

# *From the Mayor's Desk*

## **A moment of reflection**

In lieu of all the tragedies taken place throughout the world, and more specifically, our great nation, we need to once again take a moment to reflect on how blessed we are to live in such a great, friendly, loving, and caring Village, and we need not waste time complaining, knowing ultimately it solves no problems but has been said to attract or cause them. So let's consider those who have endured real problems, tragedies and loss, and put aside petty complaints about/or from frivolous people or things. Instead, we should work to be a part of a collective solution, and not part of the problem, supporting those that have helped you and/or others along the way.



## **Old man winter**

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2...that means another six weeks of winter; and he's as accurate as Cleveland's meteorologists. With that being said, I enjoy seeing our residents utilize Bacci Park during the winter months. Village residents, Bill & Tracy Nichols, along with their children recently took advantage of the snow and had a great time sled riding at the park. Pictured to the right are the Nichols'.

## **Programs**

I am pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract for 2018 with the Heritage Home Program. This program offers free technical assistance advice for home repair and maintenance on homes that are over 50 years old. I have attached a letter with this month's newsletter on additional information relative to the program. We hope our homeowners will take advantage of the program.

Earlier this month, we offered an additional extraordinary service to our residents as it relates to the Seven Hills Recreation Center. Our Village will pay 100% of the rate to join the recreation center for bona fide Village residents that are 62 years of age and older, U.S. Veterans, and disabled residents. In addition, we will pay 50% of the rate for all other bona fide Village residents desiring to secure a membership as outlined in the contract. Village residents who are interested in taking advantage of this service must register and pay for their membership at our Village Hall during normal business hours with proper proof of identification.



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## **Events**

Our Village will be holding its annual Easter egg hunt at Klima Gardens on Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m.; rain-or-shine. Hopefully, we will have another beautiful day like we did last year. The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' children and grandchildren; 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets, stuffed animals, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the Village Hall during regular business hours prior to Tuesday, March 27. All items being raffled will benefit our Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28; the boys will be on hand during the event selling raffle tickets. Any students that are in need of community service hours, or adult volunteers that are willing to help, please contact Councilwoman Cheryl Harris at (216) 849-7075.

Exercise your right to vote! This year, voters throughout Ohio will elect leaders to state and county offices. This includes U.S. Senate, U.S. House Governor, State Senate, State House, State Supreme Court, intermediate appellate courts, and local judges. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in our civic room on the lower level of the Village Hall. Vote by mail ballot applications and voter registration forms are available at our Village Hall during normal business hours.

## **Around town**

Our community has a flower fund which is supported 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 it off at the Mayor's office during normal business hours. We hope that you will join us in keeping this tradition alive.

## **Senior citizens**

The group held their annual Valentine's Day party in the Village Hall auditorium with dinner prior to playing bingo. For dessert, they were treated to Rudy's paczki's by Kehoe Brothers Printing in celebration of Fat Tuesday. Councilwoman & senior liaison Cheryl Harris was able to get a few photos from the party.





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Our transportation program continues to be one of the most utilized services our Village provides. This service is available for our senior citizens (60+) who are otherwise unable to get to their doctor appointments. If any senior citizen has a doctor's visit and are in need of transportation, please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit.

The Village also operates a well visit clinic with a registered nurse. Residents (60+) are eligible for certain blood work at no charge once a year. The clinic is located in the Village Hall and is open by appointment year-round. Please call JoAnn Socausky, RN at (216) 401-1039. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number.

### Birthdays

Our office continues to collect dates of our residents' birthdays. If you would like to share this information with us, please email it to [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Adeline Lipiec who turned 93 on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Pictured to the right is Mrs. Lipiec and her daughter, Mary Ann at our senior flu shot event. Also, Building Commissioner Norm Casini celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 15. The Village Hall staff provided him with cake and goodies on his special day, as pictured to the right.

February birthday wishes to employees: (4) Tiffany Contipelli; (5) Danielle Short & Jason Sagan; (7) Frank Domzalski; (13) Jack Pietraszkiewicz; (14) Ken LaBella; (16) Rick Centa & Joe Cipriano; (24) Todd Sciano; and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.

### Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Frank Schoeffler, Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda, and Mrs. Joan Unger.

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*

*John Quincy Adams*

