

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



August 2017

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Future Important Dates:

- August 29** – Village trip to Chagrin Falls
- September 4** – Labor Day
Village Hall/Service Department closed
- September 5** – Rubbish collection
- September 6** – Special Pick-up
- September 7** – Charity Pick-up
- September 11** – Patriot Day
- September 20** – Back to School Dinner for senior citizens
- September 14** – Village trip to see the Cleveland Indians
- September 15** – Flu shot registration deadline
- September 29** – Flu Shot for Seniors
- October 14** - **SAVE THE DATE**
Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park



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

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

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From the Mayor:

Business Community

On Saturday, August 12, I, along with our senior staff, Councilwomen Marilyn Duszynski and Cheryl Harris attended Arconic's 100th Anniversary at their facility on Harvard Avenue. Arconic Cleveland Operations, originally known as Alcoa Cleveland Works, has been a leading employer in our Village since its founding in 1917. Cleveland Operations has enabled the aerospace, transportation and many other industries to achieve firsts with innovative products that deliver lighter, faster and stronger performance. They have contributed enormously to advance the world's transportation modes, making them safer and more efficient than ever before. We were honored that Arconic asked us to speak at their event, and I had the privilege to present Jeff Allen, Director of Operations with a Proclamation on behalf of our Village. Pictured to the left are several employees from Arconic with myself and Senator Sandra Williams along with their time capsule.



Our administration continues to foster the improvements going on in our business community: Charter Steel, Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED), Millipore Sigma (*formerly Research Organics*), NEORS Southernly, Northern Stamping -- just to name a few. We are looking forward to spend quality time with our businesses next month at our annual Perch luncheon. This is something we do yearly to show our appreciation to our businesses.

On another note, I would like to thank the employees at Millipore Sigma for their donation of school supplies that were distributed to several children in our Village. We are very humbled by their continued support and generosity that they have given to families in our Village. We truly are blessed to have so many companies in our community that continue to help out those that need the extra help. *Thank you!*

Around town

Concession Stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her staff had a great turn out with our Village resident senior citizens on August 2 for "Senior Day." Our seniors were offered a free lunch or dinner. Several seniors were unable to make it to the park so the staff delivered them personally. Also, on August 11, the staff offered 50% off on all items for Village residents. They sold over 150 hot dogs, 8-lbs. of pulled pork...and that's not counting all their other goodies. Great job ladies! The concession stand will stay open until Labor Day; however, it will be open on the weekends in September from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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From the Mayor (*continued*):

Seniors

Flu shots for our seniors will be available this year on Friday, September 29. Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to register is September 15. Information on the event is under the “Village Hall” section of this month’s newsletter. We will also be serving a warm breakfast for our seniors, and hope that you are able to attend and enjoy a morning visiting with some of your neighbors you normally might not see.

Events

Our office staff has been busy putting together a variety of trips for our residents this year. The trips have been very successful and many of our residents are taking advantage of them. We had a full bus for the trip to Chagrin Falls, and we sold out of tickets to see “Wicked.” We currently have a trip scheduled to see the Harlem Globetrotters who are coming to town later this year (*information on this event is included with this newsletter.*) We also will be starting the West Side Market trips on the first Saturday of the month beginning with Saturday, November 4. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all the market has to offer, and the bus will depart at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the Village Hall no later than 3:30 p.m. Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Birthday wishes

Happy belated milestone birthday wishes to resident, Joelle Barnes who turned “40” on July 23. Hope you had a great birthday!

August birthday wishes to employees: (1) Ross Patterson; (4) Randy Eliason & Brian Baciak; (5) Angel Motz; (11) Ted Mackiewicz; (14) Scott Schoeffler; (15) Jamie Lukas; (16) Wesley Unger; (20) Jasmine Wallace; (24) Sara Kozlowski; (27) Michaela Bloam and (30) Craig Morrow.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mrs. Terri Sollars, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda. Also, to Village resident Brandy Kostura who recently lost her mother.

“When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life you have a thousand reasons to smile.”

Author Unknown





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From the Clerk:

The summer is ending, the pool is closing, and the kids are going back to school. We are into our eighth month of the year, and soon it will get colder, and the warm weather will only be a memory.

Our finances are solid. Our General Fund is approximately 1.20 million dollars after all our bills are paid, and we are looking to end the year with over a million dollars in the bank. We always want to end the year with a surplus of around a million dollars in case of emergencies, and I want to give you a recent example of why we do this.

The extension ladder on our fire truck recently broke, and it would not operate correctly. This is a special piece of equipment that only the dealer could work on, so we took it to the dealer in Cincinnati to get an idea of how much it would be to repair it. The quote to repair it came in around \$90,000.00. Most communities would have a hard time absorbing this cost, but since we have a million dollars in reserve, we had no problem absorbing the cost. These are the unexpected situations that we need to plan for, and that is exactly why we keep a surplus in our General Fund.

We are constantly putting practices in place to make sure we are financially solvent, and we are constantly working hard to make our Village a great place to live and raise a family. If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Robert Unger
Clerk/Treasurer

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	775,712.94	68,779.40	9.73%
JULY	744,253.53	630,699.68	634,398.50	838,532.27	204,133.77	32.18%
AUGUST	616,110.30	851,514.14	634,653.04	827,364.68	192,711.64	30.36%
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	-		
TOTAL	8,095,985.12	8,109,486.56	8,572,776.05	6,402,121.76	424,420.46	12.05%



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Police Department:

Back to School Safety Checklist

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Getting to School:

Whether children walk or take the bus to school, it is vitally important that they – and the motorists around them – take proper safety precautions.



Walkers:

- Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Never dart out in front of a parked car
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- Do not walk while using headphones

Drivers, Share the Road:

- Don't block crosswalks
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus





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The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department is proud to introduce the hiring of its newest part-time officer, Ptl. Jack Pietraszkiwicz #120. Even though he is very proud of his Polish heritage, Ptl. Pietraszkiwicz will admit that people have difficulty spelling, let alone pronouncing his last name. He states that many of his co-workers and friends just call him "Jack Pie".



Patrolman "Jack Pie" is a full time patrolman in the Village of Valley View where he has been employed since 2012.

Patrolman "Jack Pie" is a City of Seven Hills resident. He graduated from Padua Franciscan High School in 2008 and received his OPOTA police commission from the Lorain County Community College Police Academy in 2012. He is currently training and taking classes to become a certified accident re-constructionist.

If you see "Patrolman Jack Pie" #120 out in the village, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself.



Dispatch:

A note from the Dispatchers: School is back in session, please keep an eye out for the children coming and going to school. If you see anything suspicious please call the Police Department at 883-6800, we will send an officer to check it out. Also always remember to be very careful when pulling your car in and out of your driveway; sometimes children are hard to see when walking on the sidewalk. Parents, please remind your kids to watch for cars when waiting for the bus or walking to school.





Fire Department:



Cars can catch fire for many reasons. Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common cause. A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, respond immediately.

What to do if your car is on fire

- » Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so, be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- » Once you have stopped, **TURN OFF** the engine.
- » **GET** everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything.
- » **MOVE** everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- » **CALL 9-1-1.**

How to prevent a car fire

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks, your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.
- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Know the danger signs

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once
- Oil or fluid leaks
- Oil cap not on securely
- Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature

Most car fluids are flammable. Heat and electrical sparks plus leaking fluid are all it takes to start a car fire.



FACT

Most crashes do **NOT** result in fire. In the event of any crash, call **9-1-1**. If there is no sign of fire, wait for emergency assistance to help any injured individuals out of the car.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



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Village Hall:

General Election

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. In addition to county wide issues, our Mayor, Clerk and Village Council Members are all up for re-election. Do your part as a citizen and vote. The polls will be open at the Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on November 7.

If you are a new resident and haven't yet changed your address with the Board of Elections, forms are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours. In addition, we also have "Vote by Mail Ballot Applications."

Voter Identification Requirements:

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include:

- A current and valid photo identification card (e.g., driver's license or state ID)
- A military identification
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by provisional ballot.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).



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.

New Residents

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.

Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Wendy Heinzman by the 15th of the month, to be included in the following month newsletter. Please email the information to w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com.





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Village Hall:

Flu Shots

In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart and the Mayor's 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. 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.

Building Department:

The Building Department would like to commend the village residents on continuing efforts to maintain their homes and yards – each person's efforts make the Village of Cuyahoga Heights a beautiful place to live.

By now you should have received a letter from the Building Department informing you of recommended maintenance of your property. If you have any questions regarding the letter, please contact the Building Department.

For additional work on your homes or yards, remember the George M. Suhy Grant Program can help defray the costs. This grant is available until the end of 2017.

If we can be of any help, or if you have any questions please call the Building Department.



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From the Sports Commissioner:

Eleven children from our village were placed on fall soccer teams in either Valley View or Brooklyn Heights. Additionally, two children registered for cheerleading and one registered for football.

Coaches should be reaching out to parents in the next week or so for the above-mentioned sports. If you do not hear from them, please let me know.

As a reminder, below are the new registration deadlines for all sports:

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

Registration forms are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at www.cuyahogaheights.com under Recreation - Sports.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to me at Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.



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For Sale

Bungalow 4829 East 71st Street, Three bedrooms, one bath, four car garage Call (330) 225-3638, leave message





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Service Department:

Senior Grass Cutting

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department cut 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.

The Village Directory

Visit us on the web: www.cuyahogaheights.com

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ANY Emergency	911
Animal Control	641-3505
Building Dept.	641-7020
Bus Reservations	641-7020
CHS Elementary	429-5880
CHS Middle School	429-5757
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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER CARRIERS:

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Service Department	641-3505
Village Hall	641-7020
Village Pool	341-7684