

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



June 2016

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Future Important Dates:

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

Pirates and Princesses Party at the Pool
June 26 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Save the Date – Saturday, October 8
Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park
4:00–11:00 p.m.



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.

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

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From the Mayor:

Always humbled...

I want to thank everyone who attended our Memorial Day service in paying homage to the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. In talking with our residents, as well as individuals from other communities who attended our event, they were very appreciative of our message and making it clear – this day is a day to remember, it's not about picnics or a day off work, it's about remembering and appreciating those who died for our country while serving. I also want to thank our veterans, police and fire personnel, officials, residents, children, scouts, CHS marching band, Redskins baseball team, and all who volunteered their time to make this event so special.

Our condolences

It is with great sadness that once again we lost several friends. Village resident, Tom Leciejewski passed away suddenly on June 1; he was 65 years of age. Patty (Domzalski) Crooks passed away on May 24 at the age of 66. She was the wife of Jimmy Crooks who had served as our Service Director for many years. Also, for those who know Bobby Perozini, his younger brother Mario passed away on May 28 at the age of 50. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.



Business news

We are very excited to announce that our Economic Development Committee continues to be alive and well in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights as we continue to reinvent ourselves. As many of you can see, the former Gallo Display building (*aka Cotton Club*) has had much activity over

the past five months. Our very own Premier Development purchased the building in 2015, and as I have mentioned in the past, we have worked diligently with them to relocate Heat Seal who outgrew their facility on East 71st Street. We also have potential good news coming for the remaining portion of the building in the very near future and will keep you posted. And yet another one of our local developers, Dougherty Development Corporation who owns the building that Heat Seal had previously occupied, has signed a contract with their new tenant, Consolidated Electrical Distributors who should be ready to move in, sometime in July.

I want our constituents to know that I, as the Mayor, could not facilitate any growth or redevelopment without the support of our Economic Development Committee and the complete body of Council. Just as our residents are reinvesting in their properties, our Village's continued commitment to being the most polished and well-maintained inner-ring suburb has not gone unnoticed in our business community. I have advised Council that we are once again a place where it is said, "doing business in our Village is like no other as it relates to services, care and the availability of those who can move projects forward in a timely fashion affording minimal downtime."

The Environmental Assessment Team from NEORS D will be conducting habitat and biological monitoring of all creeks in the area during this summer. Their biological monitoring consists of fish and macroinvertebrate sampling. You might see the team at Bacci Park; they will be wearing neon shirts and waders.



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From the Mayor (*continued*):

Programs

If your home in Cuyahoga Heights is 50 years old or older, you have access to free advice regarding home maintenance and improvement projects. The Heritage Home Program (HHP) offers free advice, personalized site visits, and access to fixed-rate financing as low as 2% to cover project costs. To schedule a free site visit or to learn more about qualifying for a low-interest loan, call (216) 426-3116.

Events

Canalway Partners will be holding their annual Towpath 10 Mile – 10K Father's Day race this this Sunday, June 19. The event takes place between 7:00-11:00 a.m. and runs through Cuyahoga Heights.

This Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day. Our administration would like to wish all the Dads a very happy and enjoyable Father's Day.

Save the date – Saturday, October 8, 2016 is our annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park from 4:00-11:00 p.m.



Special News

Congratulations to Village residents James & Rachel Bartlett who became parents for the first time. Myles Emerson Bartlett was born on Friday, May 27 at 1:02 a.m. He was 4-lbs., 14-oz., and 18-3/4" long. Myles was born about five weeks early and is currently staying at Rainbows Babies & Children's Hospital; he is however, making daily progress. Please continue to keep the Bartlett's in your thoughts and prayers, and that Myles will come home soon.

Special wedding wishes to resident and part-time patrolman Vince Trusso and his bride Sarah. I had the honor of marrying the two of them at their home on East 71st Street on Saturday, May 28. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness together and a love that grows stronger with each passing day.

Kudos to our Cuyahoga Heights High School Varsity Boys Baseball team for making it to States. Though they lost to Triad Cardinals in the state semifinals at Huntington Park, they were the third team in our school's history to make it to Columbus. Special congratulations to our Village resident players: Louie Bacci, Michael Hartman and Tyler Hughes.



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From the Mayor (*continued*):



Congratulations to Village resident and CHHS senior, Charlie Pelfrey who competed at States earlier this month in pole vault. He cleared 13'4 and finished 9th in the State.

Best wishes to the students of the Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2016 who graduated on Sunday, May 29. Village residents are Brenna Bacci, Veronica Bacci, Joseph Bryson, Shaylynn Chancey, Payton Ciolek, Daniel Del Valle, Blaise DeRoberts, Michael Hartman, Maximilian Menkhaus, William "Charlie" Pelfrey, Robyn Rhome, Sara Sokolowski, Michael Tillett and Mackenzy Vokac. *Embrace new questions, respect old wisdom and never let go of your dream.*

The "Mayor Louis V. Bacci Memorial Scholarship" was awarded to four graduating seniors from the Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2016. Pictured are the recipients (*left to right*): Resident Veronica Bacci (\$500), Resident Brenna Bacci (\$500), Dayna Denner (\$750) and Emma Cecil (\$1,000).



Senior Citizens

Our office is beginning to organize the annual trip to Kelleys Island for Village resident senior citizens (60 years of age and older), and will be held on Monday, August 29. This is a great opportunity for myself and our department heads to spend time with some of our seniors. If you're not a member of our senior citizens organization and haven't signed up for the trip at their monthly meeting, you can contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall for information. The deadline to register is Monday, August 15. Get out of town and spend a day with us in Lake Erie's Western Basin.

Birthdays

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Helen Kosicki who turned 94 years old on Friday, June 17. On behalf of our Village officials, staff and residents...we wish you a happy and healthy year. God Bless! *Pictured to the right is Mrs. Kosicki at our flu shot event.*



June birthday wishes to employees: Bryan Rini - June 1; Stanley Schab - June 8; Viktor Zsigmond - June 11; Patrick Goldsworth - June 15; Eric Sims - June 17; Pete Panizzutti - June 19; Nicole Fontaine, Bob Krajewski & William Malovrh - June 23.

Thoughts and prayers

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



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From the Mayor (*continued*):

A fond farewell

And finally, with a heavy heart I wish my dear friend of a life-time and co-worker Service Director Scott Waldemarson the best of luck with his new job in Florida. Scott is leaving us for all the right reasons – his bride needs to be in warmer weather, and I commend him for doing so. Scott is a good husband, a great father, an equally if not, a better Service Director. Our town will suffer a great loss when he leaves on June 29. He was cast into the role of our Service Director when Jimmy Crooks left, and his knowledge of our Village is second to none. We wish you nothing but the best in the next chapter of your life. Good luck Scotty! *Pictured to the right is Scott at our Kelleys Island event last August.*



“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” ~ John Quincy Adams

From the Clerk:

Summer has finally arrived, and the warm weather it brings is welcome relief from the cold and snow of winter!

Our departments and Administration have been working hard to get our Village ready for the warm weather. The flowers have been planted, the grass is being cut, the pool is open, and the baseball fields and concession stand at Bacci Park are being used daily. These are things we as residents take for granted, because they happen every year. What we don't think about is the cost for these services, none of them are free. Council has to appropriate money for these things at the beginning of the year.

Our Village is financially sound. We can afford to open our doors, pay all of our employees, and continue to give our residents all of the perks we have enjoyed throughout the years. After paying all of our bills and closing 2015, we started 2016 with \$1.56 million in our General Fund. This is the fund we use to pay bills and salaries. At the end of May, after collecting revenue and paying bills, our General Fund is at \$1.88 million. Although it looks like we are doing great, we still have to make transfers of \$700,000 out of the General Fund this month to shore up other Funds that we will receive bills for, such as the Police & Fire Pensions Funds, Sewer Users Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Home Loan Grant Fund.

After looking at our expected revenue, our estimated bills, and unexpected costs for the rest of the year, I project that we will have approximately \$1.0 to \$1.3 million in our General Fund to start 2017. As you can see, we can afford our bills, and we are always watching our costs, and a million dollars in the bank for emergencies is what I consider safe. We are financially sound.

My only concern as I have stated in the past, is if we have an emergency, if we need to make a major purchase, or if there is an unexpected repair that we need to make, it can wipe out our General Fund. One of these things is inevitable, and the problem we will have is replacing our nest egg for future unexpected expenses. Our current revenue covers all of our yearly costs, but we don't collect enough to save for future events. We need to keep this buffer in place, and the only way we can do that is to increase our revenue or decrease our costs. This is a situation that we as a Village will have to address sooner or later. Have a great summer!



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From the Clerk *(continued)*:

Month Distributed	2013	2014	2015	2016	Difference from 2015	% change from 2015
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	707,171.63	(76,827.89)	-9.80%
JUNE	646,774.82	643,339.71	578,703.87	659,210.17		
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	4,660,926.39	323,145.65	5.18%

Building Department:

Residents:

With nice weather upon us and home improvement season in full stride, please make sure when hiring a contractor they are registered with the Building Department and your permit paper work is filed. This must be complete in order to take advantage of the George M. Suhy Grant Program.

Included in this month's inserts, you will find information from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development regarding low interest home improvement loans, please see the flyer for full details.





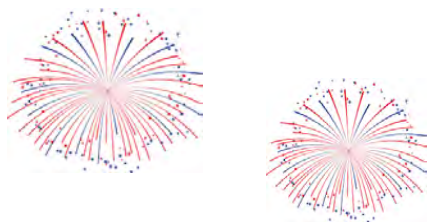
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Fire Department:



On Wednesday, June 8, the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department (CHFD) joined together as two members of our department were sworn in to duty. Tom Kekelis (*top left*) is a member of our full-time staff as a result of the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant. Anthony Fellenstein (*top right*) is a member of our part-time staff.

The SAFER Grant is a two-year grant that will help to both secure careers without interruption through attrition and ensure valuable staffing levels to our Village residents and its business partners.



Fireworks Safety

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:

- BE CAREFUL!
- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.





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Police Department:

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE YOU ARE ON VACATION:

Crime statistics show that around 50% of all burglaries occur when a house is unoccupied. Below are a few tips for to help you prepare for your upcoming vacation. First and foremost notify the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department. **We do pay special attention to the homes of our residents while out of town.** We will take specific information from you in order to accomplish this. However, there are some items homeowners can do to help ward off would be thieves.

Get Rid of Tell Tale Signs - The buildup of newspapers, magazines, and mail is a red flag for thieves. Either put a stop on these items being delivered, or have a relative or trusted neighbor collect these items daily.

Flaunt your security measures- If you have a security system, make sure it is known by putting out signs or markings on windows. If you don't, putting out fake signs could help.

Double check you locked doors and windows - Windows and doors account for the entry point of 30% and 70% of all burglaries respectively.

Curtains Closed -- or Open?- Leave your curtains exactly as you usually keep them when you're home, since noticeable changes could hint that you're not around anymore -- especially if your curtains are left closed for two weeks when normally they are not. Move expensive items, like jewelry or cash, out of plain sight if they're visible from an open window.

Invest in light timers - This gives the appearance that you are home and will definitely scare off any potential break in attempts. Have the lights turn on and off as your normal routine.

Don't Tip Off Criminals on the Web, Voicemail, or answering machine - You should think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on Twitter or Facebook -- especially if that information is visible to Internet users other than your friends and family (and it probably is). Be careful what you say on your answering machine or voice mail too. Callers don't need to know that you're not home -- they just need to know that you can't come to the phone right now.

Remove Your Spare Key - If a criminal can figure out you're away on vacation, it's likely that he or she will check your porch, or other areas, for a spare key, so remove it. Finally, if you have taken all of these precautions, enjoy your vacation!!!

FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY:

Now that the 4th of July is upon us, please remember that discharging fireworks in the **Village and the State of Ohio is against the LAW!** It is illegal to discharge, ignite, explode, possess, possess for sale or sell fireworks. This law will be enforced during the holiday weekend and throughout the year per Village Ordinance 678.10 Please check listings for local firework displays.

HELMET SMART CAMPAIGN:

This year the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department has partnered with AAA East Central to participate with the Helmet Smart campaign. We are encouraging the use of helmets while riding your bicycle. We will be issuing "Safety Citations" to children we see riding with a helmet. Your child may take this citation and turn it into the Bacci Park Concession Stand for a free safety snack. Also the citation includes an entry into a raffle (you must mail in) to win a new bike from AAA.

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 our community. Let's be partners in keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and play.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

All other calls please use 216-883-6800



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Senior Corner:

Hi Everyone,

We are having a wonderful Spring. Some of it a bit hot, but altogether it is welcome after our cold winter.

The pool is open and the kids seem to be having a wonderful time. I am sure they were all looking forward to summer fun after a long school year. The concession stand is also open and I hope all of you will take the time to stop down and take a walk around our beautiful towpaths or just stop in to say Hi to our hard workers.

I missed a couple of newsletters. So many things going on at home, I didn't have the time, but I am back and I hope you will enjoy these in the future.

In April we went to Miss Molly's Tea Room and had a nice lunch and then visited the Honey Bee Bakery. A very nice afternoon.

In May we had lunch at Samosky's. The lunch was wonderful. We had great pizza and calzones and they had a very nice bakery. It is always so nice to get out and about with our friends.

On the 9th of this month, we went to Mr. Divit's. It is a miniature golf course and we all had so much fun. We had a nice lunch in their restaurant and the food was very good. This is the second time we have gone there and will probably not be the last. The weather was with us and there was a beautiful breeze to keep us comfortable.

Our Anniversary dinner is coming up on Tuesday June 28th. This is another enjoyable evening for us and gives us time to visit and enjoy each other's company.

In July we have our Pot Luck dinner on the 19th. Everyone brings their favorite dish and we ask that you bring enough to feed at least five people. We have all gotten so many good recipes from our fellow seniors.

Also in July 26th, 27th and 28th we are travelling to New York. We have a full agenda of exciting things to do. We are all looking forward to this trip and Lois always makes these trips fun with all of the games she comes up with for us to do. Don't forget to bring a roll of dimes for one of our games.

On August 16th, we will be going to Columbus, our annual picnic on the 23rd and our trip to Kelly's Island compliments of our Mayor on the 29th.

Well I think that is enough about our upcoming events. If you need to know details, please feel free to call me at (216) 509-5278.

*Noel Centa, President, Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens.
Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens*





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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 Stacey Vitanza at (440) 227-3801, or you can email her at stacey_vitanza@yahoo.com.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEADLINE DATE</u>
Spring Soccer Registration	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



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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 p.m. on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up.** Your assistance is appreciated.

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.**

Good Canine Citizens

Pet owners, please remember to pick up dog droppings while enjoying Bacci Park with your pet. There are children that play in the area, and they are not as attentive to minding where they are walking or what they are walking on. In addition, please be sure to walk your pet on a leash for safety reasons. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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.

If you are in need of pest control, please contact Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich of Pest Management Inc. 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 (440) 343-1316.

Concession Stand

Our concession stand at Bacci Park is in full swing. We are open seven days a week, our hours are 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Stop in for lunch or for all your ballpark snacks. We offer a variety of items: hot dogs, nachos, hot pretzels, popcorn, candy, ice cream treats and much more.



The Village Directory

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ANY Emergency	911	Fire Department	641-6799
Animal Control	641-3505	Pest Control	661-3553
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Bus Reservations	641-7020	Senior Clinic	520-0927
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CHS Middle School	429-5757	Village Hall	641-7020
CHS High School	429-5707	Village Pool	341-7684

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