

From the Mayor's Desk

Around town

Our condolences to village resident, Joe Vitanza and his family. His grandmother, long-time resident Mrs. Stella Bohdan passed away on February 12; she was 92 years old. I had the privilege of knowing her my entire life as she was the finest "Mrs." to a councilman I ever knew. She was married to Mr. John Bohdan, who was one of the village's councilmen for many, many years. She was always poised and never let politics interfere with raising her family. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

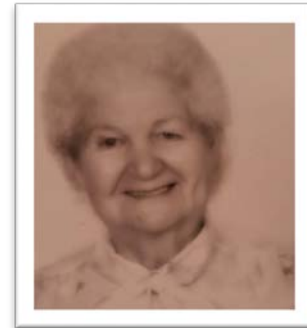
I had the honor of marrying village resident, Jacqueline Albondante to Justin Moran at the village hall on Valentine's Day. Congratulations and best wishes to you both. Pictured are Gary and Nichole Tritsarolis, me, and the newlyweds.

If you recently moved into our village, please contact the village hall with your name, address, phone number(s) and email address so we can update our records. You can also email the information to Lee Ann at l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Events

Earlier this month, I was invited to the elementary school to attend a "Wax Museum" event which involved third, fourth, and fifth graders. Students dressed up as famous people and did presentations on them. For example: Amelia Earhart, Steve Irwin, and Michael Jackson, just to name a few. The event was neat, and I was very impressed on how well our students did.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we will be celebrating 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. Village residents interested in purchasing a tree must turn in their application along with payment to 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."



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Even though the temperatures dipped into the low teens, it didn't stop some of our resident children from utilizing Bacci Park by snowboarding, sled riding, and playing in the snow. Pictured are: Lily Bacci, Harper Deal, Jason Kostura, Brody Mahoney, Kendall and Zander Meriwether, Sarah Nolan, and Evan and Kalyn Wojtyszyn.

Our annual village Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20 at Klima Gardens at 1:00 p.m.; rain-or-shine. 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, gift cards, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the village hall during regular business hours prior to Tuesday, April 16. All items raffled will benefit our Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28. The boys will be on hand during the event selling raffle tickets. Also, any students that need community service hours, or adult volunteers that are willing to help, please contact our staff at the village hall.

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.

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Adeline Lipiec who turned 94 on February 8th. *Pictured is Mrs. Lipiec from our senior flu shot event last September.* Additional birthday wishes to Building Commissioner Norm Casini who celebrated his 86th birthday on February 15, and Sue Pellini will celebrate her 60th birthday on February 27. *Wishing each of you that your day is filled with lots of smiles and laughter.*

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

Thoughts and prayers

Good luck to Cleri Knapik on his upcoming surgery. Take it easy and rest up for the next 4 months. So no work!

As always, please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Donna Derbin, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

"That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well." ~ Abraham Lincoln

