1.4 million dollars in our General Fund, and I am projecting that we will end the year with 1.3 to 1.5 million dollars in our General Fund after paying all of our bills. At the beginning of the year I projected a 2% increase in RITA revenue. After booking all of the revenue from RITA taxes through November, I am projecting that the increase in this revenue stream will be very little, if any. These figures are directly related to the economy and jobs. Our economy is holding its own, but not growing at the rate we expected.

Our expenses are below what we budgeted for 2015. All the departments have watched their spending this year, and continue to monitor their budgets on a monthly basis. Moving into November, we have spent 78% of our budgeted expenses, and we are on track to finish the year under budget in most areas.

The Mayor, Council, and I have all worked very hard to make the right choices regarding the budget and spending while maintaining a surplus in the bank for emergencies. As the Clerk, I am very comfortable with our cash position, and will continue to work with the Mayor and Council to keep our Village financially solvent, and a great place to live.

If you have any questions or comments, my door is always open. Happy Thanksgiving!

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	557,624.59	(81,249.89)	-12.72%
DECEMBER	528,832.16	605,547.68	666,050.52			
TOTAL	7,527,753.11	7,673,272.28	8,095,985.12	7,492,307.32	62,372.72	0.08%

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Village Hall:



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.

Doctor's Appointments

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 is in need of transportation, please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall during normal business hours one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit.

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.

ACTIVIY

DEADLINE DATE

Spring Soccer	March 1
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

Don't forget: When the snow builds up, please remember to shovel your walkways and steps for the mail carrier and newspaper carriers. They will appreciate it.

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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 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.**

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.

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Police Department:

Be Alert for ID Theft This Holiday Season!

One of the most exciting things about the holiday season is shopping. Unfortunately, identity thieves love shopping, too, only they are shopping for ways to steal!

Please practice the following tips to help you avoid identity theft this holiday season.

At the mall:

- Only bring your driver's license and the credit card you intend to use. Leave other credit cards and forms of ID at home.
- Watch for "shoulder surfers". Thieves will try to obtain information by taking a picture of your credit card or writing down the information as you make your transaction. Cover your information from prying eyes.
- Only use ATM's in secure locations with video surveillance and always shield your PIN number from others

Online:

- Make sure the website URL begins with **https**. The "s" indicates that you are on a secure web site.
- Be cautious of e-mails about the status of package deliveries to your home. Never open attachments from unknown sources.
- Don't shop or conduct personal business on un-secure networks, such as coffee shops, stores, restaurants, or public facilities.
- Use only known and reputable on-line merchants.
- Be sure your passwords and PINs are strong, unique, and difficult to detect. The best combine upper and lowercase letters combined with numbers and symbols.

General Shopping Tips:

- Use credit cards instead of debit cards. Thieves can drain your bank account if they obtain your information. Also, credit cards typically allow for a longer period for reporting fraud.
- Do not leave your wallet or smart electronic devices in view in your vehicle.
- Look for signs of ID theft by reviewing accounts for inaccuracies, receiving cards you did not apply for, and for being denied credit when you have always have had good credit.
- If you call tech support, be certain you have reached the actual company. Identity thieves have will use false support sites to obtain personal information.



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Fire Department:



CHFD Visits Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department visited the elementary school and spoke to the Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first graders about fire safety and 9-1-1, including stop, drop and roll, staying low, checking doors for heat, and the importance of smoke detectors and escape routes. Firefighters Borowy and Grabowski also dressed in full turn out gear to show students what they look like during a fire so as to be familiar and not be afraid. Each child was given a helmet and badge upon completion of their "training." Thank you to the elementary school and parents for allowing us to visit and educate your children—it's an event we look forward to and enjoy every year.



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Senior Corner:

Hi everyone. Here we are in November watching the leaves fall and doing a lot of raking. The autumn leaves are so pretty for such a short period of time and then we will be cold and full of that white stuff we call snow. Such is the weather in Ohio.

We had a nice Halloween party on the 27th. I made clam chowder and we had croissant sandwiches and other items. Really good eats.

On Saturday, the 14th, we took a Great Day trip to Cambridge Ohio for a Dickens event. It was so much fun. The people in the town make mannequins and dress them like the Dickens characters and every street corner has different scenes from different Dickens stories. They were done very well. There are a lot of nice little shops in downtown Cambridge which we visited and had a lunch buffet at Theo's. We visited the Dickens house and shopped for gifts to take home. The prices were very reasonable. We got back home around 8:30 and I think we all slept good that night.

We have a lunch date at Polaris on Wednesday the 18th. We always enjoy the food that these students make and usually visit their wonderful bakery.

There is not much going in December other than our Christmas party on the 12th of December. We always enjoy ourselves at this event.

We have not planned any events for next year so far but we will be working on it. The only thing for 2016 is our trip to New York City on June 26, 27 and 28th. Keep this trip in mind and we hope you will join us for a good time.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving from your Cuyahoga Heights Seniors.

Noel Centa – President

216-509-5278

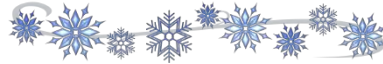


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Dispatch Department:

Residents -- it's time to start thinking about snow! Please remember that if two or more inches of snow falls in a twenty-four hour period the Village **will declare a snow emergency and all vehicles must be removed from the Village streets.** This will make it easier and more efficient for the Service Department to plow our streets. If your vehicle is not removed from the street, we will need to call you or have an officer stop at your home.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a happy Thanksgiving from the Dispatchers at the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.



CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER:

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Information Night & Overview

Do you have a high school senior heading to college next fall? Do you have questions about or need assistance with the FAFSA? Then you won't want to miss this event! The FAFSA Information Night & Overview is being hosted by the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) on Wednesday, December 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The free event is an opportunity for parents to hear the Director of Financial Aid at John Carroll University give an overview of the FAFSA as well as a line-by-line explanation of the form. Also, learn how to accurately report assets and how to deal with special financial circumstances.

Reserve a seat by calling Darden Blake, 440-746-8242 or <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-FAFSA2015>

Video Game Design Workshops for 4-6 grade students

12/5/2015 from 9am - noon – Holiday Maze

12/12/2015 from 9am - noon – Holiday Platform

At these workshops students will use GameMaker pro software version 8.1 to create take-home games.

Cost is \$20.00 per workshop and includes a snack.

Register at: www.cvccworks.edu/StudentWorkshops.aspx



For Sale:

Cuyahoga Heights 4 bedroom colonial, custom built in 2009. This beauty features custom cabinets, granite counter tops, breakfast bar, pantry and stainless steel appliances, four bedrooms up, two full baths and laundry room. Finished rec room with bath. Great room/fireplace, deck, 12 x 4 concrete patio overlooking a 219' deep lot with outbuilding. Extra wide drive, 22 feet deep garage. Great schools and city services. Low 200s. Call Tom Wojtala (216) 533-3910.



Holiday Lighting Contest

Grab your garland – track down your tinsel – don't forget the lights and extension cords.

It's time for the annual holiday lighting contest. Dress your home in its holiday best. Be sure to turn your lights on during the early evening hours on Sunday, December 20th. Mayor Bacci and his band of elves will be judging the best display.

There will be cash prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

Have fun and good luck!



The Village Directory

Visit us on the web: www.cuyahogaheights.com

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**Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and
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
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