



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

July 2019

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

August 7 - Charity Pick Up

August 20 - First Day of School (6th-12th Grade)

August 21 - First Day of School (K-5th Grade)

August 26 - Mayor's Trip to Kelleys Island with Senior Citizens

August 27 - Senior Citizens Picnic

September 2 - Labor Day Village Hall & Service Department Closed

September 3 - Rubbish Collection

September 4 - Special Pick Up

September 5 - Charity Pick Up

September 11 - Patriot Day

Agenda/Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the government tab



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

We are very excited once again to provide our residents with an overview of the capital projects that our administration and council have been working on diligently for many years. So please, take the time to look over the project booklet which is included with this month's newsletter. *Thank you.*

Around town

In last month's newsletter, I congratulated our village resident Cuyahoga Heights High School seniors who graduated on Sunday, May 26. Unfortunately, the list of graduates that we received from the guidance office at the high school inadvertently left off several students. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the following students: **Meghan Davis, Aidan Honsaker and Luke Hopkins**. Congratulations and best of luck to each of you. Whether you are continuing your education, or learning a skilled trade, or perhaps going into the service, wherever your path leads – I, and our entire administration, wish you much success as you begin the next chapter of your lives. Congratulations once again!

During our council meeting earlier this month, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki was sworn in as our Law Director. For those of you who might not have seen it in the newspaper or online, our previous Law Director Bill Mason resigned on July 1. County Executive Armond Budish had asked Mr. Mason to become his new chief of staff in an effort to stabilize the county jail, assist with economic development, in addition to other tasks. We wish Bill the best of luck in his new position and are very excited for Ben, as he has been working alongside our administration for the past three years.

I wanted to thank Recreation Director Jason Deal for organizing our first youth POWWOW outing which took place during the afternoon of June 25. I, along with 25 children, went to the Valley View Cinemark to see *Toy Story 4*. I had a great time and the movie was awesome! I also want to thank our playground staff for helping me out with the kids. A fun time was had by all!

Several residents called our office thanking our administration for providing shred day. For those of you that may not know, this is a free service that we offer to our residents on the second Saturday in July of each year. During the past several years we partnered with Gateway Recycling, a business in town, to make this event happen. Angie Wade, Senior Account Executive at Gateway, was on hand helping Councilwoman Lois Henley and our service department employees Brian Derbin and Nick Schroeder.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Senior citizens

Last call! My annual trip to Kelleys Island with our village resident senior citizens (60 years of age and older) takes place on Monday, August 26. The bus will depart the village hall parking lot at 8:00 a.m.; returning to town around 6:00 p.m. If you're not a member of our senior citizens organization and haven't signed up for the trip at their monthly meeting, you can contact Lee Ann at the village hall during normal business hours. **The deadline to register is Thursday, August 1.**



Flu shots

In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart and my office, once again we will be offering flu shots to our village senior residents (60 years of age and older). If you are 65 years of age or older, **please bring your Medicare Card** as we will seek Medicare payment for qualifying seniors. Just like we have done in the past, our village will pay for flu shots for our village senior residents and employees. In addition, we will offer flu shots to our village residents who are under 60 years of age; however, those individuals are required to pay for their flu shot at a cost of \$28.00; payment of "exact" cash or check is due the day of the shot.

Get your Flu Shot!



Flu shots will be administered on Friday, September 20 in the village hall auditorium between the hours of 9:00-10:00 a.m. As in past practice, flu shots will be **offered by reservation only**. Please call Lee Ann at the village hall at 641-7020, Monday through Friday during normal business hours to make your reservation. Also, please advise her if you need a ride to and from the event. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 6.**

Our well visit clinic will also be open that morning for our senior citizens beginning at 8:30 a.m. with our Village Nurse, Joanne Socausky. No reservation is required. If you plan on getting blood work, please **do not eat or drink** anything after midnight the night before. We will have a light breakfast, as well as refreshments for our senior resident participants.

Wedding acknowledgments

Congratulations to village resident, Bob Guilfoyle. His son, Dan, was back in town earlier this month to marry his lovely bride, Brooke, in front of family and friends on July 6. Best wishes and God Bless to the newlyweds—who are also serving our country. *Thank you both for your service and stay safe.*



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Birthday wishes

We had quite a few milestone birthdays in town this past month, and I wanted to wish each of these residents a very happy and healthy birthday.

Mr. Don Boing turned 90 on July 17. Pictured is Mr. Boing from our flu shot event that was held at the village hall in September 2016.



Former longtime councilwoman, Mrs. Marilyn Duszynski turned 80 on July 10. Her children threw her a surprise birthday party on the afternoon of July 13; they even had an Elvis impersonator as a special guest. Pictured with Marilyn are her grandchildren and daughter-in-law the day of the party.



And lastly, former village hall employee, Ms. Diane Nieves celebrated her 60th birthday on July 5, and she too was given a surprise birthday party by family and friends on July 13. Pictured is Diane during the Village of Cuyahoga Heights 75th Anniversary celebration in 1993.



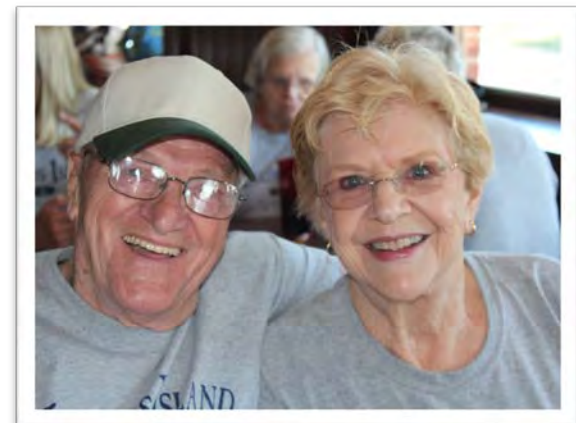
July birthday wishes to employees: (2) David Lukas & Christina Caporuscio - *who also share a birthday with me*, (5) Rick Henley, (14) Jude Kaliszewski, (17) Tony Dorris and Joseph Kappa, (23) Bob Guilfoyle and (27) Fire Chief Michael Suhy.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Lori Borowy, Mrs. Mary Casavecchia, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski and Joe Vitanza.

Condolences

Mrs. Marilyn (Jan) Guilfoyle passed away on Monday, July 15; she was 86 years old. She has lived in the village since 1953 when she married her husband Ed (*deceased*). She raised two fine boys; Ed who lives in Texas, and Bob who lives in the village and works part-time for our service department. Mrs. Guilfoyle always had a smile; she truly will be missed. Pictured is Mrs. Guilfoyle with her friend, Dick Chapman, during our trip to Kelleys Island in August 2016. Please keep Bob and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.



"To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do."

~ John Adams

From the Dispatch Department

Just a reminder to all our residents. If you are going on vacation and would like to put a special attention on your home, please contact Debbie, Barb or any other available member of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department on the **non-emergency number at (216) 640-2045**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Non-business hours and holidays, please use the **emergency number at (216) 883-6800**.

We are going to ask you when you are leaving and 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. This information will be forwarded to our police officers so they can check your residence throughout the day and night.

If you are not in our SwiftReach system and would like to be, you can either use the SwiftReach portal on the police department's page on our web site at www.cuyahogaheights.com or contact Barb on the **non-emergency number at (216) 640-2045**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 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 are kept strictly confidential and not given out to the public.

Remember that SwiftReach sends out automatic messages when a Tornado Warning has been issued in Cuyahoga County.



ATTENTION • ATTENTION • ATTENTION

Please be advised as of Wednesday, June 26 our dispatch unit/personnel have transferred to Chagrin Valley Dispatch which operates out of the Brecksville Safety Center. Just as you have done in the past, **if you have an EMERGENCY**, please call **9 1 1** or **(216) 883-6800**; 24-hours a day.

Please contact Debbie, Barb or any other available member of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department with any of your non-emergency needs on the **NON-EMERGENCY number at (216) 640-2045**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Non-business hours and holidays, please use the **emergency number at (216) 883-6800**.

From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...

We rarely are more vulnerable than when walking in urban areas, crossing busy streets and negotiating traffic. And we all are pedestrians from time to time, so it's important to pay attention to what is going on around us. An estimated 6,227 pedestrians were struck and killed by motor vehicles in 2018. This was an increase of 250 deaths from 2017. In addition, more than 16% of all traffic deaths were pedestrian related.

Follow these tips to stay safe as a pedestrian:

- Whenever possible, walk on the sidewalk; if no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic
- Follow the rules of the road, obeying all traffic signs and signals
- Cross streets at crosswalks
- If no crosswalk is available and your view is blocked, move to a place where you can see oncoming traffic
- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street, making eye contact with drivers of oncoming vehicles to make sure they see you
- Avoid alcohol and drug impairment when walking
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing, and use a flashlight at night
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots
- Children younger than 10 should cross the street with an adult
- Stay alert - avoid cell phone use and wearing earbuds

Heads Up...Phone Down:

Distracted walking incidents are on the rise, and everyone with a cell phone is at risk. We are losing focus on our surroundings and putting our safety at risk. The solution: Stop using phones while walking, and not just in crosswalks and intersections. Over half of distracted walking injuries occur in our own homes, proving that we need to stay aware of our surroundings whether indoors and out.

Stay Safe!!!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill



Senior Corner

Hi Everyone

Well I hate to start my newsletter with sad news, but we lost one of our beloved senior members. Jan Guilfoyle passed away. Jan and her partner Dick Chapman have been members and we have enjoyed having them with us on our many adventures over the years. We will miss Jan very much and our condolences go out to her family. We just recently lost Helen Leciejewski, it is always so sad to lose our friends.



We have some items on our agenda coming up over the next few months. Tomorrow we are going to try to go play miniature golf if we don't get rained out and then we are going to lunch at the Jordan Family Restaurant on Brookpark Road. Rick and I have been there before and the food is quite good.

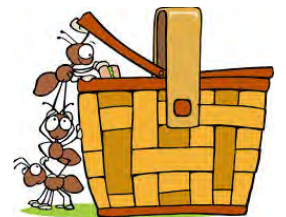
On Tuesday, the 23rd we are having our annual Pot Luck dinner. There is still time to plan on joining us. Just bring a dish to feed 5 or more people and be at City Hall. We are planning on eating at 5:00. It is always fun tasting everyone's specialties. It will give you a chance to meet the members and renew friendships or meet new friends.

On August 26th we are going to Kelleys Island as guests of our Mayor, Jack Bacci. We always have fun come rain or shine so I hope to see all of you there.



On August 27th we will have our annual Senior Picnic at Klima Gardens at 5:00. We will have good food and great entertainment.

On September 16th and 17th we have scheduled a trip to Lancaster PA to see the play Jesus. It is supposed to be spectacular. On the 16th we are visiting Hershey PA for a tour and a stay overnight. On the 17th we will travel to Lancaster. We have sent out flyers but if you did not see it, please give me a call and I will see that you receive a copy.



Please try to join us on our fun trips. Life is so short, and we need to have some fun while we can. Don't sit at home when you can be out and about doing something interesting with us.

If you would like to know more about any of the activities we have planned, please call me at (216) 509-5278.

Noel Centa - President - Cuyahoga Heights Seniors

From the Fire Department

Extreme Heat

Extreme Heat often results in the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. In most of the United States, extreme heat is defined as a long period (2 to 3 days) of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees. In extreme heat, evaporation is slowed, and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. This can lead to death by overworking the human body. Remember that:

- Extreme heat can occur quickly and without warning.
- Older adults, children, and sick or overweight individuals are at greater risk from extreme heat.
- Humidity increases the feeling of heat as measured by a heat index.

IF YOU ARE UNDER AN EXTREME HEAT WARNING:

- Find air conditioning.
- Avoid strenuous activities.
- Watch for heat illness.
- Wear light clothing.
- Check on family members and neighbors.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.
- Never leave people or pets in a closed car.

RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND

Know the signs of heat-related illness and the ways to respond to it:

HEAT CRAMPS

Signs: Muscle pains or spasms in the stomach, arms, or legs

Actions: Go to a cooler location. Remove excess clothing. Take sips of cool sports drinks with salt and sugar. Get medical help if cramps last more than an hour.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Signs: Heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, or fainting

Actions: Go to an air-conditioned place and lie down. Loosen or remove clothing. Take a cool bath. Take sips of cool sports drinks with salt and sugar. Get medical help if symptoms get worse or last more than an hour.

HEAT STROKE

Signs: Extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees) taken orally; red, hot, and dry skin with no sweat; rapid, strong pulse; dizziness; confusion; or unconsciousness

Actions: Call 911 or get the person to a hospital immediately. Cool down with whatever methods are available until medical help arrives.



From the Building Department

Every season it is a good idea to take a look around your home and perform the maintenance needed to keep everything looking great and working well. Your yard, the exterior of your house and the condition of any accessory buildings or sheds may need to have some maintenance done to them.

Here is a short checklist.

Landscaping:

- Keep lawns mowed and maintained
- Keep shrubbery trimmed and from being overgrown
- Remove any trash or debris
- Repair any damaged fencing

Houses and accessory buildings:

- Remove peeling paint and repaint
- Repair any damaged siding
- Repair any broken windows
- Tuck-point any brick or stonework, including chimneys
- Roof repairs or re-roof
- Repair or replace gutters and downspouts

In order to maintain the quality appearance of the property, maintenance inspections will be performed by the Building Department bi-ennially. Should the Building Department personnel note any areas that need attention, you will be notified. Remember that maintaining your property is your responsibility as a homeowner.

The Building Department is available to homeowners for any questions or information that might be needed with regard to the maintenance of your home. We can also supply contractors who are currently registered with the village should you need to hire a contractor. Please feel free to call the Building Department at (216) 641-7020 if you are in need of assistance.

You may also contact the Building Department with any questions regarding the George M. Suhy Grant Program or to pick up an application.



From the Village Hall

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.

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 CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MOSQUITOES & TICKS

With all the wet weather, our local mosquito population is sure to grow. Here are ways you can help to keep mosquitoes away from you and your yard:

GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING MOSQUITO ACTIVITY AND REDUCING HUMAN EXPOSURE

- Clean, drain and cover pools or hot tubs if not in use
- Dispose of containers that collect water such as buckets, scrap tires, cans, and flower pots
- Eliminate areas of standing water
- Empty and refill bird baths at least once a week
- Fill tree holes with tar or cement
- Keep children indoors during times of peak mosquito activity - one hour before and one hour after sunset
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets that leave puddles
- Tightly screen all openings of your home
- Unclog all gutters and drains
- Use insect repellent on both skin and clothing. Repellents should contain DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil for skin, and permethrin for clothing. Follow label directions.
- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs



You can prevent personal exposure to mosquitoes by using insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or lemon eucalyptus oil and follow the label directions.

From the Service Department

Meals on Wheels (meals now prepared by Lori's Custom Catering)

This service is available to any village resident that is 60 years of age or older. A lunch time meal will be delivered to your home daily, Monday through Friday, by our Service Department. This is an affordable option, the cost is \$25.00 per week, which is only \$5.00 per day (must sign-up up for a full week). To receive meals for a given week payment must be made by the Thursday prior.

If you have any questions regarding this service please contact Mindy Armbrust at the Service Department at 216/641-3505 or m.armbrust@cuyahogaheights.com.



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.

Tree Trimming/Removal Service

The village will provide a professional tree trimmer to remove or trim a tree on a resident's property. Please note that tree trimming/removal is limited to two (2) trims per year and one (1) removal. If a crane is needed for tree removal, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the service. In addition, if a stump needs ground, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for this service, whether the homeowner uses the tree company that the village has a contract with or another tree company. Forms are available on our website and at the village hall during normal business hours.



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 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.

From the Sports Commissioner

THE HEAT IS ON ... and the pool is the perfect place to enjoy these lazy summer days. Whether you enjoy a cool and refreshing swim, the breezy shade of the Cottonwood tree or just lounging in the sun, the pool staff is ready to make your visit one that is safe and enjoyable. Recently our lifeguards went through a training in-service that was conducted by our two assistant managers, Marisa and Veronica Bacci. The in-service focused on reviewing various rescue techniques and safety procedures. Different scenarios were posed in and around the pool (and pool grounds) and the guards all demonstrated excellent technique and reaction times. These in-service training sessions will continue to be a staple of preparation with each passing pool season ... and while we all hope we are never faced with these types of situations, it's very reassuring to know that these young adults are trained and ready if they do occur.

Our annual *Christmas in July* celebration will be held on July 25 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Please come and join us for some (very) early holiday cheer, games, and entertainment. Check the fliers posted around the pool facility as well as our Facebook page. And just a reminder, don't forget about our earlier opening time of 11:00 am on Sundays and be sure to check out our expanding menu at our concession window.

It's hard to believe but the softball and baseball seasons have come to end ... and congratulations to all the Village kids who played on their respective teams. In keeping with the baseball theme, the Cuyahoga Heights high school baseball coach, Jacob Solomon is inviting all interested boys to try out for a community-based travel baseball team. Please see the attached flyer for more information and if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Coach Solomon at the number listed at the bottom of the flier.

Please note the upcoming registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports for 2019.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2019

Lastly, **THANK YOU** to all parents and family members who have met the various registration deadlines for the 2019 summer and fall sports. Summer can be a very busy time that often gets away from us with vacations and other family commitments. Youth soccer, football, and cheerleading are quickly approaching and your efforts at meeting these deadlines continue to ensure that the directors and coaches can formulate their teams, plan practices and give our kids every chance to get out there and play.

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

Jason Deal

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER:

Bi-level on Willowbrook Drive
Three bedrooms
Two and a half baths
Huge kitchen
Large living room
Finished basement
Den
Three season room
Fenced yard
All appliances stay

\$189,900 Call (216) 406-7695 for more details
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page to find all photos from around town.