

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**October 2016**

[www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)

## **Future Important Dates:**

**Halloween Party** – Sunday, October 30  
2:00–4:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens

**Happy Halloween** – Monday, October 31  
Trick-or-Treat will take place from 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Daylight Savings Time** – Sunday, November 6  
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour

**Election Day** – Tuesday, November 8  
Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Veterans Day** – Friday, November 11  
Village Offices and Service Department will be closed.

**Tree Lighting** – Friday, November 25  
6:30 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)

Village Hall

Phone: 216-641-7020

Fax: 216-641-8485

## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~



### From the Mayor:

#### Condolences

The last loss of a little person that I can recall in our Village was Councilwoman Barb Biro's baby boy, Ben. So many thoughts and feelings were brought back with the loss of Claire Marie Schoeffler. Claire was born on Wednesday, October 19 at 8:08 p.m.; she weighed 4-lbs., 13-oz. and 19-inches. She passed away on Thursday, October 20. These type of things reset your mind, and really make you stop and look at how petty most things are in our day-to-day lives. I can't even imagine what goes through the minds and hearts of parents when the unimaginable happens. So please, if you have a moment and see Matt and Mary Schoeffler, stop and give them a hug as well as keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. Pictured below is Councilman Matt Schoeffler and Claire.



We would like to also convey our deepest sympathies to Jim Mallos and his family. His twin brother, Michael Mallos passed away suddenly on Friday, September 30 at the age of 58. Please keep the Mallos family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Redskin pride

Congratulations to residents Trey Combs, Tyler Hughes and Steve Truman, Coach Martin and the entire CHS football team for knocking off top-ranked arch-nemesis, Kirtland. Good luck to the team, and hopefully by the time you read this newsletter, we have had already knocked the blue right out of the Devils of Independence, as we move on to the playoffs with home field advantage on Friday, November 4. Best of luck Redskins! Pictured to the right is Trey Combs after their 21-0 shutout over Kirtland.





## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### From the Mayor *(continued)*:

Welcome back Mr. Evans! Congratulations to each and every one of you in our Village, as well as our District who worked very diligently for his unconditional return. Pictured below is Mr. Evans on Wednesday morning, October 26.



### Events

Our sixth annual Corn Roast which was held on October 8 was very well received. The weather was perfect, the fireworks were phenomenal, and everyone had a good time! I can't believe the amount of people that showed up throughout the event. It takes a team to organize, set up and run this event, and I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making this happen. Also, thank you to Council for their support and allowing us to continue this tradition. Pictured below are several of our senior citizens, CHS youth cheerleaders and CHS drum line.



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~



### From the Mayor *(continued)*:

The annual senior flu shot and breakfast event with our seniors on September 30 went very well. It was nice to see so many of our seniors stick around and visit with neighbors, as well as our senior staff. I know Police Chief Sturgill, Fire Chief Suhy, Service Director Sammons, and myself had a fun time serving breakfast to our seniors. Next year, we need more bacon...LOL! I think we were eating it faster than we could serve it. Pictured below (L-R) is Mary Ann Ulmschneider and Mrs. Adeline Lipiec; Mrs. Bernice Suhy and Mrs. Donna Derbin.



The Village is sponsoring their annual Halloween party for resident children and grandchildren on Sunday, October 30 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens. The Flower Clown will be entertaining the children with a magic show beginning at 2:30 p.m.; afterwards, he will do balloon twisting for the kids. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to wear a costume.

As in past practice, Trick-or-Treat will take place on Halloween which is Monday, October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you wish to have trick-or-treaters stop by, please put a light on so they know they are welcome at your home. Be safe and have fun!

On Saturday, November 5 we will have a transportation run to the West Side Market. The bus/van will pick up residents beginning at 7:00 a.m. and shoppers will have several hours to enjoy the market. Village residents must register by calling the Village Hall no later than Friday, November 4 by 4:00 p.m. Please note that children 16 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 8. The polls will be open in the Village Hall Auditorium from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### From the Mayor *(continued)*:

#### **Baby news**

Danny & SarahGrace Schoeffler welcomed a new addition to their family. Walter Franklin Schoeffler was born on Wednesday, September 21 at 12:08 p.m. Walter weighed in at 8.37-lbs, and 20-inches long. Congratulations to the Schoeffler family.



#### **Anniversaries**

Congratulations to Matt & Vicky Sokolich who celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 11. *“You two are an inspiration to any couple who wishes to be as lucky as the two of you.”* Best wishes!

CHPD Dispatcher Scott Schoeffler celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the department on October 16. Congratulations!

#### **Birthday wishes**

Milestone birthday wishes to Mary Jane Blue who turned 60 on October 13, and also to Sandy Stover who turned 60 on October 23. And very special birthday wish to Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda who turned 90 on October 18.

October birthday wishes to employees: (4) Dave Volek, and (11) Steve Harris.

#### **Thoughts and prayers**

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Jean Bloam, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Miss Nancy McAleer, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Mrs. Shireen Mitchell Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, and Mr. Frank Schoeffler.

#### **Veterans Day**

Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day. It’s a day to celebrate and honor all the men and women who have served in our U.S. Armed Forces. Each and every one of us need to be thankful to our Veterans for giving their service, commitment and heroism to our country so that we can enjoy the freedom and life we have been accustomed to. At this time I would like to acknowledge and thank the following residents who are Veterans: Howie Combs, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Jim Meadwell, Tom Nova, Sr., Leonard Petrykowski, Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso, Jr., and Richard Wallace. Please continue to keep Joe Brotowski and Hunter Krenisky in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our country, and also to John Patterson, Shireen Mitchell’s grandson and Ross Patterson’s son who recently joined the Army. God Bless!



*And finally, what a time it is in northeast Ohio.*

**GO TRIBE and CONGRATULATIONS CAVS!**



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~



### From the Clerk:

Dear Residents,

Winter is upon us, and we are now in our last financial quarter of the year.

After three quarters of the year, we have spent 81% of our budgeted expenses, we have received 70% of our expected revenue, and we have over a million dollars in our General Fund after all our bills are paid.

We are committed to making our Village a great place to live by investing in projects that will benefit all of us, while staying within our means. The Village looks wonderful, and we should all be very proud. Many people come into my office and rave about how great our Village looks.

The majority of our revenue is derived from people working in our Village. The more jobs we have, the more revenue we get. Most of our RITA revenue is derived from withholding taxes and that is why I attach the RITA chart. These numbers are a critical part of how we operate throughout the year. We rely heavily on this revenue stream. Next year, these numbers should increase dramatically due to the levy that we passed this year.

According to the RITA chart, we have taken in \$308,014.00 more than this time last year. We will continue to monitor our expenses and revenue to make sure we end the year with a healthy General Fund moving into 2017.

If you ever have any questions or comments, please call, or stop and see me. My door is always open. Go Tribe!

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	634,653.04	(216,861.10)	-25.47%
SEPTEMBER	641,230.39	607,652.11	422,410.26	593,840.10	171,429.84	40.58%
OCTOBER	598,372.95	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	(101,628.30)	-13.15%
NOVEMBER	628,902.62	638,874.48	557,624.59			
DECEMBER	605,547.68	666,050.52	617,179.24			



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### **Building Department:**

#### New Fence Reminder:

- A permit is required
- A site plan indicating the fence location is required
- A survey is required if the fence is located within 3 feet of the property line
- Maximum height of the fence is 6 feet
- Fence details and specifications must be approved by the Building Department
- For additional information, please review Cuyahoga Heights Building Code Chapter 1464

#### Helpful Pre-Winter Tips:

- Change your furnace filters
- Shut off and drain lawn irrigation systems
- Check fireplace to ensure dampers work properly
- Check that windows and doors are properly weather protected
- Check roof gutters and down spouts. Remove accumulation of leaves, sticks, etc. to allow rain water to freely flow
- Now is the time to clean up yards by trimming trees, shrubs and flowerbeds





## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### Dispatch Department:



#### Things to Watch For on Halloween for your pet

Halloween is a fun time for kids and many adults, but can be a frightening and stressful time for your pets. As a pet owner, you know your pet best, but here are some points to consider for your pet's safety.

- **Continual doorbell ringing and people at the door** (in costume, no less!) can be stressful for a pet. Some pets may experience stress-related diarrhea or potentially injure themselves if crated or otherwise contained. Keep your pet in a quiet and safe place on Halloween.
- **Strangers in costume** - some animals may become unexpectedly aggressive or fearful, even normally friendly pets.
- **Candles and Jack-O'-Lanterns** within a pet's range are a fire hazard. Wagging tails and frightened cats zooming through the house can easily tip over a candle or carved pumpkin, causing burns or a fire.
- **Keep your pets indoors** on Halloween night, especially black cats. Animals are at risk for cruel treatment by some Halloween pranksters. Many adoption agencies and humane societies will not allow adoption of black cats around Halloween for this reason.
- **Candy** - For many people, Halloween = candy. Many pets have a sweet tooth. Please warn children not to share their goodies with the family pet.

#### Candy Concerns

Candies, gums, mints, baked goods and chocolate containing the "sugar free" sweetener [xylitol](#) are especially poisonous, causing rapid hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver failure in dogs and possibly other species. [Chocolate is toxic](#) to pets. Granted, a 50 pound dog would have to eat about 50 ounces of milk chocolate (but only 5 ounces of baking chocolate) for a toxic dose, but much smaller amounts can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Signs of chocolate toxicity include tremors, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, increased heart rate, and in severe cases, seizures and death. If you suspect that your pet has eaten chocolate, consult your veterinarian. Other candies, such as lollipops and those with plastic components, pose a danger if ingested. Lollipop sticks and plastic parts can cause intestinal obstruction and potentially rupture the intestines, which is a life-threatening emergency.

#### Look at the variety of pet costumes! How can I resist?

Halloween costumes for pets have been around for many years. While the costumes can be entertaining for the human counterparts, caution is advised before dressing your pet up.

While viewed as fun and adorable for some pet owners, caution is advised when putting a costume on a pet. A pet in costume should NEVER be left alone and unsupervised.

Tight elastics on the costumes can get lost in the pet's hair, potentially causing owners to overlook them, leading to swelling and pain in the area of the elastic.

Some pets, if left alone in costume, may chew it up and ingest it. This *could* cause intestinal obstruction if more than small shreds of material are consumed.

If the costumed pet escapes or is frightened away, the costume could entangle the pet on trees, fences, etc.



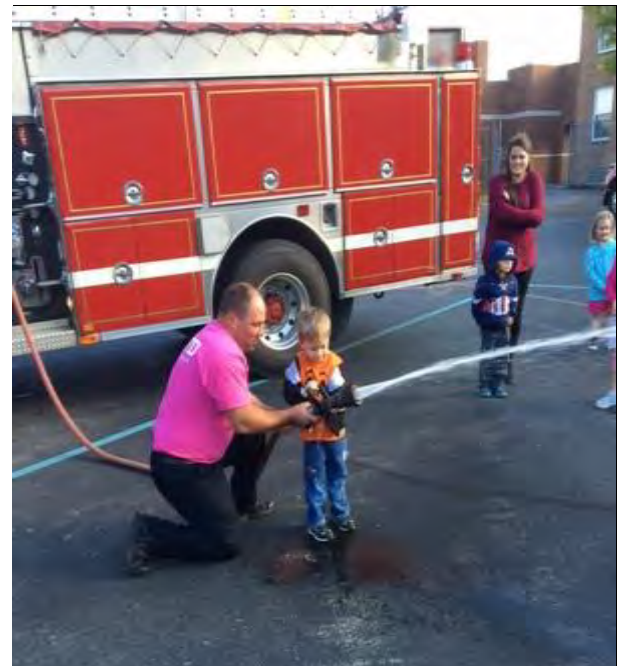


## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### 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. The firefighters also showed the kids around the fire truck and ambulance. 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.





## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### Fire Department *(continued)*:



We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Halloween. If you see our fire trucks or ambulances out during Trick-or-Treat please stop by, we will have treats for the kids.

**S** Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

**A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

**F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

**E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

**H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

**A** Always test makeup in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

**L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

**L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

**O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

**W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

**E** Eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

**E** Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Only visit well lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

**N** Never walk near open flames. Be sure to wear flame resistant costumes.

*If we missed you during our annual smoke detector checks and you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to schedule a return visit to your home.*

Non-emergency number - 216-641-6799





## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### Police Department:

With Halloween right around the corner your safety and the safety of our children is our top concern. **Trick-or-Treat is Monday October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Officers will be out, as in recent years, on foot and in cars. If you see ANY suspicious, criminal, or dangerous activity please stop one of the officers and let them know or call 911.



If you are driving, please be extra cautious and follow all traffic laws and parking signs. Remember to keep an eye out for little ghosts and goblins running around. Most importantly **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

Also, as adults walking your children around, please remember the ordinance against walking around with open containers (including mugs filled with adult beverages)

#### **612.07 B3: OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED**

- (B) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following circumstances:
- (3) In any other public place

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

#### **Drive Safely as it gets Darker**

Daylight Saving Time ends every year on the first Sunday in November. This means it starts to get darker earlier. As we set our clocks backward by one hour in most areas of the country, here are some tips for driving at night.

#### ***After Dark: The Most Dangerous Time to Drive***

Lack of light, compromised night vision, rush hour, impaired drivers and fatigue all contribute to making driving at night more dangerous than during any other time of day. In fact, traffic deaths are three times greater at night, according to National Safety Council research. Let's look at each of these factors.



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### **Police Department (continued):**

#### ***Darkness***

When it's dark outside, depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision are compromised. And the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can literally blind a driver temporarily.

Even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet (250 feet for normal headlights) creating less time to react to something in the road – especially when driving at higher speeds.

What should you do to combat darkness?

- Aim your headlights correctly, and make sure they're clean
- Dim your dashboard
- Look away from oncoming lights
- If you wear glasses, make sure they're anti-reflective
- Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks
- Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time

#### ***Compromised Night Vision***

Night vision is the ability to see well in low-light conditions. As we age, we have greater difficulty seeing at night. A 50-year-old driver may need twice as much light to see as well as a 30-year-old. At age 60 and older, driving can become even more difficult, according to the American Optometric Association. Some older drivers also may have compromised vision due to cataracts and degenerative eye diseases.

The AOA recommends older drivers:

- Have annual vision exams
- Reduce speed
- Take a driving course; even experienced drivers can benefit from a refresher course, and some of the rules have probably changed
- Minimize distractions at night, like talking with passengers or listening to the radio
- Check with your doctor about side effects of prescription drugs
- Be honest about your ability to drive after dark and limit driving to daytime hours if necessary

#### ***Rush Hour***

Evening rush hour (between 4 and 7 p.m. weekdays) is among the most dangerous time to drive due to crowded roadways and drivers eager to get home after work. During the winter season, it's dark during rush hour, compounding an already dangerous driving situation.

How can you make it home safely during rush hour?

- Don't be an impatient driver; slow down
- Stay in your lane and beware of drivers who don't; anxious drivers dart from lane to lane
- Even though the route may be very familiar, don't go on autopilot; stay alert
- If you're in an unfamiliar area, consult a map before you go and memorize your route
- Don't touch your phone, and don't eat, drink or do other things that take your mind off the road

## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~



### **Police Department (continued):**

#### ***Impaired Drivers***

More than 30 people die every day in crashes that involve a driver impaired by alcohol, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Add to that drivers impaired by prescription medicines and other drugs, and that number goes up significantly.

The fact is, impaired drivers are most frequently on the road after dark – particularly between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m. on weekends.

And here's a statistic for you: While drunk driving has declined by about one-third since 2007, the number of drivers under the influence of drugs has increased. Between 2013 and 2014, 22 percent of drivers tested positive for a drug that would cause impairment, according to a roadside survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Here's a tip:

- Just don't drive if you feel impaired

#### ***Fatigue***

A National Sleep Foundation poll says 60% of adults have driven while they were tired, and another 37%, or 103 million people, have fallen asleep at the wheel.

It gets worse. Of those, 13% say they fall asleep while driving at least once a month, and 4% say they have caused a crash by falling asleep while driving. The reasons are many – shift work, lack of quality sleep, long work hours, sleep disorders – and it doesn't only happen on lengthy trips.

These staggering numbers are backed up by a report by NHTSA that 100,000 police-reported crashes are a result of driver fatigue. Most crashes or near-misses happen at the times you would expect drivers to be tired: 4 to 6 a.m., midnight to 2 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., according to NSF.

What can you do? The Transport Accident Commission offers this advice:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Take regular breaks every two hours
- Share the drive
- Pull over and take a nap if you're drowsy
- Be alert for other drowsy drivers on the road

#### ***Stay Alert, Stay Alive***

While we do only one quarter of our driving at night, 50 percent of traffic deaths happen at night. It doesn't matter whether the road is familiar or not, driving at night is always more dangerous.

About 35,500 people were killed in car crashes in 2013, according to Injury Facts 2015. By taking some extra precautions, we can all contribute to reducing these numbers.



## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

### 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.

#### 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

- 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, Dave Sammons 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.

Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~

