

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**April 2017**

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## **Future Important Dates:**

**May 1** - Village Scholarship Applications Due

**May 14** - Mother's Day

**May 20** - Street Sweeping

*\*Please **do not park** on streets until street sweeping has been completed*

**May 28** - Decorate your Bikes at Klima Gardens from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**May 29** - Memorial Day - Village Hall/Service Department Closed

**May 29** - Memorial Day parade at 10:00 a.m.

**June 10** - Swimming Pool Opens

**June 24** - Village Wide Garage Sale from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**July 8** - Village Wide Shred Day from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Memorial Day Trip to Calvary Cemetery**

The Historical Committee will be visiting Calvary Cemetery on Sunday, May 21 in honor of Memorial Day (*weather permitting*). Hopefully the weather will be cooperative. Since most folks are busy on the holiday weekend we have chosen the week before to offer this annual opportunity to those who can't always get there or don't want to go alone. Anyone interested in joining can call or email Mark Chase to sign up at 216-409-1179 or [jfkmarkchase@gmail.com](mailto:jfkmarkchase@gmail.com).

## **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**

**Phone: 216-641-7020**

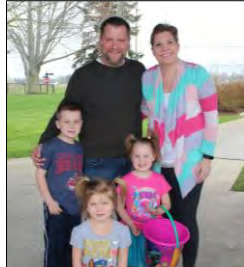
**Fax: 216-641-8485**

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### From the Mayor:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter holiday. Mother Nature definitely cooperated for us during our Easter egg hunt. It was great to see so many residents take advantage of a tradition that began many, many years ago. Thank you to all that attended, as well as to those that donated items for the raffle. *Pictured below L – R: the Nichols family, Bartlett family, Mrs. Helen Kosicki and family, and me and my girls.*



### Grants

We continue to be blessed....the Cuyahoga County Executive's office revisited their policy relating to the roadway infrastructure needs of our county. Their new programs focus on being proactive in addressing the needs of the regional transportation system while partnering with cities and other funding partners to maximize the use of their resources. With that being said, they received our request for funding for the resurfacing project of Canal Road from East 49<sup>th</sup> Street to the south corporation line as a municipally sponsored project. This will be part of the County's 2018, 50-50 Program, and they are willing to contribute up to \$250,000 towards this project. Thank you to Village Engineer Sciano and Silverlode for their continued efforts during the past several years on this matter.

### Business community

We held our annual "BNB" with the businesses in our community last month; it was a success and well attended. In talking with the businesses, no one had any issues about our Village, and they are all doing well. We had a speaker from NEORS D talk about the Stormwater Fee Credit Program, in addition to a speaker from the Cleveland Metroparks who spoke about their Centennial. Former resident, Carl Casavecchia who also works for the Metroparks, was in attendance. The park has a lot of neat programs going on throughout the year, and hopefully some of our residents will take advantage of them. *Pictured below to the left is Mat Mathew and Deborah Kramer from Charter Steel.*





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

We were notified last month by Arconic (*formerly Alcoa*) that they reached a 3-year contract with the UAW. This is great news! Also, 2017 marks their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; they will be holding an official celebration in August.

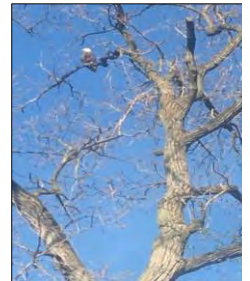
### Events

Next month we will be celebrating Memorial Day with our annual parade and service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29. For those men and women that have served or are still serving our country, it would be an honor to have you participate and march in the parade. We truly need to keep this tradition alive and remember the men and women who died while serving our country. *Never forget, ever honor.*

Our annual community shred day will take place on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Gateway Recycling • 4223 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street • Cuyahoga Heights. This is a free service provided by our Village to our residents and businesses. There is no limit to the amount of paper you can shred. If you have additional questions, please contact Councilwoman Lois Henley.

### Around town

While the Meriwether family took a run in Bacci Park on Monday, April 17, they were intrigued with what they saw in a tree -- a Bald Eagle (*pictured to the left*). Bacci Park is truly our hidden gem.



### Senior citizens

In lieu of Christmas cookies for the Village Hall staff last year, our office asked Kehoe Bros. to do something special for our senior citizens instead. During the senior citizens social meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Kehoe provided them with a Jack Frost Donut Party. Of course it was a hit with our seniors, who doesn't like donuts from Jack Frost.

Unfortunately, from time to time, some of our senior citizens have to move from their home and out of the Village to a family member's home to be cared for. But with their passing, our Village is always remembered by their families. I wanted to share with our residents what Kathy Cook, Mrs. Irene Masek's daughter wrote to us. *"Mayor Bacci and residents of Cuyahoga Heights – Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the police escort, and your living tributes to my mother. She loved the Village and all her friends and neighbors. Your kindness meant so very much to us."*

### Birthday wishes

Milestone birthday wishes to resident and employee, Lt. Ken Schoeffler who turned 40 on April 1, and special wishes to Mr. Ed Ranch who celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on April 27.

April birthday wishes to employees: (13) Joanne Socausky and (30) Bryon "Mongo" Borowy.





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

#### 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.

Peace Officers Memorial Day is Monday, May 15. This holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked President John F. Kennedy to designate May 15 to honor peace officers. President Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. During Police Week (*week of May 15*) special recognition is paid to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



And lastly, I would like to wish all the Mom's a very happy Mother's Day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. God Bless you! *"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."*





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### From the Clerk:

As I explained in last month's Newsletter, the increase in our RITA revenue from payroll taxes will start showing up in April or May. Looking at the chart, it shows we increased our revenue for April by \$261,644.91, or 46.94% more than in April of 2016. This is great for our Village, and will allow us to move forward with many Capital Projects, as well as help pay down our debt.

Financially, we are solid. We currently have 1.2 million dollars in our General Fund, and have paid all of our monthly expenses. I am confident that at the end of the year under our current budget, we will have over a million dollars in our general bank account for emergencies, and we will have started or finished many projects that will make our Village a great place to live.

This is exciting news, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, 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	834,117.05	(321,991.69)	-27.85%
APRIL	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	819,064.56	261,644.91	46.94%
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>3,039,708.49</b>	<b>(254,836.10)</b>	<b>-2.02%</b>



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### Fire Department:

#### Babysitting Safety

Having a babysitter can give you peace of mind. It allows you to leave your child with someone you trust. Be sure your babysitter knows about fire safety. Be sure your babysitter knows what to do if there is a fire.

Show the babysitter your home escape plan and make sure the babysitter understands:

- Two ways out of every room.
- Where the outdoor meeting place is located.
- The fire department or emergency phone number.
- How to unlock all doors and windows.

If you allow your babysitter to cook, make sure the babysitter:

- Keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the microwave oven.
- Never leaves the room while cooking.
- Keeps anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Keeps pets off surfaces and countertops.

If the smoke alarm sounds make sure your babysitter knows to:

- Get out of the home quickly with your child to safety.
- Use the second way out if smoke is in the way.
- Get low and go under the smoke to the exit if an escape must be made through smoke.

Store matches and lighters out of your child's reach. Candles should not be used by your babysitter. Make sure your babysitter keeps a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around space heaters.

Remember always leave the phone number where you can be reached. Cell phones make this easy. Be sure the babysitter knows the address of the home.

Babysitter Training - Many places offer babysitter classes. These are online and in the classroom. Some schools and hospitals give training. Classes teach how to care for children, first aid, CPR, and what to do in an emergency.



#### Hydrant Flushing:

[Beginning tomorrow through May 14](#), the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will begin annual fire hydrant flushing. If we will be flushing in your neighborhood, signs will be posted the day before. Flushing should not occur on weekends. After flushing, some discolored water is normal. Simply let your faucet run for one minute or until the discoloration has gone away.



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### Police Department:



*From the desk of Chief Sturgill...*

Dear Community:

The beginning of 2017 has been very busy and some exciting things have taken place at the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department...

#### **Regional Grant Awarded**

For the past two years the Cuyahoga Heights safety forces have been working to transition our emergency radio service from what is known as a “low band frequency” to a more powerful 800MHz system. The switch is being made for several reasons.

The new system will be much more powerful. This allows for a larger broadcast area and for clearer transmissions and reception. It will also allow for inter-operability between safety forces across the state. Unlike before, we will have the ability to communicate directly with all bordering cities and beyond. Lastly, this change will eventually be required by the FCC in the near future. With this in mind, the Village Department Heads and Mayor/Safety Director have been pursuing cost effective means to finance this project.

In late December 2016, the Cuyahoga Heights Safety forces led the way and applied for the Local Government Safety Capital Grant (LGSC). The grant is a state funded grant administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency that offers communities assistance to enhance their public safety, with priority going to communities that share services.

We are pleased to announce that on March 23, 2017 the Village of Cuyahoga Heights was awarded **\$230,648** to be used for the purchase of 67 mobile “in-vehicle” 800 MHz radios at a per-unit cost of \$3,825. Along with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, the police and fire departments of Valley View, Brooklyn Heights and Newburgh Heights will also be appropriated radios from this collaborative effort.

It is obvious to see how shared services and collaborations of this type benefit smaller communities. David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Service Agency stated it best, “Communities are working together to improve their safety services, and are saving taxpayers money.”

Special recognition goes out to Dennis McAndrew and Ricardo Leon of Silverlode Consulting for their guidance through the grant process and to Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki for his professional review and advice. Thank you, gentlemen!



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

#### **CHPD Receives Ohio Collaborative Certification**

On March 27, 2017, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department was awarded certification by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. The Ohio Collaborative was created after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenges between communities and law enforcement. This “collaborative” established a 12 person panel composed of law enforcement experts and community leaders from throughout the state. This panel then authored and created state standards in areas such as but not limited to:

- Use of Force/Deadly Force
- Hiring and Recruitment
- Dispatcher Training
- Biased Free Policing
- Community Engagement

The purpose of these standards are meant to hold all agencies accountable and to improve the relationship between law enforcement and the public/communities they serve. The Ohio Collaborative will continue to work closely with community partners, stakeholders and law enforcement agencies to implement and add more standards yearly. All Ohio law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures related to each standard. An on-site audit and review will be conducted by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice (OCJS) to verify compliance to each of the issued standards.

More information regarding the Ohio Collaborative can be found at [www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative).

#### **CHPD appoints New Part-time Patrolman**

The CHPD is pleased to announce the appointment of Brad Beaulieu to the position of patrolman. Ptl. Beaulieu is the son of Bob Beaulieu, co-owner of the very familiar Beaulieu Auto Center located on the corner of E.71<sup>st</sup> and Grant Ave. Ptl. Beaulieu is a graduate of North Royalton High School and the Cleveland Heights Police Academy. Beaulieu is currently employed as a full-time police officer with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) assigned to general patrol. He also gained experience in law enforcement while assigned to the City of Parma Auxiliary Police. Welcome Ptl. Beaulieu!



**Stay Safe!!!**

Respectfully,

*Chief Sturgill*





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### Dispatch:

Residents:

If you are not in the SwiftReach system and would like to be in our system you can either use the SwiftReach portal on the Cuyahoga Heights Village Website on the Police page or contact Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash at the Police Department directly at 216-883-6800. The SwiftReach system is used to notify our residents and businesses, by telephone, of any emergency situations that may occur in Cuyahoga Heights. The telephone numbers you supply the Police Department are kept strictly confidential and are not given out to the public.



Just a reminder to all of our residents, if you are going on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We are going to ask you when you will be leaving and when you will be coming home, if you have stopped your mail and paper, if you are going to leave any lights on in your home, if anyone will be stopping at your home during your absence and an emergency telephone number in case there is a problem. Dispatch will then forward that information to the Police Officers so they can check your residence though out the day and night.

### Building Department:

Spring is finally here, with the warmer weather finally here we would like to remind all homeowners of property maintenance requirements. Cuyahoga Heights' codified ordinances required that all exterior properties be maintained. This includes home exteriors, grass, shrubs, fences and accessory buildings.

Some jobs will require a permit. If you are unsure, please contact the Building Department. For your protection, be sure your contractor is registered and permits have been obtained, if needed. Don't forget the George M. Suhy Grant program is available to help defray the costs of many improvements.

Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, bi-annual curbside home maintenance inspection will be conducted.





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### Village Wide Garage Sale

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, garage and basement! The Village is having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our Service Department. Please be advised that there are not enough tables for more than one table per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and Sun Courier in an effort to promote our Village wide garage sale. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 7 -- call now to register.**

### 2017 Spring Spray Program

Pest Management Inc., will begin the annual outside spraying of each resident's home. This will include the area completely around the outside foundation of each home, **unless instructed otherwise by tenant or owner.**

Residential applications will begin on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Dressler Court, Marcelline Court, East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place, Bletch Court, Willowbrook Drive, Grant Avenue, and will end on East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. Weather permitting, the program should be completed by the second week of May. **If you do not want your house sprayed, please call Rich or Jeremy.**

If you have any questions regarding this year's spring spray program, please contact Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553, 1-800-794-2035, or Rich's cell phone at (440) 343-1316. If Rich or Jeremy are not available, please leave a message with your name, address, phone number and brief message. All questions will be answered promptly.

### Memorial Day Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for students who are in need of community service hours to help us on Sunday, May 28 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to assist children decorating their bikes, wagons, and/or scooters for the Memorial Day parade. If you would like to help us out and earn community service hours at the same time, please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours.

Village residents should also plan on meeting at Klima Gardens on May 28 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will supply decorations so that you can decorate your strollers and other items that you will be using in the parade.

And lastly, we are looking for students and adults to help us on Memorial Day. We need volunteers on Monday, May 29 around 9:00 a.m. to serve coffee and doughnuts to Memorial Day participants, as well as anyone wishing to grill or help out in the kitchen for the picnic. Interested volunteers should contact the Village Hall. Please note that students will earn community hours.

### ***Charter Steel has Summer Help positions available!***

***Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and be able to perform entry-level, general labor type responsibilities. Hourly pay is \$10/hr.***

***For consideration, please complete an employment application, noting "Summer Help" as the position for which you are applying.***

***Applications are available online: [www.chartersteel.com](http://www.chartersteel.com) or can be picked up from our guard at 4300 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio, 44125.***

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### **Sports Registrations:**

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.

<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

### **From the Sports Commissioner:**

We are currently working with the Villages of Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place 10 girls and 10 boys onto various softball and baseball teams within those villages. Coaches should be reaching out to parents in the next several weeks to begin scheduling practices.

The high school softball teams are playing their home games at Bacci Park again this season. Please refer to the Cuyahoga Heights Schools' website for games, times, and updates. Come out and support our teams! The concession stand will be open during all games as well.

Special thanks to Megan Vitanza, Kayla Haag, and Bailey Wolski for volunteering their time on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to clean and organize the recreational sports equipment closet. As we make room for new equipment, this process allowed us to donate outdated equipment to other kids that otherwise would not be able to play sports. Your time was invaluable; thank you.

#### REMINDERS:

Please turn in all forms on time. If your form is not received by the posted date, you will be charged a \$25 fee for each late registration. Unfortunately, due to late registrations, we were unable to place two of our village kids onto soccer teams this spring. This is the last thing that we want to see happen, but since we do not always have enough kids in our village to form our own teams; we rely on the neighboring villages to help us. This is not always possible due to roster restrictions. Therefore, we cannot stress enough the importance of turning in your forms on time.

Please **DO NOT** drop off your registration forms to the neighboring villages or call the neighboring villages to find out the status of your child's placement on a team. Forms must be turned in to our Village Hall or to me directly and all communication must go through me rather than the other villages. I work very closely with our neighboring villages to ensure that your children are taken care of. When this process is not followed, it causes confusion and extra work for each of us.

#### NEW IN THE COMING MONTHS:

Due to some changes in the registration process for one of our neighboring villages, registration dates will be moving up by two weeks for all sports in our village beginning with the fall season. Please stay tuned to future newsletters and the village marquees for the new registration deadlines. If your forms are late, we will charge a late fee and we will not be able to guarantee that any children registered late will be placed on teams.

Moving our registration deadlines up by two weeks for each sport will help ensure that your children are placed on teams and it should also reduce any of the confusion we have been running into recently with the neighboring villages.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to me at [Stacey\\_Vitanza@yahoo.com](mailto:Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com) or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.



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### Service Department:

#### Senior Grass Cutting

“Spring Time” is right around the corner and once again the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will be cutting grass free of charge for our Senior Citizens and disabled persons who qualify according to the Ordinance:

- Registrant must be sixty (60) years of age or older and must reside alone or with a spouse of like age or older, or the registrant must be disabled and not have an able-bodied person living with him or her who is under sixty (60) years of age.
  - “Disabled” means physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions of caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.
- The property registered must be a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling **and the owner of the property must reside at the registered property.**
- Registrant must execute a consent and release, in a form approved by the Solicitor, granting permission to the Village to provide the grass cutting service and releasing the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the cutting of grass on the registrant’s property.

Please note that our Village is not responsible for grass length, the grass cutters are set at a standard height and will not be changed. **If you have a dog, please clean the area of dog waste so we can cut the yard properly.** ***If you have already registered in the past, then you need not re-register.*** We ask that applicants be patient with this service, as the program will start up at the end of April.

#### Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year round program – please call the Village Hall if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.

#### 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.

#### Pet Waste

Please remember to pick up after your furry friends when walking them in the Village, especially on sidewalks and tree lawns.

### 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.