



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

April 2019

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 - Happy Easter

April 22 - Village Hall/Service Department Closed.
Trash pick-up, special pick up - *delayed one day*

April 26 - Arbor Day Event
Bacci Park - 5:30 p.m.

May 4 - Kennedy House Open
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 26 - Decorate your bikes for the parade at Klima Gardens - TBA

May 27 - Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda/Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the government tab and under Village Council on our website.
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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 & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

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.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

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!



From the Police Department

Dear Residents,

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of the CHPD's newest full-time patrol officer, Ptl. Brian M. Fragua #103.

Patrolman Fragua was raised in Parma, OH and is a Parma High School Class of 2013 alumni.

He is a graduate of the Cuyahoga Community College Public Safety Center Police Academy Class BAS18-023.

Fragua was previously employed as a security agent for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Patrolman Fragua currently resides in North Royalton with his fiancée, Shannon and their two-year old daughter, Sophia.

When you see Patrolman Fragua out in the community, please take the time to introduce yourself.



The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to wish all a safe and Happy Easter!!!!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill



From the Building Department

New Guidelines for George M. Suhy Grant

1. In order to qualify for the George M. Suhy Grant Program, please view Chapter 1495 (George M. Suhy Grant Program) in our codified ordinances. You will be able to determine if your interior or exterior improvement qualifies for the grant program.
2. If your improvement qualifies for the grant program, you will need to fill out Part One of the George M. Suhy Grant Program prior to work being done and submit to the building department. Once the building department reviews your application (Part One) they will contact you to set up a pre-inspection of your interior or exterior improvement.
3. Once the building department performs the pre-inspection of your project, they will determine your permit fee. If the home owner is using a contractor, they must be registered with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. Both of the above steps must be completed prior to work being started; a permit will then be issued. At this time, the building department will inform you what inspections will be needed.
4. When your improvement is complete, you will be required to come into the building department and receive Part Two of the George M. Suhy Grant Program. Part Two must be completed with all forms attached (contractor invoice and proof of ownership). Once the building department receives Part Two, they will set up a final inspection of your interior or exterior improvement. When final inspection is performed, all paperwork will be submitted to the finance department for approval disbursement of grant funds.
5. If the following guidelines are not met, your application for the George M. Suhy Grant Program may be declined.



The above procedures are a bit different from past practices to obtain a grant. Please note that if the above procedures are not followed, your grant application could be rejected.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours.

Senior Corner

Hi Everyone,

It's been a while since I have written. Has been a crazy cold winter and it has not really given us any spring weather yet. Hopefully it is coming soon. I am getting ready to put my large Easter eggs on my front lawn so I hope the weather is nicer for this weekend.

We had a wonderful Christmas party. The food was great, catered by Creekside and we had our wonderful group The Good Knights, entertain us with their variety of music. People were dancing in the aisles.

In February we had our Valentines party. We had great soups and sandwiches and good desserts and nice visiting with our members.

In March we had our St. Patrick's party with great corn beef from Simon's. I made my cabbage and noodles to go with it. We also had our desserts of course. Everything was yummy. We definitely do enjoy our sweets.

On April 27th we are going to see the Eagles (not the real group of course) in Mentor. It is a group that performs the songs of the Eagles and they are supposed to be great.

On May 27th we are going to Lakeview Cemetery for a tour. It lasts one to two hours and after we are going to Little Italy for lunch and some delicious bakery (again with the sweets). If you are interested in joining us, call me or Bea Duber at 216-883-4873 for further information. We always have fun on our bus trips.

On June 21st we are going to see a Glenn Miller tribute. This will be a dinner/show and again it will be a great fun trip. If you are interested in joining us, please give me a call or Bea Duber at 216-883-4873 for further information about this trip.

We also have our Senior Club Anniversary dinner in June which is always a nice event.

We do have a lot of fun in our Senior Club and would like to invite anyone 55 or older, join us on one of our events or become a member and have some fun with us. Our club meetings are the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Noel Centa - President - Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens 216-509-5278



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 all of us, we wish everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day. It is an important time to remember all those Americans who have fought to keep this country safe and free. It is a day to honor and respect the armed forces, those who have already sacrificed, and those who continue to serve our country still today.



From the Dispatch Department

The severe storm season is underway and therefore an occasional power outage may occur.

Remember that when there is a power outage Cuyahoga Heights residents should call the Illuminating Company directly at 1-800-589-3101 or 1-888-544-4877. They are the experts at getting you back on line.

Also remember during a power outage, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Dispatch will be handling an influx of calls, so be patient.



Just a reminder to all our residents that 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 returning 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.



From the Village Hall

With spring in the air, we shift into more outdoor activities with our families. Please remember when walking your pets, it is your responsibility to pick up after them. The Village Hall pavilion and playground areas are provided as a spot to take the children and maybe have an impromptu picnic. It's unpleasant to enjoy these activities when dog droppings are littering the area. We ask that you remember to keep the area clean for all to enjoy. Your cooperation is appreciated.



From the Village Hall (continued)

Memorial Day Bike Decorating

Please join us on Sunday, May 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens to decorate your bicycles, wagons, scooters, etc., for the Memorial Day Parade. We will provide all the decorations. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall at 641-7020.



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 29 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 Tuesday, June 12. Call now to register.**



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.



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.

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.

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.

From the Sports Commissioner

The spring youth soccer season has officially started with team practices under way and a few teams already having played their first game. Softball and baseball season is also right around the corner so expect to hear from coaches regarding practice days and times, as well as any other early season news or pertinent team information. And good luck to all of the village kids playing in our spring and summer seasons.

As a reminder, below are the registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports for 2019.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2019
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2019
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2019
Cheerleading	July 15, 2019
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2019

A final reminder that the Village of Valley View is offering two youth baseball clinics on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 5 at Winik Field (or the Valley View Community Center in case of inclement weather). There is still time to register so if anyone is interested, please let me know and I will forward a copy of the registration form(s).

And as previously mentioned last month, final preparations are coming together regarding the upcoming Art in the Park summer program organized by the Brooklyn Heights Community Service Department. This program will run from June 17-July 31 and be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 pm to 2:20 pm and will be open to all children in the village between the ages of 5-12. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters regarding specific events and registration information.

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to me at chvsports@cuyahogaheights.com or give me a call at 330.703.9175.

The Cuyahoga Heights Village Pool will open on June 1, 2019. For more information, please see the flyer included in your newsletter packet.

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