

From the Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year to all...hope you enjoyed the holidays!

Christmas blessings

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank those who generously gave and helped out this past Christmas. Thank you *to the employees of Charter Steel and MilliporeSigma* for adopting several families in our Village and providing them with an amazing Christmas. To *our residents* who graciously donated food during Santa's visit. We were able to assist the St. John Paul Food Bank at Holy Name. To *our police officers*, our Mayor's Court dismissed traffic citations in lieu of defendants donating Giant Eagle gift cards. As part of our Mayor's Court outreach program, we presented St. Herman's House of Hospitality and The Greater Real Truth Church with the gift cards. Additional *kudos to CHPD* for participating in the "Shop with a Cop Program;" they were able to help out six families in our Village. To *Bryon & Deanna Borowy, Renato & Michelle Contipelli, Norman & Laura Merhaut, and Local #702* for donating gifts cards which also helped several families in town. Pictured to the right are employees from MilliporeSigma and Charter Steel. Thank you all again for your generosity!



We included an insert with pictures of Santa's visit while he was in town on December 16. Check out our website for additional photos with the kids and Santa. Go to the "Photos" tab on our home page.

Programs

We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract with the Heritage Home Program for 2019. This program offers free technical assistance advice for home repair and maintenance projects on homes that are over 50 years old. In addition, the program also offers low-interest equity loans for home improvement projects. For additional information please contact a Heritage staff member at (216) 426-3116. Additional information can be found on their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org.



Trying to get healthy for the New Year? Join the Seven Hills Recreation Center. The Village has continued their agreement with Seven Hills for our Village residents to use their facility. Our Village will pay 100% of the rate for bona-fide Village residents that are 62-years of age and older, U.S. Veterans, and disabled residents. We will also pay 50% of the rate for all other bona-fide Village residents

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desiring to secure a membership as outlined in our price sheet. In order to purchase a membership, please come to the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Each resident/family must show proof that he/she is a bona-fide resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. At that time, you will also need to pay your 50% of the membership (**cash or check only**) for those not covered under the 100% rate. A copy of the approved application, along with rules and regulations will then be given to the resident. It is then up to the resident to take the approved application to the Seven Hills Recreation Center so that you can receive your official pass. We hope our residents will take advantage of this special offer, as well as keeping fit.

Events

We will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park, and invite our residents to honor departed family members through the planting of a memorial tree. Village residents may purchase a tree through the Village for \$200 which includes your choice of a tree (*Pin Oak, Red Oak, Norway Maple, Green Mountain, Sugar Maple or Red Maple*), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. For those residents interested in purchasing a tree, the application along with payment must be turned into the Village Hall c/o Lee Ann by Wednesday, March 27. Applications are available at the Village Hall or on our web site. Go to the "Department Tab" on our home page and click on "Village Hall."

Other news

I wanted to take a moment and thank Stacey Vitanza, our sports commissioner for the past several years, for a job well done! Stacey was very devoted and thorough in this position, and I know there were many times she went above and beyond the job - especially as it related to the baseball fields at Bacci Park. Again, thank you Stacey for your dedication and endless service as our sports commissioner; I hope you're able to enjoy your summers more with your family. Stacey handed off the baton to Jason Deal who was recently appointed to fill the open position as our part-time Recreation Director. He will be handling everything that Stacey had done when it comes to our sports programs and baseball fields, in addition to our swimming pool.



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Senior citizens

Just a friendly reminder that 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.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following residents who turned the big "50" in the month of January: (10) Joe Menkhous; (16) Kathy Waldemarson Grattino; and (17) Brian Derbin. Dale Jeanguenat turned "70" on January 19. We found a picture of Kathy from October 26, 1978 when she was in the fourth grade. Wishing each of you a joyous year with health and happiness.

January birthday wishes to employees: (8) Councilwoman Cheryl Harris; (9) Councilman Renato Contipelli; (12) Councilwoman Lois Henley; (13) Reno Contipelli; (15) Kevin Artle; (16) Jimmy Henley; and (24) Jacquelyn Kaminski.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Councilman Matthew Schoeffler, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

"Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain."
~ Author Unknown

