

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



December 2015

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Activities:

Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes this year! They all looked so nice which made it difficult for the judges.

Congratulations to this year's contest winners: **1st Place** – Richard & Linda Grabowski; **2nd Place** – James & Lisa King; and **3rd Place** – Clarence & Barbara Knapik. Even though there was not a prize for **4th Place**, the judges wanted to recognize Mrs. Bea Duber and Rick & Noel Centa on their beautiful homes. Again, congratulations and thank you to everyone who decorated their homes.

Merry Christmas!



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.



Future Important Dates:

December 24 – Christmas Eve
Service Department and Village Hall closed.

December 25 – Christmas
Service Department and Village Hall closed

January 1 – New Year's Day
Service Department and Village Hall closed

Village Hall

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

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From the Mayor:



As we end the year, yet again it is with great sadness that we lost several residents. Mr. Joseph Nagy passed away on December 2; he was 96 years old. And former resident, Fred Casavecchia passed away on November 19; he was 92. On behalf of our administration, elected officials and staff, we would like to convey our deepest sympathies to the families.

Events

Even though it was a dreary and rainy evening, I want to thank those residents who came out and participated in our annual tree lighting ceremony. Most of our little ones enjoyed visiting with Santa; however, there were a few -- like Miss Lily Ann, who wanted nothing to do with him. Thank you to Angelo and Denise Bertolone for organizing the Christmas caroling with the kids, and to Jennifer and Dan Ulery for setting up the facility. Pictured to the right above are Michael and Jeffrey Derbin, and Marissa Ulery.



Special news

Congratulations to residents Bob Spies and Tracy Murphy who tied the knot on Friday, November 27. Pictured to the right are the newlyweds. *"A happy married life to a very special couple... best wishes!"*



If you didn't know by now, I'm a Michigan fan. The girls and I attended a football get-together on November 28. It didn't end too well, as the Ohio State Buckeyes creamed the Michigan Wolverines 42-13. Even though we lost, we had a good time with friends that day. Pictured to the upper right is Lily in her Michigan cheerleading outfit standing next to Jack, Councilwoman Harris' grandson -- and to the lower right is Lily after the party.



Employee birthdays

December birthday wishes to employees: (4) Brenda Poole; (8) Jesse James, (12) Vince Trusso; (14) Wendy Heinzman; (15) Diane Simmons; (16) Lou Franko and Damon Schreiber; (21) Howard Selig; and (30) Frank Trusso.



Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Dave Porter, and Mrs. Tomi Sonoda.

Wishing peace, happiness and love to you and your families throughout this holiday season. Merry Christmas and God Bless!



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From the Clerk:



We are at the end of another year, and as I have stated for the past 11 months, we are sound financially and will head into 2016 with all our bills paid, and money in the bank. I am estimating that we will have approximately \$1.3 to \$1.5 million in our General Bank account to start the New Year, and I am very comfortable knowing we have this money in case of an emergency.

The Mayor, Council, and I have all worked very hard to make the right choices regarding our finances. We have worked well as a team, and looked at all possibilities before making any decisions that would affect our financial outcome. Our Village looks beautiful, and we are doing all we can to make our town a place we can all be proud of.

It has been an honor to be your Clerk and I appreciate and cherish every moment I have been here. I love our Village and the residents, and I will continue to do the best job I can to make this a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. We are all so blessed. This is a time to enjoy your friends and family, and let them know you care. They are what's really important in our journey through life.

If you have any questions or comments, 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	557,624.59	(81,249.89)	-12.72%
DECEMBER	528,832.16	605,547.68	666,050.52	489,747.29		
TOTAL	7,527,753.11	7,673,272.28	8,095,985.12	7,982,054.61	62,372.72	0.08%

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Service Department:

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.

Fire Department:

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you to Mayor Bacci for bringing our department a turkey for Thanksgiving. It's always nice to have a little home cooking when you are working for the holidays.

Our department rung in the season and celebrated with a number of our retirees. It was great to come together and reminisce with so many, including Marty Malek, Dan Tucholski, Ed Rudd, Dennis Suhy, James Bloam, Kevin Domzalski, and Ray Smosarski.

Santa will be visiting our families this month during the station's annual Christmas party. Each year, Local 702 and the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department join together to host this special gathering.

In late November we helped assist in escorting the Cuyahoga Heights Redskin football team to their regional finals game against Kirtland (*pictured to the right.*) Even though we lost...*congratulations to the football team on great season!*



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Dispatch:



The Three S's of Winter Prep: Season, Storm, Supplies.

Seasonal Maintenance is Critical

Have snow-removal equipment and the heating system serviced on an annual basis, which includes testing to make sure the heat is working throughout the home.

Insulate any pipes that are susceptible to freezing and unhook hoses from outdoor faucets. Plus, it's a good idea to locate your water shut-off valve and ensure it is in working order.

Storm Preparation is Important

Pay attention to local TV and radio stations for important weather updates.

Become familiar with how to trip the manual release on overhead garage door openers and have shovels ready ahead of the storm.

Make a family communication plan in case you're not together when the storm hits.

When a storm is imminent, move vehicles off the street.

Supplies are Crucial

Have bottled water and non-perishable foods, clothing and blankets, batteries and flashlights, snow shovels and other snow-removal equipment on-hand in the event of an extended power outage.

Keep a supply of rock salt, other ice melt or sand, in case the stores run out during a particular storm.

Don't forget your pets - bring them inside during bad weather.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Dispatchers at the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.

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Police Department:



On Saturday, December 12, 2015, members of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department participated in the “Shop-With-A-Cop” program. The “Shop-With-A-Cop” program is organized and sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) - George Murray Lodge #67. Every year members of the FOP raise funds in order to take local children on a holiday shopping spree. The children are picked up at their homes by escorting police officers and then transported (*via a large police procession -- as you can see by the picture below*) to a department store for the shopping extravaganza. After the shopping was completed, the procession then returned to the Garfield Heights High School for a pizza party and treats.

This year approximately \$43,000 was raised which allowed for the sponsorship of 286 children. Over 100 police officers and FOP volunteers from 23 surrounding departments were on hand to make the event a success. This was the 20th anniversary of the FOP “Shop-With-A-Cop” program. This program would not be possible without the tireless efforts of retired Garfield Heights Police Lieutenant and past Ohio FOP Nick President, Nick DiMarco.



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Senior Corner:

Christmas is just around the corner and the weather has been fantastic, although I know some of you want a white Christmas.

The tree lighting ceremony was very nice, even though it was raining and cold but the lights, as always, were just beautiful. It makes us so proud of our community. Afterwards, we went inside for hot chocolate and coffee and some delicious cookies. This gave many of us some time to visit with our neighbors and a chance for the children to visit Santa and tell him their wishes for Christmas.

We had our Christmas party on December 12. The food was great and we were entertained by our wonderful Scarlet Angels from the high school. Mr. Sokol does such a great job with these children and their voices are so lovely. Every year, each of our members bring presents to the Christmas party which are then donated to children with special circumstances. I wish to thank each and every one of our members for their generosity. The children is what Christmas is all about to me.

We don't have anything on our schedule yet for January, but we will be meeting after the first of the year to get many things on our calendar. As always, we will keep you informed.

To all of our friends, family and neighbors, the seniors of Cuyahoga Heights wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Noel Centa – President
Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens Organization*



The Village Directory

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JOE VITANZA
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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
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