

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**February 2017**

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## **Future Important Dates:**

**March 1** – Spring Soccer Registration Deadline

**March 8** – Cooking Class at Village Hall, see enclosed flyer for details

**Sunday, March 12** – Daylight Savings Time, turn clocks forward one hour.

**Saturday, March 18** – Village trip to Monsters game.

**March 20** – Deadline for applications for Arbor Day tree

**Friday, March 31** – Pre-K registration  
Call 216-429-5880 for appointment.



Available positions for seasonal help will be posted on our website beginning Monday, February 27 at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com). Applications will be available online or at the Village Hall on Friday, March 3 during normal business hours.

## **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

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*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

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### From the Mayor:

Dear friends and neighbors,

I want to start off my February message by telling each and every one of you how humbled my family and I were with the incredible outpouring of support, sympathy, praise and recollection of a true First Lady of Cuyahoga Heights . . . my mother, Lillian Schreiber Bacci and know that she loved her family, friends, our Village and her hometown of Valley View where she grew up, unconditionally with the Lord in her heart.

Joe Nero later told our family that an estimated 1000 visitors took time to pay their respects to our mom, what a tribute! The following day you made her life complete by filling her little church from stem to stern.

I could write hundreds of pages about my mom and the stories old friends, as well as new, have shared with me since her passing. All noting what an incredible woman she was, who faced many challenges, which she endured with her family and faith. But, most of you who knew my mom wouldn't be surprised, because you lived it. Every kid that grew up knowing a Bacci, always knew that they had a second mom or grandmother if they ever needed one, with plenty of good food on the table most anytime of the day... all were welcome.

For those that didn't get the pleasure of her company and or her incredible works in the kitchen, I want to share a little glimpse into her kindness, in a note she wrote to me before her mind began to fail.

She wrote, in part . . . "what an adventure it's been having a son like you. She spoke about days of discovery, along with nights of insomnia. All the no-nos and uh-ohs. The many delights and disasters, growth spurts and funny sayings, trikes and dirt bikes, skinned knees and broken bones, school days and that gleam of mischief always present in your eye. Your first crush, your first truck, your first job(s). Tough lessons and personal triumphs. My relief when I would hear the door open late at night knowing you were home safe. Snapshots, milestones and celebrations. My heart is filled with pride, life-changing love in the amazing person you have become . . . son, father, friend and leader."

And she always ended every note, phone call or conversation with "only God could love you more."

She taught me to "lead by example, with integrity" and that's one lesson I will never stop trying to improve upon.

She will truly be missed by all.

Pictured... mom and me at my first inauguration in 2008.



2017 has not started out at all as I would have liked it to, before we lost my Mom, we tragically lost one of my true lifelong friends, Glenn Snoddy. Not unlike my mother, I could go on page after page about Glenn... 45 plus years of true unconditional friendship and when we were younger, the two of us were inseparable. Ask any of Glenn's sisters and they'll attest to that. We drove them nuts!





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

Glenn and I shared a passion with anything that had an engine. When we graduated from our Big Wheels, we enjoyed many good times riding dirt bikes, go karts, ATV, motorcycles and racing cars. So many good stories and so much trouble we got in . . . always ending up with us begging the cops not to tell our fathers. He was a great guy. Again, if you asked any kid that grew up in our era, they would say the same about Glenn. He was my biggest supporter in anything I did and always had the Village first and foremost in any of our "political" conversations... noting what a great place it is to live and raise a family and how we needed to preserve what we enjoyed as children and now as adults, for the next generation.

To that my old friend, we will continue to take care of what we have enjoyed together for a lifetime, RIP.



Pictured... Glenn, Ricky Bacci, Jeffrey Mack, Pat Koran and myself leaving school September 6, 1974.



On a brighter note, here is what has been happening around town.

### **Business community**

Our administration has worked diligently with Charter Manufacturing for the last year, and we are elated that they chose its operations in Cuyahoga Heights to build a new \$150 million steel mill adjacent to its coil mill and steelmaking operations. The project will create about 25 well-paid jobs which enhances the sustainability of the mill for the future and represents the largest investment in the family-owned company's 81-year history. We are glad to see a strong company like Charter Steel, which began its local operations in 2002 grow in our community. This is a huge thing for a private owned company to do this, and by not doing it in their own state of Wisconsin. Our administration is very proud to be part of this accomplishment.

SAFC Cleveland located on East 49<sup>th</sup> Street is investing over \$4 million in their expansion project. This facility is their "Center of Excellence" for biological buffers, cell culture media components and reagent compound manufacturing used in the biopharmaceutical and diagnostic industries. Many of you may remember when their business name was Research Organics.

As I noted last fall, expansion plans were underway for Northern Stamping, and they are now ready to start the site work. Their investments will create about 25 jobs with \$2 million of associated payroll.

The Chas. E. Phipps Company will continue to stay in our Village as they signed a lease for another five years. They outgrew their existing facility and will be moving into the former Stanek Windows facility at 4570 Willow Parkway.

Timan Window Treatments, one of our newest business members, just received their occupancy permit at 4533 Willow Parkway.

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

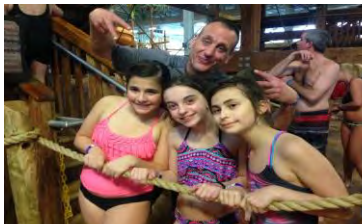
Congratulations to Bob Reiner, President of Joshen Paper & Packaging. He was recently presented with an award shield by several members of the Cuyahoga Heights Redskins Football team. Throughout the course of the football season, Joshen donated products for all the team dinners. Pictured are Mathew Harris and Tyler Selig.



As you can see, the Village of Cuyahoga Heights is doing well, and our businesses see what we are doing as we lead by example with integrity. Next month, we will be hosting our annual breakfast with the businesses and look forward to spending time with them.

### Events

We began the year with a Village outing to Kalahari on January 28, and had a lot of positive feedback from the residents that attended. Pictured are Traci Nichols, Frank Trusso, and a group picture of some of the attendees.



Our office staff is gearing up in preparation for the annual Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. The event is open to all Cuyahoga Heights Village resident children and grandchildren from 0-12 years of age. Hope to see you there!

Kudos to our resident students at CHS for their recent accomplishments. Trey Combs, *pictured to the right*, became the first CVC Wrestling Champion since 2012. Trey Combs, Tyler Hughes, Jacob Derbin, David Schull and Steven Truman - 2016 Football State Runner-ups. Board Students of the Month – Jayden Lamont, Monica Menkhous and Olivia Santiago. And lastly, my middle baby Brenna Bacci made the Dean's List at John Carroll University College of Arts and Sciences during the fall semester. Congratulations to all on a job well done!



Congratulations to John Patterson, his father Ross and grandmother Shireen. John recently completed boot camp training in the United States Army, Second Battalion 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. Pictured to the left is John hugging his sister Anna after a long boot camp separation.

**Birthday wishes** February birthday wishes to employees: (4) Tiffany Contipelli; (5) Danielle Short & Jason Sagan; (8) Mike Stack; (14) Ken LaBella; (15) Norm Casini; (18) Don Pallini; (24) Todd Sciano; and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.

### Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Diane Nieves, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, and Mrs. Patty Smosarski.



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**From the Clerk:**

## **2017 CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Again this year, Council has passed legislation for a Village Scholarship to assist Cuyahoga Heights graduating seniors with their future college tuition. Recipients will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

To be eligible, the recipient must:

- 1) Be a resident of Cuyahoga Heights
- 2) Be a graduating High School senior in the Spring or Summer of 2017
- 3) Be enrolled either full or part time at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2017
- 4) Complete the Fall 2017 term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing
- 5) Must submit proof of grades to the Clerk's office by March 1, 2018

Applications are available at the High School Guidance Office, or at the Town Hall, and must be submitted to Clerk Unger's office by May 1, 2017.

This 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.

Thank You,  
Clerk Unger





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### From the Clerk *(Continued)*:

Moving into 2017, we are financially stable, and we will continue to monitor expenses and budgets to maintain a healthy General Fund. We started 2017 with 1.25 million in the General Fund, and we are very confident that we will continue to keep the General Fund at or around one million dollars. We are comfortable with a million dollars in the bank for any emergencies that might occur during the year.

Currently the Mayor is working on the budget for 2017 and sending it to Council for approval. We do an analysis of our expenses and revenue for the year and work with the Mayor in structuring the budget before it goes to Council for approval. Council approves all expenditures.

Budgeting the expenses and estimating the revenue for the New Year is not an exact science, but we have done a pretty good job for the past 7 years keeping our accounts healthy while doing major projects, updates, and repairs throughout the Village. This year, we are expecting more revenue from RITA taxes, and have budgeted many projects and purchases that we could not have afforded without the tax increase.

I will have more information for you when we pass the budget for 2017. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at the Town Hall. My door is always open.

Month Distributed	2014	2015	2016	2017	Difference from 2016	% change from 2016
JANUARY	701,203.65	806,899.10	742,767.00	615,702.19	(127,064.81)	-17.11%
FEBRUARY	542,645.46	626,184.73	838,249.20	770,824.69	(67,424.51)	-8.04%
MARCH	929,321.38	838,149.44	1,156,108.74	-		
APRIL	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	-		
MAY	617,963.16	783,999.52	707,171.63	-		
JUNE	643,339.71	578,703.87	706,933.54	-		
JULY	744,253.53	630,699.68	634,398.50	-		
AUGUST	616,110.30	851,514.14	634,653.04	-		
SEPTEMBER	607,652.11	422,410.26	593,840.10	-		
OCTOBER	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	-		
NOVEMBER	638,874.48	557,624.59	746,467.49	-		
DECEMBER	666,050.52	617,179.24	583,611.25	-		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,095,985.12</b>	<b>8,109,486.56</b>	<b>8,572,776.05</b>	<b>1,386,526.88</b>	<b>(194,489.32)</b>	<b>-12.58%</b>



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### Police Department:

As winter starts to come to the end and the temperatures start to rise, the thawing ground, melting snow, and spring showers can be prime time for flooding. Remember that it is better to Turn Around – Don't Drown.

- Do not walk or drive through a flooded area.
- Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet and two feet of moving water can move a car.
- Do not drive around road barriers as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current can travel through water and can cause electrocution.
- If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground.



As we all get outside to enjoy the nice weather, please remember that when walking your dogs they must be kept on a leash. Also, please clean up all feces when walking your pets. Most people are doing a great job picking up after their pets. There are, however, a few who still do not realize how important it is

to clean up after their dog when you are out for a walk. Whether it's on a tree lawn, the grounds of the Village Hall, Klima Gardens, Bacci Park, or the school; pet owners need to pick up after their dogs. Bags and garbage cans are readily available at Bacci Park and the Metroparks. Please be respectful and considerate of your surroundings!

#### **618.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; NUISANCE, DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS.**

##### **618.01(m) Dog running at large (leash law)**

No owner or keeper of a dog or any other domestic animal shall permit such animal to go upon the public parks, playfields, recreation areas, lands or roadways within the Village, unless such animal is securely leashed or otherwise tied and under the control of owner or keeper thereof.



##### **618.13: NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED**

(b) Any dog, cat or other animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, plant, shrub, building or any other public or private property, other than that of the owner, keeper or person in charge or control of such dog, cat or other animal, without the permission of the owner of such property, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

(c) No person, being the owner or keeper of, or being in charge or control of, any dog, cat or other animal, shall allow or permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, Village park or other public property, or upon any private property, other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, without the permission of the owner of such property. If the owner, keeper or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all the feces deposited by such animal and disposes of the same in a sanitary manner, such nuisance shall be considered abated.

***With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner please play it safe and Don't Drink and Drive!***



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### Seniors Corner:

Hi Everyone. Here we are in February 2017 with some nice weather for a change. I am so ready for spring.

It has been a while since I have written our Senior Corner Newsletter. I am back hoping to give you some good updates about our upcoming events and hope to encourage all of you to join our Seniors for some good food, good fun and good trips.

We had a very busy 2016 since I have written. We took a trip to New York and saw some really exciting things. It was a bit too busy since it was during the summer. The kids were out of school and we ran into quite a bit of traffic and crowds but we still had fun. The 9/11 memorial was worth the trip to see. It was so heartbreaking to see the pictures of all of the people we lost but we can't ever forget what happened. There was probably too much walking because our bus could not get down some of the streets to drop us off, but it was nice to all be together.

In August we went to Columbus to a German Village and it was fun. Jack Bacci took us to Kelly's Island and as usual, we had a wonderful time. I am not much of a water person so the boat ride makes me nervous, but riding around the island and eating the great food was so much fun. Thank you Jack. We appreciate so much how you care for the village Seniors.

In September we went to Square Bistro in Chardon and Roscoe Village which was so much fun, and had our Pot Luck which is always delicious. In October we had our wonderful dinner presented by our School and heard the band and all had a great time. It is so nice of our School to do this for us. We also went to Heinen's downtown. That is a super place to shop and eat. In November we went to Sugarcreek for lunch. Very nice. In December we had our Christmas Party and were entertained by a jazz singer accompanied by a guitar. They did a great job.

So here we are in 2017. In January we went to Polaris for lunch and everyone always enjoys the food they make.

This month we had our Valentine's party and had soup and sandwiches and cake for dessert. It was so good.

In March we have our St. Patrick's Day party. We are looking forward to more good food and spend time with good friends.

In April we are going to Jordan's for lunch and then on to Malley's for some of their wonderful chocolates.

We have more things scheduled that are still in the works, one of which is a trip to Nashville in September. I will keep you updated as we go along.

I hope all of you will consider joining the Seniors and see how much fun we have. At least, come along on some of our trips to get you out of the house and meet new friends. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (216) 509-5278.

*Noel Centa, President – Cuyahoga Heights Seniors.*







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### **Fire Department:**

On January 27, we teamed up with the Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School (CHES) to assist with Donuts for Dads. In an occupation that has us working 24 hour shifts we understand that dads often cannot be at every one of their kids' activities. Therefore, we offered to take part in the CHES Donuts for Dads and escort the students whose dads could not be at the school that day. Our firemen surprised the children at their buses and walked with them to their classrooms--joining them for breakfast. This experience was as much, if not more, fun for our department as it was for the students. Thank you to everyone at CHES for the opportunity and allowing us to be part of this special event.



### **Clinic:**

The Village operates a well visit clinic with a registered nurse. Residents (60 years and older) are eligible for certain blood work at no charge once a year. The Clinic is located in the Village Hall and is open by appointment year-round. Please call JoAnn Socausky, R.N. at (216) 401-1039





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### Dispatch:

#### Safety Tips

- Never open your door without looking out a peephole or window.
- ALWAYS demand identification from utility workers and delivery persons.
- Never step outside your home to be shown something on your property until you verify the credentials and identification of the utility company or other service provider.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT ALWAYS CALL THE Police Department AND WE WILL CHECK IT OUT!**



### Finance Department:

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights is starting the search for a candidate to fill a vacancy in our municipal Finance Department. Starting at \$19.23. This individual **must** have a minimum of 4 years applicable accounting experience. The ideal candidate would possess a finance degree and/or public finance experience, a strong payroll, accounts payable skills, knowledge of EGov Pro accounting system or similar accounting software, superior Microsoft Excel skills, general office knowledge, and work well with the elected officials, employees and the general public on a daily basis. Please see a full list of requirements and job description at <http://www.cuyahogaheights.com/services>. Please send a resume to [hr@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:hr@cuyahogaheights.com) no later than Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Start date between April 2017-July 2017.

### Pre-Kindergarten Registration/Screening

Registration for students enrolling in pre-kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on Friday, March 31. If you have a child, or know of a child in our school district that is eligible to attend next year, please call the elementary school office at 216-429-5880 to make an appointment for registration. Children who will be four years old on or before September 30, 2017, are eligible for the pre-kindergarten program.



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### **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](http://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](mailto:stacey_vitanza@yahoo.com).

Please see the enclosed flyers for information regarding a Pitching Clinic and Youth Baseball and Softball Clinic which is being offered by the Village of Valley View.

#### ACTIVITY

Spring Soccer Registration  
Youth Baseball & Softball  
Adult Men's & Women's Softball  
Cheerleading  
Youth Flag Football  
Fall Soccer  
Youth Basketball

#### DEADLINE DATE

March 1  
April 1  
July 15  
August 1  
August 1  
August 1  
October 15

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt at Klima Gardens on Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m.; rain-or-shine! The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' children and grandchildren; 0-12 years of age.

Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets, stuffed animals, toys, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off their

item at the Village Hall during regular business hours prior to Tuesday, April 11. All items being raffled will benefit Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28. Several of the Boy Scouts will be on hand during the event selling raffle tickets.

Any students that are in need of community service hours, please contact the Village Hall. We are looking for volunteers to face paint and help children color eggs. Also, if there are any adult volunteers that are willing to help, please let us know. *"Hippity hoppin', Easter's on its way."*





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### **Building Department:**

#### **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS:**

Owners of rental property are required to submit an application form with an annual fee of \$50.00.

- Application and fees are due prior to April 1, 2017. After April 1, 2017 there is a \$25.00 late fee. This may be accomplished by completing an Application for Rental Renewal Certification which is available online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com), under Departments, then under Building Department. You may also pick up an application form at the Building Department at 4863 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Submit the completed application, along with a check in the amount of \$50.00 to the Building Department before April 1, 2017. This registration and fee is required annually.
- This year starting in April 2017 the Building Department will review the exterior structures, both residential and commercial, for maintenance that conforms with Building Code Chapter 1490.
- The Building Department recommends that **all** homes provide active smoke detectors on all levels, all bedrooms, hallway outside of bedrooms and also one carbon monoxide detector located in the hallway or as recommended by the Fire Department.

If you have any questions, please call the Building Department at (216) 641-7020.

### **Arbor Day:**

The Village will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. Village residents may purchase a tree through the Village for \$200 which includes your choice of a tree (*Pin Oak, Red Oak, Norway Maple, Green Mountain, Sugar Maple or Red Maple*), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. Applications are available at the Village Hall or on our web site. Go to the "Department Tab" on our home page and click on "Village Hall." For those residents interested in purchasing a tree, the application along with payment must be turned into the Village Hall c/o Lee Ann by **Monday, March 20**.



### **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.