



# Village of Cuyahoga Heights

October 2018

*Continuing to move our legacy community forward.*

## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

October 28 - Annual Village Halloween Party

October 31 - Happy Halloween!  
Trick-or-Treating  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

November 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - *Turn clocks back one hour*

November 6 - General Election  
Polls open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 12 - Veteran's Day  
Observed Village Hall/Service Department Closed

November 22 - Happy Thanksgiving - Village Hall/Service Department Closed

December 3 - Christmas Stocking Registration Deadline

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



## At the Village Hall

### Council Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Caucus 6pm, Meeting 7pm

### Economic Development Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
4:30pm

### Public Works Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
5pm

### Finance Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
5:30pm

### Zoning Board Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 6pm

### Work Sessions of Council

4<sup>th</sup> 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

Only in northeast Ohio does the weather dramatically change. Our seniors were hot and humid at Kelleys Island, then freezing at our flu shot event! Our weather can be trying at times, but the seasons sure are beautiful!

## Around town

You might think we slow down a bit come fall, but that doesn't happen. We held our annual senior citizens flu shot and breakfast late last month and had a great time with our elders. Along with my department heads, we again served them breakfast. I enjoy seeing everyone laughing and having a good time. Independence Discount Drug Mart was again on hand to distribute flu shots to our senior citizens and employees. We've provided an insert with pictures of the event within the newsletter. You can also go to our web site at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) and click on the "photo" tab to view additional pictures of various events throughout the year.

We held our annual fish fry and luncheon with the businesses in town earlier this month at Klima Gardens. In addition to serving Lake Erie Gold, I accidentally caught some walleye while fishing for the perch...and our guests enjoyed it! Retired South Euclid Detective and Village resident, Dave Volek gave a 15-minute presentation on "Aggressive Behavior" and our Fire Department gave a training demonstration on how to use a fire extinguisher in the office. It was great to see everyone, and we look forward to spending time with our business friends at our yearly breakfast in the spring. Pictured lower right is me and Matthew Friedman, President of Northern Stamping.

## Events

This coming Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we will be holding our annual Halloween party for our resident children and grandchildren at Klima Gardens. The Flower Clown, *back by popular demand*, will entertain the kids during the event. Light refreshments will be served. Don't forget to wear your costume!

Trick-or-Treat will take place in our Village on Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. As in past practice, our police and fire personnel will be riding around town during that time. Please leave an outside light on if you are planning to pass out candy to the children.

Don't forget election day is Tuesday, November 6. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Village Hall. Exercise your right to vote!





# From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

## Congratulations

Several village residents celebrated their wedding anniversaries this month. Marty & Kathy Malek celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> and Renato & Michelle Contipelli celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> on October 9. Matt & Vicky Sokolich celebrated their 32<sup>nd</sup> on October 11. We found a picture in the archives (1991) of Renato and Michelle's engagement picture - *looking good you two!* "Happy Anniversary to each couple - may your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship."



## Birthdays

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Ben Chojnacki; (4) Dave Volek; (11) Steve Harris; (23) Sandy Stover and (24) Mindy Armbrust.

## Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mr. Dick Chapman, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mike Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Best wishes to Mrs. Pat Smosarski who recently moved into an assisted living facility. Mrs. Smosarski is a sweet and kind lady, and we will miss her living in town. Our senior citizens organization had a going away party for her at their meeting earlier this month; and I wanted to share with the rest of our residents a picture that was taken that evening.



## Veterans Day

Every year on November 11 the United States recognizes Veterans Day, a day to reflect and commemorate those who served in our armed forces. Veterans should hold a very special place in our hearts and minds - they put their lives on the line to protect our way of life, their families, and your family. These brave souls experienced much of what you or I may not ever become aware of. Please honor and thank the brave men and women who served our country. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the following residents who are Veterans:

John Baranowski	John Lipnick	Ray Smosarski
Dave Domzalski	Jim Meadwell	Frank Trusso, Jr.
Ed Gaida	Tom Nova, Sr.	Vince Trusso
Rich Grabowski	Ed Ranch	Brad Unger
Hunter Krenisky	John Reiger	Scott Wadsworth
Tim Krenisky	Bobby Santiago	Richard Wallace
Sean Lemiec		

God Bless and thank you for your service! If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know for the future.

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."-- John F. Kennedy*



# From the CFO



## Property Tax News

Property tax for the Village is administered and collected by Cuyahoga County. The County then distributes taxes to all local entities. For each **one dollar** in property tax paid the county distributes those funds as follows:

School District	50.05 cents
Cuyahoga County	35.21 cents
<b>Village of Cuyahoga Heights</b>	<b>7.31 cents</b>
Library	4.11 cents
Vocational School District	3.32 cents
<i>Per 2017 Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office</i>	



**Chief Fiscal Officer**  
Angel Meriwether

**Administrative Accounting Assistants**  
Amanda Domzalski, Payroll  
Christina Pace, Accounts Payable



The Village receives **7.31 cents for each dollar paid** in property tax to assist with providing government services to our town.

Below is a sample of the total annual dollar amounts distributed to the Village from property taxes paid to Cuyahoga County:

House Property Tax Value	Annual Tax Dollars Distributed to the Village per home
100,000	\$ 73.10
120,000	\$ 87.72
150,000	\$ 109.65
180,000	\$ 131.58
200,000	\$ 146.20
250,000	\$ 182.75
300,000	\$ 219.30

Reminder: Re-appraisals were sent to homeowners in July of 2018. If you have any questions regarding your 2018 Cuyahoga County Re-appraisal call the county at 216-443-HOME(4663) or visit [www.fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us).

# From the Police Department

## Rx Drug Drop Box Program

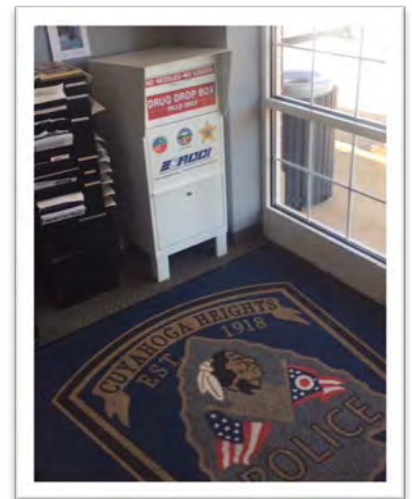
The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department has recently implemented an Rx Drug Drop Program. This Drug Drop Box will provide a safe venue and environmentally friendly option for residents to dispose of their unwanted or unused prescription drugs. Our Rx Drop Box can be found inside the CHPD station lobby located at 5480 Grant Avenue. Access to the box will be available 24-hrs a day/7-days a week.

Please do not bring in any liquid medication, syringes or sharps containers as they cannot be accepted.

## Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

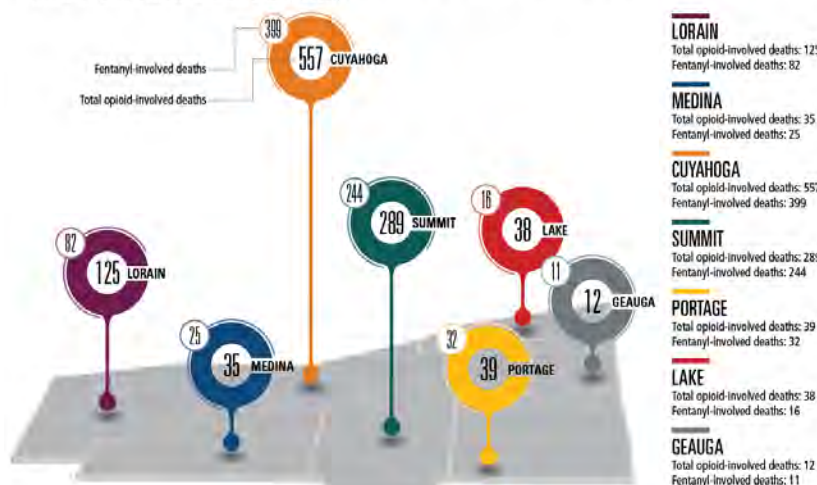
Unused prescription drugs are typically the gateway to heroin abuse, as over 70% of Americans misusing painkillers obtain them from friends or relatives.

Since 2013, law enforcement agencies across Cuyahoga County have collected and destroyed over 35,000 pounds of prescription drugs. To find other Drug Drop Box locations, please visit the following web site: [www.rxdrugdropbox.org](http://www.rxdrugdropbox.org).



# NORTHEAST OHIO'S OPIOID CRISIS

A look at opioid-involved deaths in 2016 by county



# *From the Police Department (continued)*

## Halloween Trick or Treat Safety

Halloween is coming, and costume parties and trick-or-treaters are coming with it. Here are some tips to consider when choosing your costumes, and to help keep you safe.

**S** -Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

**A** -Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

**F** -Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

**E** -Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.

**H** -Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.

**A** -Always test makeup in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime.

**L** -Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

**L** -Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

**O** -Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic.

**W** -Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

**E** -Eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

**E** -Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Never accept rides from strangers.

**N** -Never walk near open flames. Be sure to wear flame resistant.





# From the Fire Department



## BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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## HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- » **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- » **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- » Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- » **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- » **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- » **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- » **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

### Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.

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

# *From the Dispatch Department*

## Halloween Safety tips for Pets

### 1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of **chocolate poisoning** may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures.

### 2. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but kids will be dressed in costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. Put your dog or cat in a secure room away from the front door.

### 3. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can make your pets stomach upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities.

### 4. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.

### 5. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.



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NETWORKS

### *Residents.....*

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.



# *From the Village Hall*

## Pest Control Program

Pest control services are available by calling Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553. Please leave a message with your name, address and nature of problem. This service is free except for termites, bed bugs, and wildlife. In addition, they will also spray the outside of your home in the spring to hinder any unwanted pests from entering your home.

## Bus Trips

Our Village bus operates one to two times per week for our Village residents, free of charge; schedules are distributed with the Village newsletter. Reservations are required and obtained by call the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 before 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the trip. For a Saturday, trip, please call the Village Hall before 3:30 p.m. on Friday. All trips leave approximately at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. In addition, pick-ups and drop offs are made at the resident's home. Please note that there is a \$5.00 non-resident fee.

## 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](mailto: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's newsletter. Please email the information to [w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com).

## West Side Market

Don't forget that we will be starting the West Side Market trips on the first Saturday of the month beginning with Saturday, November 3. 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. The bus will depart the market 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. on Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Additional trips are scheduled for December 1 and January 5. Mark your calendar!

# *From the Building Department*

## George M. Suhy Grant Update

At the June 13, 2018 Village Council Meeting, legislation was passed amending the George M. Suhy Grant. A homeowner may now receive three grants in a five-year period; however, if three different improvements are made within a year, the homeowner may apply for grant reimbursement for the three projects in the same year, but no further reimbursements will be made during the five-year period.

**In order to qualify for a grant, a property owner MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN ADVANCE of the qualifying improvement being started. The Building Commissioner must be permitted to inspect the property **BEFORE** the qualifying improvements are made.**

If you need further clarification, please contact the Building Department at 216-641-7020 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

# From the Service Department

## Dumpsters

Residents may rent a Village dumpster for personal use at their home by paying \$30.00 to the Village for each dumpster load. Use of the dumpster is for demolition, household goods, or yard waste only. Examples of demolition are: lumber, railroad ties, windows, doors, roofing material, flooring (*not carpeting*), drywall or plaster, stones, rocks, bricks, concrete, cement blocks, etc. Household goods include items typically found in a house clean out. Furniture and appliances should be set aside for special pick up. Yard waste is defined as anything that comes from the ground.

## Garbage Pick Up - Recycling - Yard Waste

The Village Service Department collects garbage every Monday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. at no charge to its residents. Our Service Department will come into your yard and take your garbage tote and recycling container to the curb; afterwards they will carry it back into your yard. Please note that if a holiday falls on a Monday; the service will commence on Tuesday.

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



# *From the Service Department (continued)*

## Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year-round program. Please call the Village Hall during normal business hours if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.

## Leaf Pick Up

Fall is upon us and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

## Snow Removal Program \* Residential Snow Removal Program

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.
- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Dave Sammons at 216-641-3505.
- Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.





## *From the Sports Commissioner*

We had seven children register for youth basketball and are working with Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place those kids on teams. Parents should be hearing from coaches in the near future.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to Stacey Vitanza at [chvsports@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:chvsports@cuyahogaheights.com) or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.



### FOR RENT

One bedroom furnished apartment  
\$500 per month.

Please call Sue at (216) 271-4150

### HELP WANTED

Part-time and substitute cafeteria  
staff positions are currently available  
at Cuyahoga Heights Schools. If  
interested, please contact (216) 429-  
5818.

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