

From the Mayor's Desk

Business community

In midsummer of 2019, Arconic announced that it would separate into two standalone companies in 2020, and their business segments comprising of *Engineered Products and Forgings* will take on the name of Howmet Aerospace, and its business segments comprising of *Global Rolled Products* will be known as Arconic. Arconic's Ohio operations will now be known as Howmet Aerospace with locations in Barberton, Canton, Chillicothe, Cleveland/Cuyahoga Heights and Niles. This operation serves the aerospace, industrial and transportation industries, producing the world's largest aluminum and titanium aircraft structural forgings, the world's lightest weight aluminum truck wheels, and titanium for the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter. Their operations in our village are in the process of changing their signage to Howmet. We wanted to share this information with our residents in case you saw that their name had changed while traveling past their facility on Harvard Avenue.

Economic development

As many of you may know, one of the major "goals" of our administration is to make the north end of East 71st Street a welcoming entrance to our community. With that goal in mind, we have been actively negotiating the purchase of 4400-4440 East 71st Street (*the former site of the Benjamin Moore Paint Company*) for more than a year. I am pleased to report that last month, through the Cuyahoga Heights Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC"), council and my administration were able to leverage County demolition grant funds and other financing vehicles for the CIC to become the new owner of the former Benjamin Moore Paint Company site without having a significant impact to the village's annual budget. This property has been on the market for some time, and during that time, much of the property remained vacant and fell into disrepair. Now that the CIC is the owner, the CIC and the village are now evaluating opportunities to demolish and re-develop the site using grant funding and other financial awards. This is an exciting "next step" in our continued goal of making the north end of East 71st Street more welcoming. Village council should be commended for its leadership and commitment to improving our community.

**Benjamin Moore was in the village prior to Cuyahoga Heights becoming a village in 1918. Pictured top right is what it looked like in the 1920s. The additional two pictures are what the facility looks like today.*



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Around town

I'm sure many of you have already noticed while driving on East 71st Street that a newly constructed marquee now sits on the front lawn of the school. As you can see in our design, we utilized our three columns to signify and embrace the three communities that make up our school district. Our village purchased the sign, and the school will landscape and maintain it into the future. We are so fortunate to partner with the school on this venture. The sign will continue to announce all upcoming events and meetings for our community, as well as school announcements.

I will be working with council on getting a digital sign for the marquee that is currently on East 49th Street near the entrance of the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Once again, I would like to thank council for their support, as well as approving this purchase.

It's been four years in the making—but the collaboration between St. Mary's Cemetery and our administration turned out beautiful! The newly installed fencing, pillars and lighting truly make this area aesthetically pleasing to all who ride through town or visit the cemetery.

Recycling

Our village has been looking at a different type of recycling program, as well as a new vendor with lower costs. A one-page informational sheet is included with this newsletter on what you can recycle. Additional material will be forthcoming from our Service Department in a future newsletter. Stay tuned and *Go Green*.

Events

Save the date for the village's annual Easter egg hunt which will take place on Saturday, April 11 at Klima Gardens. The event is open to all Cuyahoga Heights children and grandchildren 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets, gift cards, or other items for the event can do so by dropping it off to the Mayor's office during regular business hours. All items raffled will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. Any students needing community service hours, or adult volunteers that are willing to help should contact the village hall.



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Congratulations

Kelli (Stack) Jachym, our newest police officer, was inducted into the Women's Beanpot Hall of Fame in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts on February 4. For those of you that don't know, Kelli played women's hockey for Boston College (2006-2011). While her time on the ice, she received many accolades such as MVP, Rookie of the Year, and Player of the Year. She was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team and earned a silver medal in 2010 and the 2014 Olympics; and was also a member of five gold-medal winning World Championship squads. Kelli is from Brooklyn Heights and a 2006 graduate from Cuyahoga Heights High School. She is an amazing and outstanding young lady, and we are so pleased to have her on our department.



*Boston College Women's Hockey
Alumna Kelli Stack Jachym '11*

Wedding bells

After barely making it to work that day—I was sicker than a dog; I had the honor of marrying Kyle Keller and Jasmine Patkau in the council chambers on the morning of January 24. It also didn't stop Mrs. Connie Doan, village resident and grandmother of the groom who was also sick, from attending the nuptials. It was great to see so many of Kyle's high school buddies from CHS in attendance, including resident Matthew Hartman. Best wishes and congratulations to the newlyweds.



*Mayor Bacci, Mrs. Connie Doan,
Jasmine & Kyle Keller and Patti Doan*

Senior citizens

The Cuyahoga Heights High School is planning a special viewing of this year's school play, "Aladdin." The tentative date is Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium. This is the opening performance and will be free of charge for any senior citizen resident that resides in our school district (Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights and Valley View.)

Birthday wishes

We had several milestone birthdays in the month of February! Mrs. Adeline Lipiec turned 95 on February 8; Mrs. Irene Kloss turned 89 on February 3; and Mr. Tom Nova turned 80 on February 9. Best wishes and good health!

February birthday wishes to employees: (5) Jason Sagan turned "40," Dave Palucki; (13) Jack "Pie" Pietraszkiewicz turned "30;" (14) Ken LaBella; (15) Norm Casini; (16) Rick Centa & Joe Cipriano; (24) Todd Sciano and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.



*Mrs. Lipiec and her daughter Mary Ann
Ulmschneider at our flu shot event in
September 2019*

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Thoughts and prayers

Please offer your condolences to residents Jim & Robyn Nobili. Their great-nephew Max, 21 years old, was killed in a car accident on the night of February 2. He lived in Texas with his family. For those of you who know David & Pat Nobili, Max is their grandson.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to part-time police officer Brad Beaulieu. He recently lost his father Bob, who had been battling cancer. Also, resident, John Deliberato recently lost two very close members in his family. Please continue to keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers.

And as always, continue to keep several residents in your prayers: John Baranowski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mr. John Deliberato, Mrs. Irene Kloss, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Miss Nancy McAleer, Ms. Marti Malek, Mrs. Shireen Mitchell, Mr. Frank Schoeffler, Dennis Tritsarolis and Joe Vitanza.

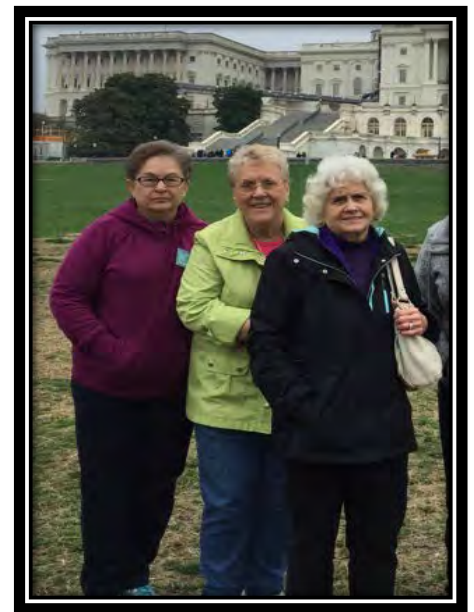
"When I was five years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy.' They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."

~ John Lennon

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 17. Items on the ballot will include: Presidential, Congressional, State Senate, State House, County Council and Judicial candidates. The polls will be open at the village hall in the basement level from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



Mr. Nova celebrating his big day at a surprise party his family held for him last weekend



Pictured with Mrs. Irene Kloss (right) are Mrs. Bea Duber and Mrs. Jean Dell'Anno in Washington, D.C. in 2015