

From the Mayor's Desk

Around Town

Just a reminder, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has quite a few projects going on, in or around town. Keeping that in mind, they will be closing the I-77 southbound exit ramp to SR 21 on Monday, April 22 instead of April 15 as originally scheduled. The ramp will be closed for 100 days.

Expect to see a lot more traffic on East 71st Street the morning of Friday, April 26. The elementary school will be hosting their annual "Morning with Moms."

Events

Don't forget that this Saturday is our annual Easter egg hunt at Klima Gardens. The event will be held at 1:00 p.m. and is open to our village resident children and grandchildren who are 0-12 years of age. Even if you don't have little ones, come out and enjoy the day with neighbors. Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28 will be raffling off baskets that have been donated by elected officials, department heads, village residents and employees. Proceeds from the raffle assist the troop with their camping activities.

Please join us at Bacci Park next Friday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. as we celebrate Arbor Day. Seven trees will be planted by individuals in memory of dearly departed residents: *Frank & Dorothy Bartczak, John & Stella Bohdan, Klem & Donna Derbin, Harold F. Dunham, James Alton Henley, Hilary & Helen Kosicki, and John Kruszynski*. I also wanted to take a moment and give a very special thank you to village resident, Denis Vanek. He continues year in and year out purchasing trees that are planted in Bacci Park, at his own expense. He truly cares about the environment and his passion for it is unconditional—and he's always willing to give back. And for this Mr. Vanek, I thank you!

National Peace Officers Day is May 15. As a former police officer, I will always continue to keep the men and women in blue in my thoughts and prayers and hope that many of you will do the same. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in several planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



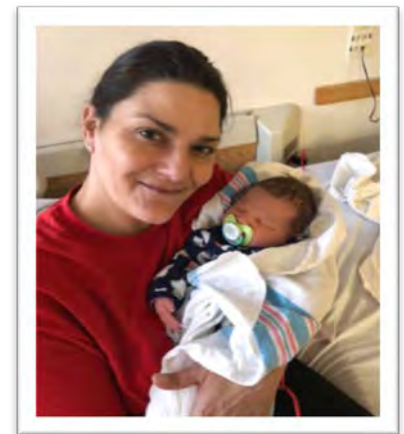
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I had the opportunity to attend a public official's reception, "Take Me to the River" on April 4, along with Independence Mayor Togliatti. The event was a milestone celebration to recognize the efforts of the Cuyahoga River Water Trail Partners and was held in Cuyahoga Falls. The staff and volunteers did a tremendous job on their presentations, and we are so fortunate to live in such a great area with an abundance of parks and rivers—we truly are blessed. I was coaxed by my daughter, Madison, who works for the park to take a picture in their photo booth.



Congratulations

Village residents, Justin and Jackie Moran welcomed their first child on March 27. Jade Iris Nichole Moran was born at 12:27 a.m.; she weighed 8-lbs. and 19 ¾-inches in length. The family is doing well, especially Grandma Nichole Tritsarolis who is over the moon, *pictured to the right*. Congratulations and best wishes to all!



Police Chief Sturgill celebrated his twentieth year on the police department on April 12. Pictured is the chief with his edible anniversary arrangement. Congratulations Chief!

Birthdays

Very special birthday wishes to Ed "Joe" Ranch who turns 93 years old on April 27. Happy birthday and here's to another year of being wiser.

April birthday wishes to employees: (1) Ken Schoeffler; (3) Matthew Udivich; (6) Marc Sherriff; (13) Joanne Socausky; (29) Amanda Domzalski; and (30) Bryon Borowy.



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National Telecom Week

Thank you, to all dispatchers for helping to keep their officers and communities safe!

Thoughts and prayers

As always, please continue to keep several of our residents in your prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mary Jane Blue, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Rich Grabowski, Cleri Knapik, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

In closing, I wanted to let everyone know that the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' Memories Book is coming along, and it is far more detailed than we ever imagined. As always, we want to present a product to our residents that they will be very proud of; one that will be passed down from generation to generation. The number of hours that our staff and volunteers have put into the making of this book is incredible, and we are very grateful to them for their hard work, dedication and efforts. Be patient—I guarantee you will be overwhelmed with the finished product. Thank you.

"Easter is a time to rejoice, be thankful, be assured that all is forgiven so life extends beyond the soil of earth." And remember, He has risen!

