

## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ March 2017



### From the Mayor:

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to Ed Pritchard and his family for the loss of his mother. Margaret Pritchard passed away last month; she was 84 years old. Also, to the Suchocki family for the loss of their youngest sibling Marybeth, much too early. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

### Grants

The Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Awards were announced earlier this month and our Village was awarded \$50,000 for acquisition and demolition of properties in the community. A total of 46 local communities applied for funding through the grant and only 22 were awarded funds. As always, our administration continues to leverage every dollar outside of our Village to lessen the cost of each project.

### Events

We held our second Village event last weekend at Quicken Loans Arena and watched the Lake Erie Monsters beat the Texas Stars 6-3. The feedback I received from several residents was that the game was phenomenal and everyone had a great time. Pictured below are photos of the group that evening. Our Village Hall staff continues to plan additional bus trips and events for the year .... *stay tuned.*



We had 54 third graders from the elementary school take a field trip to our Village Hall this past Wednesday. The children are learning about local government, and what better way to learn than spend time with the Mayor and our department heads. The field trip also occurred during the tornado warning and drill, and the students received first-hand information from Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash about safety during bad weather. The best part of the event is when the children asked questions – some of their questions were quite interesting.

We received notification from Canalway Partners that they will be holding their annual half marathon on Sunday, April 9 at the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation off East 49<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at 8:00 a.m. Just wanted everyone to know in case you saw a lot of activity at the park that morning. Running enthusiasts who would like to participate, you can sign up at [www.towpathtrilogy.com](http://www.towpathtrilogy.com).



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Representatives from Heritage Home will be hosting an information session free for our residents on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of our Village Hall. Our community has numerous older homes that are worthy of preserving and improving, and in order to help homeowners do this, our administration has continued its participation in the Heritage Home Program. The services they offer are for homes over 50 years old. Additional information on the event is included with this newsletter.

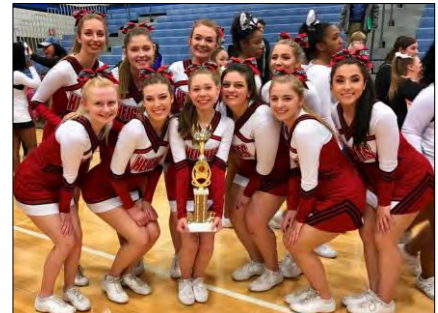
Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It was originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska and proposed by J. Sterling Morton in 1872. Our Village will be celebrating this special day on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park and planting fourteen trees in honor of departed family members throughout the Village. I hope many of our residents will join us during the celebration.



### **Congratulations**

Trey Combs placed third in the District Wrestling Tournament which qualified him to continue in the next round at the State Wrestling Tournament on March 9. This was Trey's third time that he competed at States. Even though he didn't place, we are all very proud of his outstanding performance as a wrestler. We're pretty excited to see what happens in the next chapter of this young man's life upon graduation in May. Great job and best of luck Trey!

Kudos to the CHHS Cheerleaders! The State Championship was held at Worthington Kilbourne High School in Columbus earlier this month, and our cheerleaders competed in their very first State Championship. Pictured right is the squad which includes Village resident Paige Meriwether. Nice job ladies!



Student and Village resident, Megan Vitanza recently participated in the HOSA Future Health Professionals Regional Competition representing her CVCC Health Careers Program and earning third place in her event, Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking. Megan advanced to the State Competition which will be held at the University of Toledo on April 19 and 20. On behalf of our community, we wish you the best of luck!

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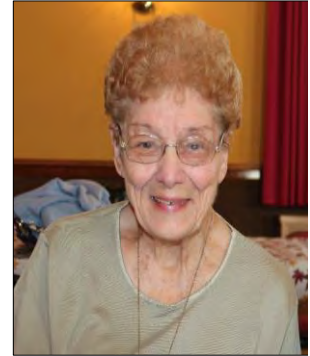


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#### **Birthday wishes**

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Bernice Suhy who will turn 92 years old on March 28! Happy birthday and God Bless to a very sweet and special lady!

March birthday wishes to employees: (1) Joe Wallace; (12) Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (24) Cathy Zmija and (25) Barb Cash.



#### **Thoughts and prayers**

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

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter ... share this time to reflect on life, love, family and all of your blessings.

