

## Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ July 2017



### From the Mayor:

#### Around Town

##### **Condolences**

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to residents Tom Kekelis, Vicky Sokolich and their families for the loss of their mother, Barbara Kekelis. She recently passed away at 80 years of age. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

##### **Congratulations**

Village resident James L. McManus graduated from Lorain County Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Justice Systems – Police Science on December 15, 2014. He also received a One Year Technical Police Science Certificate at that time. He graduated from the Lorain County Community College Police Academy on February 1, 2017. Following graduation and state certification he served as a part-time police officer with the Village of Kipton Police Department



where his dad is the Chief and his mom is a Sergeant. James was hired full-time by the Cleveland Heights Police Department on June 5, 2017. Both his parents previously served with the Cleveland Heights Police Department. James is a fourth generation law enforcement officer following in the steps of his parents Chief Jim McManus and Sergeant Michelle Mack McManus, both of his grandfathers Larry Mack and George McManus, and his great-grandfather George McManus and great-uncle John McManus. Pictured above is James with Mom and Dad. Best of luck and stay safe.



##### **Mill Creek**

On Wednesday, June 28, I along with Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova joined several officials from the Cleveland Metroparks for their connector trail dedication ceremony. The Mill Creek connector trail includes a 150-foot pedestrian bridge over Mill Creek with ADA accessible slopes and views of the Cuyahoga Valley. This immersive trail experience, along with a green retaining

wall includes dozens of wildflowers for local wildlife and provides trail users with improved connection from Garfield Heights through Cuyahoga Heights to the Towpath Trail in the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation.

##### **Village sponsored trips**

Our bus trip on July 15 to Hale Farm was a success and everyone had a great time. Afterwards, the bus stopped at Szalay's Farm & Market before returning back to the Village. Bus Driver Bob barely got a spot to park as the place was packed – lots of people, music, and food! Our next Village outing is Cedar Point on July 29. Stay tuned for more exciting trips that our office is planning for our residents.

##### **New residents**

Welcome to our neighborhood! 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).

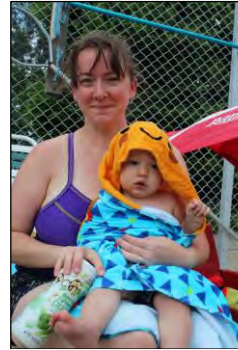


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#### Christmas in July

Once again, our Pool Managers and staff did a tremendous job at this year's event and everyone had a great time. It rained during the early part of the day, but the weather turned hot and humid which was perfect for a pool party. In true Christmas fashion, Santa showed up for the festivities and the kids were ecstatic! Pictured right are Myles Bartlett with mom, and the entire "Nichols Gang."



#### Concession stand

Concession stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her staff have been doing a great job this summer; I hope many of you have been able to stop down and chill at the park while eating some of their delicious food. One of the new things they added this year was theme nights – which was a big hit during the ball games. Pictured bottom left are residents Tori Santiago and Gigi Menkhaus on Italian Night; pictured bottom right is Jenn Mash and Bebe Menkhaus from Hawaiian Night. Great job ladies!



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#### Web site

In case you haven't seen, we added something new to our web site – a photo gallery. Go to our web site at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com); on the home page there is a tab on top named "photos." Click on photos which will direct you to our Photo Gallery. Currently, we have pictures of Village residents from our Memorial Day event, and we will continue to add additional pictures from future events.

#### Business Community

Congratulations to NEORSD Southerly WWTC, TriMark SS Kemp, and Universal Windows Direct for being named "One of Northeast Ohio's Top Workplaces" by the Cleveland Plain Dealer. We are very blessed that the employees of these companies think very highly of the companies that they work for, and we can't thank them enough for being important members of our business community!



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#### Senior Citizens

##### **Kelleys Island**

Last chance to sign up for my annual trip to Kelleys Island on Monday, August 28 with our Village resident senior citizens (*60 years of age and older*). If you're not a member of our senior citizens organization and haven't signed up for the trip at their monthly meeting, you can contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall. Deadline to register is Tuesday, August 1. Get out of town and spend a day in Lake Erie's Western Basin.

##### **Flu Shots**

In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart and my office, we will be offering flu shots to our Village senior residents (60 years of age and older). **If you are 65 years of age or older, please bring your Medicare Card as we will seek Medicare payment for qualifying seniors.**

Just like we have done in the past, our Village will pay for flu shots for our Village senior residents and employees. In addition, we will offer flu shots to our Village residents who are under 60 years of age; however, those individuals are required to pay for their flu shot at a cost of \$32.00; payment of "exact" cash or check is due the day of the shot.

The flu shots will be administered on Friday, September 29, 2017 in the Village Hall Auditorium between the hours of 9:00-10:00 a.m. As in past practice, flu shots will be offered by reservation only. Please call Lee Ann at the Village Hall at 641-7020, Monday through Friday during normal business hours to make your reservation. Also, please advise her if you need a ride to and from the event. **Deadline to register is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15.**

Our well visit clinic will also be open that morning for our senior citizens beginning at 8:30 a.m. with our Village Nurse, Joanne Socausky – **no reservation is required**. If you plan on getting blood work, **please do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before**. We will have a light breakfast, as well as refreshments, for our senior resident participants.

#### Birthday wishes

A happy belated "80<sup>th</sup>" birthday to Mrs. Sandy Fouts who's special day was June 23. Enjoy living life to the fullest. *Sto lat!* The picture below was taken during our Kelleys Island trip last year. In addition, happy belated 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to our bus driver, Bob Krajewski who's big day was also June 23!





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Additional special milestone birthdays for July: Mrs. Donna Pellini who celebrated her “90<sup>th</sup>” birthday on July 7; Bob Guilfoyle *(pictured to the right at the Corn Roast a few years back)* turned 60 on July 23; and **Mrs. Shireen Mitchell who turned 70 on July 24** *(pictured to the left with her grandchildren.)* Wishing you all happiness and peace on your birthdays.



July birthday wishes to employees: (1) Tony Casavecchia; (2) David Lukas & Christina Pace ... *incidentally, they also share a birthday with me*; (5) Rick Henley; (10) Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski; (14) Jude Kaliszewski; (17) Tony Dorris & Joseph Kappa; (19) Steven Sokolich; (26) Frank Domzalski; (27) Fire Chief Michael Suhy; (30) David Bronza; and (31) Georgette Hodge.

### 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, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

**“Save the Date”** for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for our annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. A flyer on the event has been included with this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

*“When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That’s my religion.”*  
Abraham Lincoln

