



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

May 2018

Continuing to move our legacy community forward.

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

May 27 - Decorate your bikes for the parade from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens

May 28 - Memorial Day - Village Hall and Service Department Closed

May 28 - Kennedy House Open for visitors from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Memorial Day Parade & Service at 10:00 a.m.

May 31 - Last Day of School

June 2 - Swimming Pool Opens

June 30 - Village-Wide Garage Sale from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

July 14 - Village-Wide Shred Day from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

August 10 & 11
100th Anniversary Celebration

Agenda/Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the government tab and under Village Council on our website.
www.cuyahogaheights.com



At the Village Hall

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month
Caucus 6pm, Meeting 7pm

Economic Development Committee

2nd Wednesday of the Month
4:30pm

Public Works Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month
5pm

Finance Committee Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month
5:30pm

Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month
at 6pm

Work Sessions of Council

4th Wednesday of the Month
at 6pm (Only in January, February, March, April, May, Oct.)

Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

From the Mayor's Desk

The weather has finally cooperated, and our crews are getting ready with outside work in preparation for our upcoming Memorial Day parade and service on Monday, May 28. If you have a minute and see our crews out working, stop by and tell them what a great job they are doing. The pride they take in keeping this town so well-manicured is second to none!

Step-off time for the parade is 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens; participants will march to the War Memorial in the front of the Village Hall. I would like to encourage as many individuals and groups as possible to participate in the parade. I'm hoping that those who have young children in town will also partake by having their kids ride their bike or scooter, walking, or just being pulled in a wagon by a member of their family. To make it easier on families, we provide decorations for residents to use for the parade. All you need to do is show up at Klima Gardens on Sunday, May 27th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and decorate -- your then ready for the parade on the following day. Let's keep this long-standing tradition alive in our community, especially since it's our Centennial. I hope I can count on our residents to attend our Memorial service so that we can continue to recognize and honor those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please show your support. After the service, feel free to join us at Klima Gardens for hot dogs and chips. *"May we never forget, freedom isn't free."*

Around Town

Please note that Kim Zarney, our photographer will be out and about in the Village during the next several weeks taking pictures to be used for our Centennial Memory Book.

Prior to the start of our council meeting this past week, Miss Poppy, Brianna Budner from Post 627 in Newburgh Heights was on hand to collect donations for poppies. For those of you who may not know, the poppy flower adorned the battlefields of Flanders Field in France during World War I and was looked upon by those serving as a living symbol of their fallen comrades' sacrifices. In 1920 after World War I, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. Today, the poppy is nationally recognized and worn as a symbol of sacrifice made by the men and women who served and died for their country during a time of war.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

On April 25 Darnell Davis, Unit Serving Executive from the Lake Erie Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented our Village with a Charter Certificate to the Cuyahoga Heights Scouting Association - Pack 28. In addition, Jared Bartley, Cubmaster from Pack 28 was presented with the 2017 Journey to Excellence - Silver Level Unit Award ribbon. What an honor it is to receive these awards. Thank you very much to all the parents who volunteer their time to Pack/Troop 28; we wouldn't have this organization without your support and dedication.



Amanda Hartman was one of seventeen students who was inducted into Baldwin Wallace University's Kappa Omega Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), International Honor Society in Education. She recently graduated from BW on May 5. We wish Amanda the best as she begins this new chapter in her life.



Congratulations to Ken & Kari Bozikis on the birth of their second son. Jacob Bozikis was born on April 23; 6-lbs., 15-oz., and 20-inches long. Wishing the Bozikis' the very best with happiness and health.

You may have seen the advertisement in our last newsletter from the concession stand that their open and in full swing. Concession Stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her crew are once again offering some good eats at the park. There's plenty of ball games scheduled, so if you get the opportunity, come out and support our local teams as well as stopping by the concession stand for a snack.



The William R. Gerdon Swimming Pool will officially open on Saturday, June 2 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 or call them beginning June 2 at (216) 341-7684. Check out their Facebook page - Cuyahoga Heights Recreation.

Programs

If your home in Cuyahoga Heights is 50 years old and 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 1.99% 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.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Senior citizens

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.

Birthday wishes

Special birthday wishes to John Traffis who celebrated his "60th" on May 13.

May birthday wishes to employees: (7) Dave Sammons; (12) Brad Beaulieu; (22) Melissa Mackiewicz; (26) Kevin Stack; (28) Brandy Murphy & Cory Pucci; and (29) Jamie Lukas.

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, Paul Skerl, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.

President Harry S. Truman



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.



A Soldier & His Flag

By Lieutenant Colonel Robert Centner

The Flag of the United States of America embodies our country's ideals and moral principles and the values we cherish as citizens. As a soldier in the military, the Flag represents the Constitution of the United States that I pledge to defend and support even at the risk of death.

The Flag is part of every ceremony that involves the initial oath of enlistment into the military, the changing of military commanders and military funerals. Old Glory is so revered that it is raised up the flag pole every morning and lowered every evening in a military ceremony 365 days a year on every military post.

The American Flag's significance is so ingrained into the military that even the folding of it has a very special meaning. The symbolism for each fold is given below. (Excerpted from the Winter 1999 newsletter, *Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S.*)

First Fold: The symbol of life.

Second Fold: Our belief in eternal life.

Third Fold: Honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks...

Fourth Fold: Represents our weaker nature,...it is to (God) we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

Fifth Fold: A tribute to our country,..."still our country, right or wrong."

Sixth Fold: Where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we "pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Seventh Fold: A tribute to our Armed Forces,...(who) protect our country and our flag against all her enemies...

Eighth Fold: A tribute to the ones who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

Ninth Fold: A tribute to womanhood, and Mothers...(who) mold the men and women who have made this country great...

Tenth Fold: A tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country...

Eleventh Fold:...Glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Twelfth Fold:...Glorifies God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Thirteenth Fold: Flag is completed folded, (with) the stars uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

I have served in the military for almost 29 years and visited many foreign countries, including two in the former Soviet Republic. The value of freedom is no more evident than when you see firsthand the suppression of individual creativity and expression. The American flag symbolizes this freedom, and I for one routinely pledge my allegiance to defend the Constitution that I so dearly cherish.

*Lieutenant Colonel Centner, Commander 158th Corps Support Battalion, Army National Guard.
June 2003 AFA Journal*

From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...

Dear Community:

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to offer some safety tips to students and parents for a safe and enjoyable 2018 Prom and Graduation season.



Student Driving Tips

- Drive on well-lit roads and be sure to have your charged cell phone with you always.
- Make sure that your date and/or driver does not drink any alcohol.
- Before you leave home, have directions to where you are going on prom night.
- Do not take pictures or selfies while driving or as a passenger.
- Keep the radio volume turned low enough so the driver can concentrate.
- Plan ahead - make sure you have a safe plan for prom night and keep it!
- Discuss your plans with your friends; remind each other about responsible decision-making and confronting peer pressure.
- Know where you are and where your plans will take you next; keep your parents and friends updated.
- Remember to contact your parents if your plans change.
- Do not allow anyone in your car or limo that has alcohol, drugs or weapons. Remember, everyone in the car will be held responsible.

Parental Guidelines

- Know who your child is attending the prom with and obtain all cell phone numbers.
- Discuss the events for pre- and post prom parties with your teen and with other parents.
- Talk with your teen about guidelines and a curfew. Talk about the consequences of violating these rules.
- Discuss travel plans. If renting a limousine, ensure that the limo driver will not allow a person to bring, serve or introduce alcohol into the vehicle.
- Talk to your teen about the serious dangers and consequences of underage drinking and driving.
- Remind your child that you are there for them, if they need a ride home. No questions asked!



From the Police Department

In addition to Prom Night, our CHS seniors will soon be graduating. This will bring to the community many graduation parties and celebrations. Please keep the following tips in mind in relation to these gatherings.

When Your Teen Attends A Party

- Contact the parents/adults to verify the occasion and the time of the party.
- Ensure that an adult will be home and that there will be no alcohol or other drugs permitted.
- Be sure to know the location of the party and the phone number of those hosting the party.
- Arrange transportation beforehand. Assure your teen that you or a specified neighbor or friend can be called if a ride home is needed.
- Agree on curfew times with your teen before the party starts.
- Be awake when your teen gets home. This will give you the opportunity to talk with your teen and to check their arrival time.

Hosting Teenage Parties

An adult should be present at home throughout the length of the party.

- When possible, do not have the party in a separate part of the house.
- Parents need to stay visible during the entire party.
- Bring snacks or non-alcoholic beverages to where the teens are congregated and wander through often to say hello.
- Do not allow any teen who leaves the party to return to the gathering.
- Remember, Ohio law prohibits providing alcohol to minors. www.dontserveteens.gov

612.02 SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS; PROHIBITIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS

(b) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the public place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor. An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(c) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground, or restaurant when the person knows or has reason to know either of the following:

(1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and who is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person.

(2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

(d) (1) No person is required to permit the engagement of accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by an underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any beer or intoxicating liquor and is not supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian who is or will be present at all times when the beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person.

Violation of the above is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Best Wishes to the Graduates!!!!

Respectfully;

Chief Sturgill

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, unless instructed otherwise by tenant or owner. 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. If you do not want your house sprayed, 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.

From the Village Hall (continued)

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 30 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 13 -- call now to register.

Memorial Day Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for students who are in need of community service hours to help us on Sunday, May 27 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to assist children decorating their bikes, wagons, or scooters for the Memorial Day parade. If you would like to help us out and earn community service hours at the same time, please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours.

Village residents should also plan on meeting at Klima Gardens on May 27 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We will supply decorations so that you can decorate your strollers, wagons, or other items that you will be using in the parade.

And lastly, we are looking for students and adults to help us on Memorial Day. We need volunteers on Monday, May 28 around 9:00 a.m. to serve coffee and doughnuts to Memorial Day participants, as well as anyone wishing to grill or help out in the kitchen for the picnic. Interested volunteers should contact the Village Hall. Please note that students will earn community hours.

From the Service Department

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.

Newspaper/Cardboard Recycling

Do your part in helping the environment; recycle cardboard and newspaper. Our Village has a recycling container which is located in Bacci Park in the rear of the back parking lot. The container is strictly for cardboard and newspaper. Stop on down and do your part in recycling. If you have a large amount 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.

Charity Pick Up

Our Service Department will pick up any usable item at your residence that you would like to donate to charity on the first Wednesday of each month. Household items, furniture, clothes, etc., are collected and donated to the West Side Catholic Center. No tax receipts are given for this service, and you must call the Village Hall prior to the first Wednesday of the month for this service.

From the Service Department (continued)

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.*

Rototilling

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will rototill residential gardens once a year, free of charge, upon request. Area to be rototilled must be clearly marked. Please call Village Hall to be put on the list.

Community Shred Day

Our annual community shred day will take place on Saturday, July 14 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Gateway Recycling - 4233 East 49th Street. This is a free service provided by our Village to our residents and businesses. There is no limit to the amount of paper you can shred. If you have additional questions, please contact the Service Department at (216) 641-3505.

Table & Chair Rental

This service is available to our residents, as long as you are able to pick up and drop off the tables and chairs at the service garage. The maximum number of tables and chairs you can rent are: (3) tables; (30) chairs. In addition, the tables and chairs must be used at the resident’s home and are **not** to be taken out of the Village. Please contact the Service Department at (216) 641-3505 to make arrangements to reserve tables/chairs. Please leave a message on their answering machine if no one is able to take the call.

Good Canine Citizen

Pet owners, please remember to pick up dog droppings while enjoying Bacci Park with your pet. There are children that play in the area, and they are not as attentive to minding where they walk or what they are walking on. In addition, **please be sure to walk your pet on a leash for safety reasons.** Your cooperation is appreciated.



Look for the banners commemorating our centennial year throughout the Village

From the Sports Commissioner

Time flies when you're having fun! Although it was a rough start to the high school softball and baseball seasons due to the weather, the teams are nearly done with their seasons.

The Varsity softball team played the first game of Sectionals at Bacci Park on May 8th and soundly defeated Central Catholic with a final score of 10-0. The team advanced to play Lake Christian Academy on May 9th.

The Varsity softball team is scheduled to play their first playoff game at Bacci Park on May 11th.

We received a total of 17 registrations for recreational softball and baseball this season and while we ran into a few roster constraints, all kids were placed on teams successfully. If you haven't heard from coaches in the next week or so, please reach out and I'll be happy to contact my counterparts in Valley View and Brooklyn Heights. Now that the weather is finally cooperating, practices should be starting soon.

We again received several late registration forms. This is just a friendly reminder of the importance of turning your forms in on time. Late forms not only create significant extra work and time for those coordinating the paperwork and trying to fit kids on rosters, but also increases the risk of your kids be turned away due to roster restrictions.

As a reminder, registration deadlines are always noted in monthly newsletters in this section, in the printed calendar that all residents have received, and are posted on the two marquees in the Village.

Below are the registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports in 2018.

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

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

For Sale:

Inversion Table

Stamina 1528

\$75.00

Please call (216) 641-0277

Leave message

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HALL @ (216) 641-7020 TO GET YOUR AD IN OUR
NEWSLETTER.