

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



July 2016

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Future Important Dates:

Special Election – August 2
Polls open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

End of the Year Party at the Pool – August 20
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

**Kelley's Island Trip with Mayor Bacci
for Village Senior Citizens** - August 29
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Village Outing (Cleveland Indians Ballgame)
September 18

Senior Citizens Flu Shots - September 30

Sports Registration Deadlines:

Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1



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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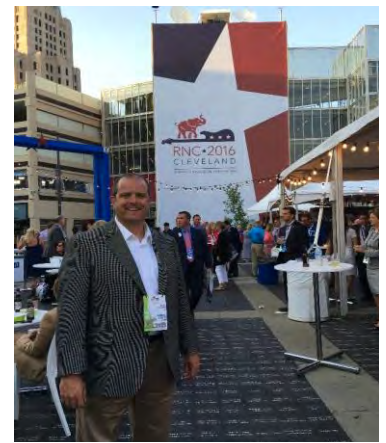
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From the Mayor:

As the Mayor of such a small community in Northeast Ohio, I must say that I was humbled and very honored to be selected as one of Ohio's 66 delegates to cast our votes Tuesday during the Republican National Convention and witnessing first-hand such a historic four day event, not only for the City of Cleveland but also for our great nation. I was also privileged to meet many other delegates from around the country... all of which couldn't praise northeast Ohio enough. I even met some folks that were staying in Independence that recognized and complimented our Village. They would travel (Uber) Route 21 to I-77 daily and marveled at the beauty of our southern entrance. They also couldn't get enough of our restaurants, lakefront, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, historic culture and museums on Cleveland's near east side, just to name a few. We truly have an incredible following and can now expect a residual affect for their return and many others long into the future. Also, I cannot tell you enough about how proud I am of all of the safety forces county wide...the preparation just on our Village's part was very detailed and vigilant. Our department heads were prepared to serve the residents of this community, as well as our businesses at all levels. Thanks to them for their hard work and dedication to preparing our Village for the unknown.

The media also spoke of what we have done as a region, this proves to me that we are stepping out from beneath the dark cloud and truly becoming the example nationwide. Lastly, hats off to the City of Cleveland, Mayor Jackson, the Cleveland Division of Police, Chief Williams and all the visiting officers... congrats on a job well done!





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From the Mayor (*continued*):

Events

Don't forget to vote in our Special Election on Tuesday, August 2. The voting polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Village Hall. We are respectfully asking our residents to vote "yes" for an income tax rate change from 2% to 2.5%. The last time our residents were asked to vote for an income tax rate increase was 14 years ago. If you are a resident of the Village and work in another community, this tax rate change may have a minimal effect on you. If you are retired, you will pay \$0 more. If you work in the Village and make \$50,000 a year, *as an example*, then you will pay less than \$5 a week more. The majority of the increase in revenue from an income tax rate change would be used for infrastructure, capital projects, and roads including Grant Avenue and Canal Road and will fortify our services for the future.

Only 30 tickets available! We are planning a bus trip for our Village residents to see the first place Cleveland Indians play the Detroit Tigers on Sunday, September 18. Details on the event are in this month's newsletter under the Village Hall. Go Tribe!

We will be adding a transportation run for the Village bus from October through April on the first Saturday during those months to the West Side Market. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all that the market has to offer; the bus will depart at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Village residents must register by calling the Village Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Seniors

It's just around the corner....our sixth annual Kelley's Island trip with Village resident senior citizens (*60 years of age and older*) is scheduled for 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. Individuals who register by Wednesday, August 10 will receive a personal gift and a chance to be entered into a drawing for a boat ride around the island that day (*weather and lake conditions permitting*). Get out of town, enjoy a fish fry with the Mayor, and spend a day with us in Lake Erie's Western Basin.

Flu shots for our seniors will be available again this year on Friday, September 30. Information on the event is available under the Village Hall's section in this month's newsletter.

Special Announcements

We are very happy to announce that Myles Emerson Bartlett is home. Rachel, the proud Mom, recently brought him to the Village Hall for a visit. This little guy is doing better but still continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



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From the Mayor *(continued)*:

During our July council meeting, David V. Sammons was appointed as Service Director effective July 31. Dave is very excited to begin a new chapter in his career with our Village. He started out as a laborer with our Service Department on September 14, 1998. We wish him the best of luck and know he'll do a great job. In the meantime, Rick Henley has been steering the ship and doing a tremendous job as interim Service Director. *(Pictured to the right is Mayor Bacci, Dave Sammons and Rick Henley.)*



Law Director/Prosecutor Jonathan Greenberg *(pictured to the right)* is also beginning a new chapter in his life/career. Jon was appointed as one of the new federal magistrate judges for the federal court in Cleveland and no longer can serve our Village as Law Director and Prosecutor. He replaced Magistrate Judge Nancy Veccharelli who retired on July 22. Jon has been with Walter|Haverfield since 1988 and worked with our Village since 1991. He did an excellent job serving and protecting our Village, and we will dearly miss him. Congratulations and best of luck Jon!



Birthdays

July birthday wishes to employees: David Lukas - July 2 *(who also shares a birthday with me)*; Rick Henley - July 5; Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski - July 10; Jude Kaliszewski - July 14; Tony Dorris & Joseph Kappa - July 17; Bob Guilfoyle - July 23; Kristy Neff - July 25; Frank Domzalski - July 26; Fire Chief Michael Suhy - July 27; David Bronza - July 30; and Georgette Hodge - July 31.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, and Mr. Frank Schoeffler. And lastly, a speedy recovery to former Councilman, Renato Contipelli.

“We should never let our fears hold us back from pursuing hopes.” ~ John F. Kennedy





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From the Clerk:

At the end of June, we had 1.1 million in our General Fund. This is after we paid bills and salaries, and made all of our scheduled transfers out of the General Fund to shore up some of our other funds such as Police & Fire Pension, the Home Loan Grant Fund, the Sewer Users Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the General Note Retirement Fund for the rest of 2016.

So what are these other funds? We are required by law to pay Police & Fire Pensions. As their salaries increase over time, so does the amount the Village must pay. The Home Loan Grant Fund is the money the Village gives back to the homeowners when they invest in their homes, and it has been hugely successful in keeping up our housing stock. The Sewer Users Fund is the money we use to pay all residents sewer bills. Residents pay their water bills, but no sewer bills. These Funds are supported by the General Fund, and during the year, we make transfers out of the General Fund in order to pay bills attributed to these funds.

We talk about our costs rising every year, and I just wanted you to get a general idea of some of the reasons our General Fund is so important, and that it supports many of the other funds to pay bills you don't think about.

Projecting revenue and expenses are the challenges we face every year, and so far we are on track to finish the year with around a million dollars in the bank after paying all of our bills, barring any unexpected emergencies. When I started in 2010, we ended the year with 2.1 million dollars in our General Fund. My projection for this year is to have 1 to 1.3 million in our General Fund after paying all our bills and salaries. After seven years, our General Fund has gone down by approximately 40%. With costs rising, projects being done to make our Village better, and unexpected emergencies, I believe everyone has done a great job of keeping us solvent and having a surplus of a million dollars in our General Fund moving into next year.

We have worked hard to keep our Village sustainable, but at some point, expenses will exceed the money we get from taxes. We could go another seven years barring any emergencies, and our General Fund will not be negative. But this is not what is best for our Village. We need to constantly invest in roads, buildings, equipment, parks and services. These are the things that will make our Village a desirable place to live, and a great place for our children to grow up in.

On August 2nd, a special election will be held to raise the Income Tax rate from 2% to 2 ½%. If this passes, it will mean approximately two million dollars more in taxes for our Village every year. It would secure the financial future of our Village for the next 20 years. It is an investment opportunity for every resident to continue the tradition of having the greatest Village in Ohio. As our Village becomes a more desirable place to live, the value of our homes also increases.

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	706,933.54	128,229.67	22.16%
JULY	590,649.46	744,253.53	630,699.68	634,398.50	3,698.82	0.59%
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	5,343,048.26	455,074.14	9.46%



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Dispatch:



Residents, never approach an animal which you have not come in contact with before. Please call the police department at 883-6800, we will contact our animal control person. Also, remind your children to be careful around any animal they are unfamiliar with. Even the friendliest dogs can become grumpy during the hot summer months.



Building Department:

Please be advised of the following requirements and general information relative to homeowner's permits for remodeling/alterations to residential properties.

A Homeowner's Permit allows the homeowner or friends and relatives to perform construction work on their home.

If a contractor is used or assists the homeowner, that contractor must be registered with the Building Department prior to any work commencing.

This registration protects the owner since the contractor must provide proof of insurance, workman's compensation and a bond for the protection of the homeowner and the Village.

Those interested in applying for a George M. Suhy Grant to help defray the cost of home improvements must obtain a pre-construction and post-construction inspection. Building permits must be issued for work performed before construction begins. If you have any questions, please call the Building Department.

In July and August the Building Department will be reviewing last year's maintenance requirements. Hopefully, homeowners have completed these items.



For Rent in the Village:

Willowbrook Drive, four bedroom duplex, side by side, private lot, newly renovated throughout. Call (216) 402-2354





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Sports Commissioner:

It's hard to believe, but the summer softball/baseball seasons are coming to an end. Congratulations to our girls Minitail team and Coach Lisa King on an outstanding season. The team went 10-2 in the regular season and faced the Seven Hills Indians in the Championship game. The game went into extra innings with the final score Seven Hills (4) vs. Cuyahoga Heights (2). Congratulations to the Seven Hills team and to our little *(future)* Lady Redskins on a great season!

Pictured below are the coach and team after receiving their trophies.



As always, special thanks to our Service Department for their efforts all season to prepare both fields for the recreational and travel teams that we support.

Sports Registration Deadlines:

Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1

Feel free to reach out to me any time at Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.





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Village Hall:

Cleveland Indians

Our Village is planning a trip to Progressive Field to see the Cleveland Indians take on the Detroit Tigers on Sunday, September 18, 2016 – game time is 1:10 p.m. Transportation will be provided by our Village bus which will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 11:45 a.m. on September 18.

There are only thirty tickets available. To reserve your tickets, please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. The Village will pay a portion of the discounted ticket price for each Village resident. Non-residents may purchase tickets at the group rate, but they must be accompanied by a Village resident. Payment is due within 24 hours of your reservation. Please note that anyone under the age of 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Prices for Village residents are \$11.00 per ticket, non-residents are \$22.00 per ticket. Please note that there is a \$5.00 fee for each non-resident riding the bus.



Flu Shots

In cooperation with CVS Pharmacy and the Mayor's Office, we will be offering flu shots to our Village senior residents (60 years of age and older). Just like we have done in the past, the Village will pay for flu shots for our Village senior residents and employees. In addition, we will offer flu shots to our Village residents who are under 60 years of age; however, those individuals are required to pay for their flu shot at a cost of \$31.00; payment of "exact" cash or check is due the day of the shot.

The flu shots will be administered on Friday, September 30, 2016 in the Village Hall Auditorium between the hours of 9:00-10:00 a.m. As in past practice, **flu shots will be offered by reservation only**. Please call Lee Ann at the Village Hall at 641-7020, Monday through Friday during normal business hours to make your reservation. Also, please advise her if you need a ride to and from the event. Deadline to register is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23.

Our well visit clinic will also be open that morning for our senior citizens beginning at 8:30 a.m. with our Village Nurse, Joanne Socausky – **no reservation is required**. If you plan on getting blood work, **please do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before**. We will have a light breakfast, as well as refreshments, for our senior resident participants.

