Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



April 2016

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Future Important Dates:

Village Scholarship Applications Due – May 1

Mother's Day – May 8

Decorate your Bikes – May 29 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens

Memorial Day Parade & Service – May 30 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall

Shred Day – May 21 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Gateway Confidential

Swimming Pool Opens – June 4

Village Wide Garage Sale – June 25 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Save the Date:

Wednesday, May 18 – Blue Wave Swim Team Parent meeting at Valley View Community Center



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.

Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the Government Tab and under Village Council – Agenda/Minutes on our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com.

Village Hall Phone: 216-641-7020

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From the Mayor:

We would like to convey our deepest sympathies to the Sonoda family. Village resident, Tomo "Tomi" Sonoda, passed away on March 28; she was 93 years old. Several of you may remember Mrs. Sonoda worked as our cleaning lady at the Village Hall for many years. She is survived by her children, Glenn and Jayne. In addition, condolences to the DeCapite family. Sam, who was a long-time Valley View resident passed away last month; he was 84 years old. He was like a second father to the Bacci boys, and for those of you who know CHFD firefighter Steve Harris, this was his father-in-law. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

Events



I hope everyone had a happy Easter holiday. It was nice to see many of our residents at our egg hunt. The weather was beautiful and the little ones enjoyed hunting for their eggs. Pictured to the left is me and John Reiger with his granddaughters; and to the right is James & Lisa King and three of their daughters. A special thank you to our Village residents and students who volunteered their time in helping out! Without their assistance, these events wouldn't be possible.



Our annual Business Networking Breakfast took place earlier this month in our Village auditorium. Police Chief Sturgill did a very good job with his "Active Shooter Training" presentation. This event is a great opportunity for our administration to visit with our businesses in the Village, and we look forward to meeting with them again in the fall at our perch luncheon.



Next month we will be celebrating Memorial Day with our annual parade and service. For those men and women that have served or are still serving our country, it would be an honor to have you participate and march in the parade. We truly need to keep this tradition alive and remember the men and women who died while serving our country. *Never forget, ever honor.*

Projects

Newburgh Heights Mayor Trevor Elkins recently advised our office that ODOT plans to replace the Harvard Avenue Bridge over I-77 in the fall of 2018; it will re-open in August, 2019. The bridge will close completely; however, the I-77 on/off ramps will remain open. We will continue to keep you posted as we receive updated information.



From the Mayor *(continued)*:

Special News

Congratulations to Village residents and Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 70196 – Becky Lepkowski, Paige Porter, and Hailey Toth. The girls recently received approval on their projects in working towards their Girl Scout bronze award. This award is the highest a junior Girl Scout can earn and ultimately will lead their way to earning the Gold Award. We are very proud of these fine, young ladies.

Firefighter Randy Eliason celebrated his 30th year with the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department on April 13. Congratulations!

Senior citizens

Our transport program continues to be one of the most utilized services our Village provides. This service is available for our senior citizens (60+) 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.

Donations

Our flower fund is supported by contributions from Village residents. It was established years ago in order to maintain our spirit of neighborliness by sending flowers, or a monetary gift of \$40.00 to the family in memory of the Village resident who passed away. Anyone wishing to donate can do so by dropping off their donation at the Village Hall to Lee Ann during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mrs. Irma Schab, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, Mr. Frank Schoeffler, and Mrs. Joan Unger.

Peace Officers Memorial Day is Sunday, May 15. This holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked President John F. Kennedy to designate May 15 to honor peace officers. President Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. During Police Week (week of May 15th), special recognition is paid to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Birthdays

April birthday wishes to employees: Ken Schoeffler – April 1, Scott Waldemarson – April 7, Joanne Socausky – April 13, and Bryon Borowy – April 30.

In closing, I would like to wish all the Mom's a very happy Mother's Day!





From the Clerk:

Looking at the RITA chart, for the first three months we are 6.48% ahead of the first three months of last year. This is a great start, but we don't know what the rest of the year has in store for the economy and our revenue, and we will continue to watch our expenses and revenue, and adjust as necessary.

Again, I am concerned about the capital projects that our community faces in the near future. There are many capital projects that will cost millions of dollars, and there is no way to move forward with these until we generate more revenue.

Our current revenue allows us to pay all of our bills and salaries, and still have over a million dollars in the bank for emergencies. Financially, we are solid, and we can continue to operate as usual without any problems. I am confident that at the end of the year under our current budget, we will be able to pay all of our bills, and have over a million dollars in our general bank account for emergencies.

Today, our finances are stable and we will continue to keep you updated. If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Month Distributed	2013	2014	2015	2016	Difference from 2015	% change from 2015
Distributed	2013	2014	2015	2010	110111 2013	110111 2013
JANUARY	644,593.83	701,203.65	806,899.10	742,767.00	(64,132.10)	-7.95%
FEBRUARY	638,258.93	542,645.46	626,184.73	838,249.20	212,064.47	33.87%
MARCH	817,199.06	929,321.38	838,149.44	1,156,108.74	317,959.30	37.94%
APRIL	636,179.02	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	(65,918.13)	-10.58%
MAY	633,944.39	617,963.16	783,999.52			
JUNE	646,774.82	643,339.71	578,703.87			
JULY	590,649.46	744,253.53	630,699.68			
AUGUST	591,619.13	616,110.30	851,514.14			
SEPTEMBER	641,230.39	607,652.11	422,410.26			
OCTOBER	598,372.95	676,923.26	772,784.21			
NOVEMBER	628,902.62	638,874.48	557,624.59			
DECEMBER	605,547.68	666,050.52	617,179.24			
TOTAL	7.673.272.28	8.095.985.12	8.109.486.56	3.294.544.59	399.973.54	6.48%



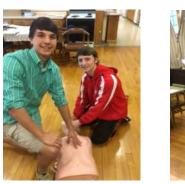
Fire Department:

Our department wants to recognize Lieutenant Contipelli, Firefighter Rini, and Firefighter Goldsworth for their exemplary work during a recent squad call. Their quick decisions and response led to a positive patient outcome. The department received formal acknowledgements of, and appreciation for, the team's expert skills from both the patient and the Cleveland Clinic.



(Pictured from left to right FF Bryan Rini, FF Patrick Goldsworth, Ed Stange (patient), and Lt. Reno Contipelli).

CHFD taught CPR to the 10th grade Health Class at Cuyahoga Heights High School. Our instructors were at the school for a week teaching adult and infant CPR, infant and child Heimlich maneuvers, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use. Our department offers CPR classes to both our businesses partners and our residents. For more information about CPR classes call 216.641.6799.



(Pictured above Tyler Hughes and Louie Bacci)

Dispatch:

Outdoor spring safety tips:

Drink plenty of water, dehydration can happen anytime of the year

Beware of weather condition, they can change very quickly in the spring, seek shelter in case of a storm.

Before using your barbeque for the first time, check it for leaks, breaks and wear and tear Don't let cool spring time temperatures fool you, protect yourself from the sun whenever you are working outside

Happy spring from your Cuyahoga Heights Police and Fire Dispatchers.



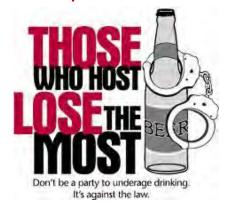
Dispatch sent out a SwiftReach message on March 22nd for Severe Weather week, if you did not receive a call or are a new resident and would like to be put on the SwiftReach call list, you can either call the police department or go on the village website and register for the SwiftReach service.

Building Department:

Spring is upon us – with the nice weather, it's a good time to get caught up on your home maintenance issues. Don't forget to take advantage of the George M. Suhy Grant Program.



Police Department:



With prom and graduation season right around the corner we wanted to remind everyone that hosting underage drinking parties is against the law. We want our children to have a safe and enjoyable prom and graduation, so please remember to say no.

www.dontserveteens.gov

612.02 SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS; PROHIBITIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS

(b) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the public place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor. An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(c) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground, or restaurant when the person knows or has reason to know either of the following:

(1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and who is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person.

(2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

(d) (1) No person is required to permit the engagement of accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by an underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any beer or intoxicating liquor and is not supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian who is or will be present at all times when the beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person.

Violation of the above is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

For more information contact the police department or visit <u>www.cuyahogaheights.com</u> to locate our village ordinances.

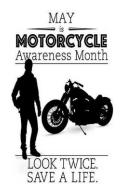


FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

All other calls please use 216-883-6800



Police Department (continued):



The weather is warmer so that means those who love to ride will be on their motorcycles. Motorcyclists have all the same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle driver on the roadway. During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May – and during the rest of the year – drivers of all other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcyclists, and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Remember to look twice and save a life.



TRAINING

As our continued effort to strive in excellence, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department continues to train our officers. Over a two day period during spring break, the Cuyahoga Heights Police and Fire Departments along with Brooklyn Heights and Valley View Police Departments conducted "Active Shooter" training at the school. Each officer spent four hours at the school going through drills. This was a mandatory training for CHPD officers. Also, as we continue to prepare for this summer's Republican National Convention, officers trained in the use of gas masks.



Community Shred Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We will be holding our annual document shredding event at Gateway Confidential located at 4223 East 49th Street in Cuyahoga Heights. This is a free service provided by the Village for all Village residents and businesses. There is no limit to the amount of paper you can shred. If you have any questions, please contact Councilwoman Lois Henley at (216) 410-3365.





2016 Cuyahoga Heights Village Scholarship Program

Earlier this year, our Village Council again passed legislation to assist Cuyahoga Heights graduating seniors with their future college tuition. Recipients will be awarded a \$500 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

To be eligible, the recipient must:

- 1. Be a resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.
- 2. Be a graduating high school senior in the spring or summer of 2016
- 3. Be enrolled either full or part-time at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2016.
- 4. Complete the fall 2016 term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing with the academic institution.

Applications are available at the Cuyahoga Heights High School Guidance Office or at the Village Hall, and must be submitted to Clerk Unger's office by May 1, 2016.

Our administration encourages and promotes higher education for all of our students and is proud to continue the Village Scholarship tradition to help our graduating seniors.



Memorial Day Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for students who are in need of community service hours to help us on Sunday, May 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to assist children decorating their bikes, wagons, and/or scooters for the Memorial Day parade. If you would like to help us out and earn community service hours at the same time, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Ulery at (216) 513-3508.

Village residents should also plan on meeting at Klima Gardens on May 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will supply decorations so that you can decorate your strollers and other items that you will be using in the parade.

And lastly, we are looking for students and adults to help us on Memorial Day. We need volunteers on Monday, May 30 around 9:00 a.m. to serve coffee and doughnuts to Memorial Day participants. We also are in need of several adult volunteers to grill hot dogs and hamburgers for the cook out at Klima Gardens after the Memorial Day services. In addition, we need student volunteers to help pass out the food. Volunteers can contact Mrs. Jennifer Ulery or Lee Ann Schoeffler at the Village Hall during normal business hours. ***Students will earn community hours.*





Village Wide Garage Sale

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, garage and basement! The Village is having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 25 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our Service Department. Please be advised that there are <u>not</u> enough tables for more than one table per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and Sun Courier in an effort to promote our Village wide garage sale.

The deadline to register is **Wednesday**, June 8 -- call now to register.





Tomo (Tomi) Sonoda passed away Monday, March 28. She was 93 years old, born in California and was the oldest of 15 children. We believe 7 brothers and one sister remain. Jayne and I would like to thank Cuyahoga Heights for providing a wonderful environment for raising kids, providing services to home owners, and especially helping the elderly. Betty Yarmesch was a wonderful friend who took our Mom and other seniors on many bus trips. We can't begin to name all the people who touched her life including her neighbors, the Village staff, fire, police and service workers who were there whenever she needed help. Thank you all again for being part of our family's life.

Glenn Sonoda Jayne Biersteker



Service Department:



<u>2016 Spring Spray Program</u>

Beginning the week of Monday, April 25 Pest Management Inc., will begin the annual outside spraying of each resident's home. This will include the area completely around the outside foundation of each home, <u>unless instructed otherwise by tenant or owner.</u>

Residential applications will begin on East 71st Street, Dressler Court, Marcelline Court, East 72nd Place, Bletch Court, Willowbrook Drive, Grant Avenue, and will end on East 49th Street. Weather permitting, the program should be completed by the second week of May. <u>If you do not want your house sprayed</u>, please call Rich or Jeremy.

If you have any questions regarding this year's spring spray program, please contact Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553, 1-800-794-2035, or Rich's cell phone at (440) 343-1316. If Rich or Jeremy are not available, please leave a message with your name, address, phone number and brief message. All questions will be answered promptly.

Pest control services are available to our residents free for the inside and outside of your home. However, this service does not cover termites, bed bugs, and wildlife.

Sports Commissioner:

As you may know, I was recently appointed as your Sports Commissioner following in the very large shoes of my husband, Joe, who held the position for more than 6 years (and it's a blessing to have him on hand to answer my every question). We have lived in the Village for more than 14 years and watched our 2 kids grow up through our recreational sports teams. I am looking forward to playing a small role in helping you do the same.

It's been an exciting start to 2016 so far. Through the help of our neighboring villages, we were able to place 9 of our children on Valley View (2) and Brooklyn Heights' (7) recreational spring soccer teams. A special thank you to both villages for working to find the right homes for our kids so that they can enjoy the soccer season.

An update regarding registration forms...when our Village isn't able to host our own teams due to low enrollment; we work with the villages of Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place your children on teams. As part of the registration process, we are adding a section on the forms for parents to include their preferred team/coach. While we cannot guarantee that your child will be placed on the requested team, we will do whatever we can to try to make it happen. Unfortunately, there are roster rules and guidelines that we are all required to meet and that may add constraints on the placement of the kids. Please know that we have a strong support network in place and work very hard to make every season a successful one for your child.

Now, it's time to gear up for the baseball/softball season! We have already formed several travel teams and are working diligently to form the recreational teams. Parents should hear from coaches by the end of the month.

New this year, we are hosting the high school baseball and softball teams! Practices are in full swing...and the Varsity Lady Redskins held their season opening double-header at Bacci Park on Saturday, March 26, versus Twinsburg. Special thanks to Rick Henley for masterfully preparing the softball field with only about an hour notice after learning that the original venue was unplayable. Also, special thanks to both teams for their patience and flexibility. Although it was a chilly start, it turned out to be a beautiful day to play ball and we couldn't have been more proud to host the teams. Although Twinsburg defeated our ladies, they posted a lot of impressive stats. We hope to see many families out to support all of our teams over the next several months!

I look forward to meeting and working with you all. I can be reached at Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.



Upcoming CVCC Events:

Job Seekers Workshop: Resume/Linked

Saturday, May 14, 9:00ÅM – 11:00ÅM at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). Get career transition assistance at this workshop and learn how to craft a resume that aligns your skills to that of the positions you are seeking. Learn how to expand your professional connections! This is a free event, but registration is required at: <u>http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-JobSeekers5-14-16</u>

HER Ideas in Robotics - For girls ages 11-14

Saturday, May 13, 2016, 9:30AM-1:30PM at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). Students learn how to program a robot that can roam around, sense its environment and perform a wide variety of tasks. Register at <u>www.cvccworks.edu/StudentWorkshops.aspx</u> \$40.00, includes lunch. For more information email Nanci Coleman at ncoleman@cvccworks.edu

Summer Career Camps 2016 at CVCC

June 6 – June 10 and June 13 – June 17. Camps for students who will be in grades 5 – 7 and 8–10 (Fall 2016) will be offered both weeks. All camps run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Camps fees are \$195 per week for in-district students and \$205 per week for students residing outside of CVCC's eight member districts. Sibling discounts are available. New camps being offered this year include: 3D Design & Printing, Graphic Arts, VEX Robotics, Health Careers and Outdoor Education – Honey Beekeeping. For a complete list of camps offered or to register, visit www.cvccworks.edu/CAREERCAMPS.aspx.



Student bus attendants needed – regular and substitutes.

Early morning and afternoon shifts available for qualified individuals to ride the bus with special needs students for behavioral or medical support. High school graduate or equivalent, background check required. Training provided, competitive hourly rate.

Interested candidates contact Wendy Jovan, Special Education Supervisor, at (216) 429-5746 or wjovan@cuyhts.org. Charter Steel has Summer Help positions available!

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and be able to perform entry-level, general labor type responsibilities. Hourly pay is \$10/hr.

For consideration, please complete an employment application, noting "Summer Help" as the position for which you are applying.

Applications are available online: www.charterteel.com or can be picked up from our guard at 4300 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio, 44125.

The Village Directory

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Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

STACEY VITANZA Sports Commissioner, 440-227-3801

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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