## From the Fire Department

### **Grilling Safety**





There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

#### **SAFETY TIPS**

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

#### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use.
  Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire.
  Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

#### **FACTS**

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

## From the Dispatch Department

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 throughout the day and night.



If you are not in our SwiftReach system and would like to be, 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.



Remember that SwiftReach sends out automatic messages when a Tornado Warning has been issued in Cuyahoga County.

# From the Village Hall

#### 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.

### 2018 Spring Spray Program

Pest Management Inc., has begun the annual outside spraying of each resident's home. This includes the area completely around the outside foundation of each home, <u>unless instructed otherwise by tenant or owner.</u> Residential applications started on East 71st Street and continuing to Dressler Court, Marcelline Court, East 72nd Place, Bletch Court, Willowbrook Drive, Grant Avenue, and will finish with East 49th Street. Weather permitting, the program should be completed by mid-May. <u>If you do not want your house sprayed</u>, please contact Rich or Jeremy.

If you have any questions, 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.