

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**May 2017**

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## **Future Important Dates:**

**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 at 1:00 p.m.

**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.



## **Meeting Reminders:**

### **Council Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

### **Work Sessions of Council**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.  
only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

### **Zoning Board Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

### **Economic Development Committee**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
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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)

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### From the Mayor:

Please keep Mrs. Gerry Sajetowski in your thoughts and prayers. Her husband Mickey passed away on April 29, he was 81 years old and they had been married for 49 years. The Sajetowski's are ideal residents; they appreciate the Village like no others. They have been residents for about 30 years and are a family that have always talked about our Village in a positive way. Mickey will surely be missed.

### Events

Thank you to all that attended our Arbor Day celebration on April 28 in Bacci Park. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, we had a great turnout. Fourteen trees were planted in memory of deceased family members: *Lillian Schreiber Bacci; Leo N. & Jennie Pallini Billi; Thomas S. Leciejewski; Amelia Nobili; Domenico Nobili; Ida Nobili; Irma Nobili; Claire Marie Schoeffler; Glenn A. Snoddy; Joseph & Theresa Stankiewicz; Anne Bacci Tallon; Frank A. Trusso, Sr.; Thomas James Unger; and Walter Stanley Unger.* Our next Arbor Day celebration will be held in April, 2019. *Pictured below are me and Councilwoman Lois Henley; the Leciejewski and Snoddy families.*





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

Monday, May 29 we will be holding our annual Memorial Day parade and service; step-off time is 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens. I would like to encourage the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, athletic teams and any other organizations to participate in the parade, as well as our young children – whether they are riding their bike, scooter or being pulled in a wagon by a member of their family. Let's keep the tradition alive and continue to recognize and honor those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Show your support and join us. *"Never forget, ever honor."*

### Business community

Earlier this month our senior staff and I attended an open house at **The Chas. E. Phipps Company** on Willow Parkway. They purchased the building directly next to them, and a portion of the building will be used as a training center teaching staff and clients about their products and equipment.



We also were invited to attend the grand opening of **Timan Window Treatments** on May 11; our newest business member in the Village located at 4533 Willow Parkway. It's a family owned business and they are extraordinary people; their showroom is magnificent! If anyone is in the market for window treatments, I highly recommend stopping by their facility to see what they have to offer; you won't be disappointed. *Pictured to the left are several members of the Timan family and me during the ribbon cutting.*

**Hajoca**, a distributor of plumbing supplies will be leasing the rear portion of the former Heat Seal building on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street; the front portion of the building is occupied by Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED). Renovations are currently under way in the rear of the building, and we are very excited about them moving in with a starting date sometime mid-June.

Many of you probably noticed the activity at the former site of the Hillside Party Center. Prep work continues on making this site ready for development. It's exciting to know that future businesses and a building will be forthcoming at the northern corridor of our business community. We will continue to update our residents as we move forward.

### Around town

Congratulations to residents Ray & Karen Smosarski. Their son, Josh, married his fiancée Audrey on April 29. Congratulations and best of luck to the newlyweds.



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

I was invited by Cleveland Councilman Tony Brancatelli to march in the Polish Constitution Day Parade in Slavic Village on April 30; unfortunately, I was unable to do so because I was having a birthday party for Miss Lily Anne who turned 6. However, we were able to have several of our police and fire personnel with their apparatus in the parade. Councilman Todd Bloam also participated in the parade alongside the Drum Line of the CHS marching band. *Pictured below are Lily and her sisters during the party.*



The Valley View Men's Club recognized our state runner-up football team at the school on Sunday, May 7 with a luncheon. I was also in attendance, and it was great to see these young men again. Thank goodness for phone cameras, as I was able to take a picture of several of the members from the team that afternoon. So very proud of these boys!



Councilwoman Cheryl Harris attended the "Student Recognition Ceremony" at the Cuyahoga Heights High School on May 8. She wanted to share the information with our residents of those students who received awards and are residents of our Village. **Board Students of the Month of April - Julia Nichols. Athletics: Wrestling, Division III State Qualifier at 138 lbs. - Trey Combs. Varsity Cheerleading: State Qualifiers, 2017 OASSA State Cheerleading and Dance Championships - Paige Meriwether (1 of 10 CHHS girls on the cheering squad). CVCC Awards: HOSA Regional Competition, Health Careers, Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Megan Vitanza. Business Professionals of American Regional Competition, Digital Design II, Digital Publishing, Top 10, Fundamental Desktop Publishing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Digital Media Production, 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Jennifer Cerny. Business Professionals of American Regional Competition, Medical Administrative Specialist I, Intermediate Word Processing, Top 10 – Tabitha Spears.** Congratulations students, we are all so very proud of your accomplishments!



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

Our concession stand will be in full swing for the summer season beginning Tuesday, May 30; seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. In the event there is a baseball game, it will stay open later. I hope many of you have the opportunity to stop down at the park and grab some lunch, do a picnic dinner with the family, or perhaps just grab a snack after your walk on the tow path. Our Concession Stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her staff have added new items on the menu and are eager to serve you.

The William R. Gerdon Swimming Pool will officially open on Saturday, June 10 at 1:00 p.m. for the season. Village residents will be able to purchase their pool passes at that time; single pass is \$25; and a family pass is \$75. If you have any questions relative to hours, swimming lessons, parties, etc., you can email our staff at [pool@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:pool@cuyahogaheights.com) or call them beginning June 10 at (216) 341-7684. Check out their Facebook page – Cuyahoga Heights Recreation.

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help. Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to Lee Ann at [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

If your home in Cuyahoga Heights is 50 years old or older, you have access to free advice regarding home maintenance and improvement projects. The Heritage Home Program (HHP) offers free advice, personalized site visits, and access to fixed-rate financing as low as 2% to cover project costs. To schedule a free site visit or to learn about qualifying for a low-interest loan, call (216) 426-3116 or visit [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org)



### **Birthday wishes**

May birthday wishes to employees: (7) Dave Sammons who turned 50; (22) Melissa Mackiewicz; (26) Kevin Stack; (28) Brandy Murphy & Cory Pucci; and (29) Jamie Lukas.

Milestone birthday wishes to Jerry Nagy who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 11.

The Mayor's office is still collecting dates of our residents' birthdays. If you would like to share this information with the Mayor, please email it to Lee Ann. **Happy Birthday!**

### **Thoughts and prayers**

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Danny Schoeffler, and Ms. Delia Trevisani.

### **Flower fund**

For many years now, our Village has operated a flower fund which is funded by contributions from Village residents and employees. This fund is used to send a planter, flowers or monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of the Village resident who passed away. Any resident wishing to contribute to the fund may drop off their donation at the Mayor's office during normal business hours. Please join us in keeping this tradition alive.

In closing, I want to ask again that our residents take a half hour of their time and join us at our Memorial Day service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday in remembering those who have died in service. Have a safe holiday and God Bless!

*"On this Memorial Day, it is right for us to remember the living and the dead for whom the call of their country has meant much pain and sacrifice."*

President Lyndon Johnson



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### From the Clerk:

As you can see from the RITA chart, the tax increase we passed last year is starting to kick in for 2017. At the beginning of the year, I explained that it would take a couple months before we would see any monthly increases. Comparing our tax revenue for the month of May to last year, we are showing a \$213,631.75 monthly increase from May 2016.

This increase in revenue will enable us to accomplish many projects, and capital purchases that have been on hold. Due to the financial crises of 2008, it has taken us eight years to stabilize our workforce and our expenses. Over the years, we continued to watch our spending, and adjust our workforce as necessary. It was the hardest years we ever faced, but as you can see from the RITA chart, we are now financially sound, and moving forward with continuing to make our Village a great place to live and raise a family.

This administration has worked very hard to make us financially stable, and I am very proud to have helped in this process. Our finances are solid, and we continue to be vigilant in watching our budgets. This administration will continue to spend wisely, and make good financial decisions that will benefit all residents.

The pool is scheduled to open in June, and many of our resident children will be working there as Lifeguards and Checkers. What a wonderful benefit to our local students. This has been a tradition in Cuyahoga Heights for many years, and we continue to carry the torch in giving our kids these opportunities.

Enjoy the summer!

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	920,803.38	213,631.75	30.21%
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>3,960,511.87</b>	<b>(41,204.35)</b>	<b>4.83%</b>



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### Police Department:



*From the desk of Chief Sturgill...*

#### **CHPD Honor's Fallen Officers**

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. The Greater Cleveland Police Officer Memorial society hosts one of the largest commemoration weeks in the country. There are numerous activities such as a Police Memorial Mass, Grave Decoration Ceremony and Police Memorial Parade. The week ends with the Memorial Ceremony at the Police Officer Memorial where the fallen officers and their survivors are honored.

The mission of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society is to honor peace officers who have made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of service to their communities and the nation, especially those from the Greater Cleveland area, including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and northern Summit Counties. Located at the corner of West 3rd St. and Lakeside Ave in downtown Cleveland, the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial features the names of each officer who has died in the line of duty from our area, surrounded by a beautifully landscaped garden that invites contemplation.

On Friday May 19, 2017 members of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department were given the honor of standing guard over the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial. Beginning at sunrise, guards were placed at each pillar of the memorial. A changing of the guard occurs every half-hour until the start of the Memorial Ceremony at noon. During this watch, every officer killed in the line of duty the previous year has their name, rank, department and "End of Watch" date read aloud for all to hear. I was very humbled to have had the opportunity to read a portion of that honored list.



Last year in the United States, 145 law enforcement officers paid the ultimate sacrifice of which five belonged to Ohio. This year two names from our area were added to the Greater Cleveland Memorial, OHSP Trooper Kenneth Velez (EOW 9-15-2017) and Cleveland Police Officer David Fahey (EOW 1-24-2017). Both of these officers tragically lost their lives on I-90 as the result of being struck by motor vehicles.

#### **Stay Safe!!!**

Respectfully,

*Chief Sturgill*



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### Fire Department:

Every two years the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department teams up with Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, Brooklyn Heights Fire and Police Departments, and Valley View Fire and Police Departments to do a mock car accident. This drill is done for the Junior and Senior classes before prom and graduation. The drill is used not only for the training of the participating departments but more importantly to show the students the consequences of drinking and driving and texting and driving. We hope the program impacts every student as they continue through high school and after graduation and we wish the best to the class of 2017.



From all of us, we wish everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day. It is an important time to remember all those Americans who have fought to keep this country safe and free. It is a day to honor and respect the armed forces, those who have already sacrificed, and those who continue to serve our country still today.







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### Dispatch:

Residents:

We have sent out two SwiftReach notifications the last couple of weeks, if you did not receive one 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.



We can now enter your cell phones with your phone carrier in the SwiftReach system so that a text message can be sent to you, please use the SwiftReach portal on the Village website or you can call or email me at [b.cash@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:b.cash@cuyahogaheights.com) at the Police Department and I will make the change in the system.

### Building Department:

Spring is here, summer is approaching. With the change in weather, be alert of the following improvements you may be considering:

- Garages
- Sheds
- Fences
- Pools
- Additions
- Driveways
- Patios
- Other Improvements

These improvements all have code requirements such as location on site, height, width, construction drawings, registered contracts and, of course, a building permit

Grants are available through the George M. Suhy Grant program. Let the Building Department help you follow through on your projects. You can call the Building Department at (216) 641-7020.

Have a safe, healthy summer.





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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.**

### Village 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 having a pest problem, 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.

### Newspaper and Cardboard Recycling

Do your part in helping the environment; recycle cardboard and newspaper! The Village of Cuyahoga Heights has a recycling container at Bacci Park for this specific type of recycling! The container is strictly for cardboard and newspapers. Stop on down, at any time, with your cardboard and newspapers and do your part in recycling.

If you have a large amount of cardboard and/or newspapers and are unable to take it to the container, please call the Village Hall during normal business hours prior to Tuesday mornings; we will put it on our Special Pick Up list. The Service Department will then pick up your large amount of newspaper and/or cardboard with our regular special pick up items. The revenue that we generate from this recycling will go back into our recycling program. Thank you for doing your part and being environmentally friendly . . . GO GREEN!

### Village Bus

The Village bus operates on a weekly basis for our senior citizens; a schedule of the monthly bus run is usually inserted in with our Village Newsletter. For your convenience, attached with this newsletter is the current calendar. Reservations are required and obtained by calling the Village Hall at 641-7020 prior to 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the trip. For a Saturday trip, please call the Village Hall before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. All trips leave approximately at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Pick-ups and drop offs are made at the resident's home.

Please note that all riders of the Village bus must fill out an emergency contact form. This form was established by Council to promote safety for all residents and organizations that use the Village bus. In case of emergencies, it is very important that the Village be able to call those individuals who you designate as emergency contacts. It not only helps our bus driver, but it helps you too! The bus driver will keep this form on the bus. Please inform your contact person of any medications or conditions that would need to be available in case you were taken to the hospital. Please note that all non-residents who ride the Village bus for special bus trips must pay a \$5.00 fee. The fee may be paid at the Village Hall prior to the trip or paid to the bus driver on that day.

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### *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.*

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

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, registration deadlines will be moving up by two weeks beginning with the falls season sports. Below please find the new registration deadlines for all sports:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2017
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2017
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2017
Cheerleading	July 15, 2017
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2017
Spring Soccer	February 15, 2018
Youth Baseball & Softball	March 15, 2018

Moving our registration deadlines up by two weeks for each sport will help ensure that your children are placed on teams and will make communications between the three villages much smoother.

Please note that the late registration fee of \$25 will still apply and that while we will do our absolute best, we cannot guarantee that any children registered late will be placed on teams. Please do your part to adhere to these new deadlines.

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

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.**

#### 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.

#### 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.