

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



January 2017

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Future Important Dates:

February 14 – Valentine's Day



February 15 – Cooking Class at Village Hall, see enclosed flyer for details

February 20 – President's Day – Village Hall/Service Department Closed



March 1 – Spring Soccer Registration Deadline

Saturday, March 18 – Village trip to Monster game. See flyer for more information.

Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council

4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Economic Development Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Finance Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Minutes of our Council Meetings are posted every month under the Government tab and under Village Council – Agenda/Minutes on our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com

Village Hall

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From the Mayor:

Wishing a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

First and foremost, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge those who generously gave and helped out several families in our Village this past Christmas. **Thank you to** the employees of Charter Steel and MilliporeSigma (*formerly SAFC/Research Organics*), and to the Garfield Heights Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #2217 for adopting several families in our Village and providing them with a Christmas they will never forget. **To** the students and staff of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, including Councilman Schoeffler for the overabundance of food. We were able to help out several families in our Village, as well as assisting the St. John Paul II Ozanam Center's food pantry at Holy Name which was organized by Councilwoman Henley. **To** our police officers – for the sixth year, our Mayor's Court dismissed traffic citations in lieu of defendants donating Giant Eagle gift cards. As part of our Mayor's Court outreach program, we presented St. Herman's House of Hospitality and The Greater Real Truth Church with the gift cards. Additional kudos **to** CHPD for participating in the "Shop with a Cop Program" as they were able to help out two families in our Village. **To** the members of AFSCME Local 2798 (NEORS) for Giant Eagle gift cards. **To** Bryon & Deanna Borowy, and CHFD Local #702 for donations of Toys-R-Us gift cards. Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. *Pictured below are several employees from MilliporeSigma around their Christmas tree with gifts and food they provided to the adopted families.*



Events

The Village Hall staff planned our first Village outing for the year at Kalahari on Saturday, January 28, and were overwhelmed that we had 41 individuals sign up for the event. We are also planning an outing to see the Lake Erie Monsters take on the Texas Stars on March 18 at Quicken Loans Arena. Please note that there are only thirty tickets available. Additional information on the event is provided with this newsletter. In addition, we will also be planning trips to Cedar Point and an Indians game over the summer...stay tuned.

We will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. 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. For those residents interested in purchasing a tree, the application along with payment must be turned into the Village Hall c/o Lee Ann by Monday, March 20. 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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From the Mayor *(continued)*:

Heritage Home

We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract for 2017 with the Heritage Home Program. This program offers free technical assistance advice on preserving and improving homes that are over 50 years old. Representatives from Heritage Home will assist our homeowners in finding contractors, help review estimates from contractors, and consult colors for exterior painting. In addition, they offer low-interest equity loan programs. For more information, please call (216) 426-3116 or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

Senior citizens

Our transport program continues to be one of the most utilized services our Village provides. This service is available for our senior citizens (60+) who are otherwise unable to get to their doctor appointments. If any senior citizen has a doctor's visit and are in need of transportation, please contact Lee Ann during normal business hours one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit.

Birthday wishes

Special milestone birthday wishes to Councilwomen Cheryl Harris (*January 8*) and Lois Henley (*January 12*) who celebrated their 70th birthday. Pictured to the right are the three of us prior to the January 11th council meeting. *"Birthdays never make us older – they only make us wiser and more mature."*



January birthday wishes to employees: (4) Richard Friedl and Dan Coutleur, (13) Reno Contipelli; (16) Jimmy Henley; (19) Kyle Zuber; and (24) Jacquelyn Kaminski.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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From the Mayor (continued):

Flower fund

As most of you may know, our Village has a flower fund which is supported by contributions from Village residents and employees. The fund is used to send a planter, flowers, or monetary gift of \$40 to the family in memory of the Village resident who passed away. The flower fund recently received a thank you letter from the Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation for a donation made in memory of Mary Jean Bloam. At this time, I would like to thank all those residents and employees who have donated to this fund, and help keeping it alive.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, and Mrs. Patty Smosarski.

"Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom." -- Thomas Jefferson



Village Hall:

New residents

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help! Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to Lee Ann at l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Wendy Heinzman by the 15th of the month so that it is included in the following month's newsletter. Please email information to w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com.



From the Clerk:

2017 CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Again this year, Council has passed legislation for a Village Scholarship to assist Cuyahoga Heights graduating seniors with their future college tuition. Recipients will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

To be eligible, the recipient must:

- 1) Be a resident of Cuyahoga Heights
- 2) Be a graduating High School senior in the Spring or Summer of 2017
- 3) Be enrolled either full or part time at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2017
- 4) Complete the Fall 2017 term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing
- 5) Must submit proof of grades to the Clerks office by March 1, 2018

Applications are available at the High School Guidance Office, or at the Town Hall, and must be submitted to Clerk Unger's office by May 1, 2017.

This Administration encourages and promotes higher education for all of our students, and is proud to continue the Village Scholarship tradition to help our graduating seniors.

Thank You,
Clerk Unger





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From the Clerk *(Continued)*:

We have closed the financial books on 2016 and are ready to start a new year. We will begin 2017 with a surplus of 1.24 million dollars in our General Fund. We accomplished many projects in 2016 that made our Village a beautiful place to live and work, and we have enough money in the bank moving into the new year to feel financially secure.

2016

Last year, we estimated that we would end the year at 1.0 to 1.3 million dollars in our General Fund, and we were right on the money. This is the fund designated by the State to pay bills and salaries. The General Fund is the largest and most important fund, and it is the fund that I will focus on in future newsletters.

The Mayor and department heads are beginning the budgeting process for 2017, and when completed; it will be a roadmap of all of our costs for 2017. Just know that we are being good fiscal stewards of the Village money, and will continue to do our best for all the residents, and the Village.

The Finance Department will again be vigilant in watching our costs and revenue, and make sure Council has the information they need to help them make informed decisions.

If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Month Distributed	2014	2015	2016	2017	Difference from 2016	% change from 2016
JANUARY	701,203.65	806,899.10	742,767.00	615,702.19	(127,064.81)	-17.11%
FEBRUARY	542,645.46	626,184.73	838,249.20	-		
MARCH	929,321.38	838,149.44	1,156,108.74	-		
APRIL	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	-		
MAY	617,963.16	783,999.52	707,171.63	-		
JUNE	643,339.71	578,703.87	706,933.54	-		
JULY	744,253.53	630,699.68	634,398.50	-		
AUGUST	616,110.30	851,514.14	634,653.04	-		
SEPTEMBER	607,652.11	422,410.26	593,840.10	-		
OCTOBER	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	-		
NOVEMBER	638,874.48	557,624.59	746,467.49	-		
DECEMBER	666,050.52	617,179.24	583,611.25	-		
TOTAL	8,095,985.12	8,109,486.56	8,572,776.05	615,702.19	(127,064.81)	-17.11%



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Police Department:

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Vehicle Maintenance

Start winter off right by ensuring your vehicle is in good condition. Check the battery, tire tread and windshield wipers. Keep windows clear, put no-freeze windshield washer fluid in the washer reservoir, and check the antifreeze.

Know Your Car

If possible, practice driving in icy or snowy conditions in an empty parking lot in full daylight. On the road:

- Slow down and allow plenty of distance to stop for vehicles ahead of you.
- Know what your brakes will do. In general, if you have antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure. If you don't have antilock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- In a skid, ease your foot off the gas while steering in the direction you want to go. Stay off the pedals (gas and brake) until you are able to maintain control of your vehicle. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.

Plan Ahead

- Check the weather, road and traffic conditions. Leave early if necessary.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, even if you use a GPS system. Let others know your route and expected arrival time.
- Keep gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in traffic or snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm.
- If possible, avoid driving in hazardous conditions or wait until conditions improve before venturing out.

Stock Your Vehicle

Carry items for common winter driving tasks and supplies you might need in an emergency:

- Snow shovel, broom and ice scraper;
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
- Jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices such as flares and markers;
- Blankets;
- Cell phone with charger, water, food and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or in lightly populated areas).

Stopped or Stalled

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.
- To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, clear the exhaust pipe and run your vehicle only long enough to stay warm.

SNOW BAN

Residents, please remember that whenever the snow exceeds 2-inches, the snow ban will be placed into effect. We ask that you refrain from parking on the streets if the weather forecast predicts snow that will accumulate 2-inches or more. The CHPD will attempt to notify residents if their vehicles need to be removed from the street. Vehicles may be cited, and as a last resort towed to allow the Service Department to clear the streets. This way you and your safety forces can safely navigate the streets. Please pass along this information to your guests.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Are you rooting for the Atlanta Falcons or the New England Patriots? Maybe you are just watching for the commercials or Lady Gaga's halftime performance? Whatever the case may be Super Bowl Sunday is one day when family and friends get together for parties. Please remember to have a designated driver for Super Bowl Sunday. Let's all do our part and make sure we all get home safely. Also, for those who are social media fans, make your designated driver feel like a real MVP—tweet the driver's name to @NHTSAgov, and they'll make the designated driver Wall of Fame. Don't forget to use the hashtag #designateddriver. For more helpful hints please, see the following information on the next page. *Remember, FANS DON'T LET FANS DRINK AND DRIVE.*



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Police Department:

KNOW YOUR ROLE ON SUPER BOWL LI

Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

If you plan to drink:

Don't drive. Before you ever leave the house, make a plan for having a fun, safe night out. Follow these safety tips, and you'll be on your way to your own Super Bowl win.

- You know the rules—it's illegal to drive drunk. Before you head out for the Super Bowl party, make a game plan that includes a sober driver—someone who will not drink at all, and will safely deliver you to your final destination.
- Download and use NHTSA's SaferRide mobile app. The app helps people connect with a safe ride home by calling a taxi or a friend and by identifying the app user's location so they can be picked up. The app is available for [Android devices on Google Play](#), and [Apple devices on the iTunes store](#).
- Make sure your designated driver is actually sober. If he or she decided to drink unexpectedly, don't worry about insulting them. Call a cab, use the SaferRide app, or call someone else who you know hasn't been drinking.
- Tweet your designated driver's name to @NHTSAgov to add their name on the Wall of Fame.
- Don't let friends (and fans) drive drunk. Help arrange a safe way for them to get home, too.
- When you ride home with your sober driver, make sure you—and your driver—wear a seat belt. It's your best defense in a crash.
- Remember, walking impaired can also be dangerous. Designate a sober friend to walk home with you.
- If you find yourself unable to get home safely, ask the host if you can stay for the night.

If you're hosting the Super Bowl party:

Hey there, Team Captain! Want to win the night? Designate a responsible sober driver to help your guests get home safely.

- Ask your guests to designate their sober drivers in advance, or help them coordinate with other partygoers' designated drivers.
- If you don't drink, offer to drive guests home.
- Encourage your drinking guests to pace themselves, eat food, and drink plenty of water.
- Serve a selection of non-alcoholic drinks.
- Make the designated driver feel like a real MVP—tweet the driver's name to @NHTSAgov, and they'll make the designated driver Wall of Fame. Don't forget to use the hashtag #designateddriver.
- Do not serve alcohol to minors. If an underage person drinks and drives, the person who served the alcohol can be held liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver. In fact, you could face jail time if you host a party where alcohol is served to people under the age of 21.

Know the risks:

Impaired driving is a serious problem with serious consequences. Don't ruin your night by becoming another statistic.

- In 2015, there were 10,265 people killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, accounting for 29 percent of all crash fatalities.
- In 2015 approximately 1 alcohol-impaired-driving fatality occurred every 51 minutes.
- The consequences of drunk driving are not only often fatal—they're expensive. Drunk drivers face jail time, the loss of their driver licenses, higher insurance rates, and many other unanticipated expenses, including attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work. In fact, the average DUI court case costs approximately \$10,000.
- Know your state's laws; refusing to take a breath test in many jurisdictions could result in arrest, loss of your driver's license, and impoundment of your vehicle. Not to mention the embarrassment in explaining your situation to family, friends, and employers.

For Super Bowl LI, be a team player and remember: *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive drunk.*



Fire Department:



Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- » Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- » Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- » Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- » Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- » Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- » Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- » Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- » Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- » Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- » Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact
Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

Cuyahoga Heights Fire Dept.



Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division - 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

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Dispatch:



Teaching children to call 911:

Children who know how to call 911 in an emergency can save a life. Teach your children to tell the dispatchers the location of the emergency. It is always best to call 911 from a “landline”, but if you don’t have a home phone available, your child should know how to call from your cell phone.

1. Make sure your child can say his/her first and last name and can provide his/her address or location.
2. Explain the different emergency situations that might require your child to call 911. Fire, medical emergency, car accident and stranger danger are some examples of emergencies that would warrant calling 911.
3. Show your child the steps for calling 911 on your cell phone, if you have a security lock on your phone, teach them how to unlock it.
4. Go over your cell phone keypad several times to help your child become familiar with making a call. Reviewing with your child will make it easier for your child to make the call during a stressful situation.
5. Do not let your child play with old cell phones, old cell phones can still dial 911 even if they are not active with a wireless carrier, they should not be used as a toy. If you have an old cell phone you should consider donating it, many women shelters can use them.

Finance Department:

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights is starting the search for a candidate to fill a vacancy in our municipal Finance Department. Starting at \$19.23. This individual **must** have a minimum of 4 years applicable accounting experience. The ideal candidate would possess a finance degree and/or public finance experience, a strong payroll, accounts payable skills, knowledge of EGov Pro accounting system or similar accounting software, superior Microsoft Excel skills, general office knowledge, and work well with the elected officials, employees and the general public on a daily basis. Please see a full list of requirements and job description at <http://www.cuyahogaheights.com/services>. Please send a resume to hr@cuyahogaheights.com no later than Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Start date between April 2017-July 2017.

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Sports Registrations

Please note that there is a \$25 late fee for sports registrations that occur after the published deadline. The fee was established because late registrations create administrative and organizational difficulties when trying to plan leagues and schedules. In addition, late sign ups cause teams to grow beyond an appropriate size, which has an adverse effect on the ability of the participants to learn and develop. All registration dates are published in our newsletters, on our website, as well as promoted on our Village outdoor marquees.

Listed below are the dates of our annual deadlines for specific sports offered through our Sports Commissioner. Sports registration forms can be downloaded from www.cuyahogaheights.com under the "Sports Department" and are also available at the Village Hall. If you have any questions relative to our sports programs, please contact Sports Commissioner Stacey Vitanza at (440) 227-3801, or you can email her at stacey_vitanza@yahoo.com.

Please see the enclosed flyers for information regarding a Pitching Clinic and Youth Baseball and Softball Clinic which is being offered by the Village of Valley View.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEADLINE DATE</u>
Spring Soccer Registration	March 1
Youth Baseball & Softball	April 1
Adult Men's & Women's Softball	July 15
Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1
Youth Basketball	October 15



With Sincere Thanks . . .

On behalf of the family of Glenn Snoddy, please accept our thanks for your outpouring of kindness. Thank you to our neighbors, friends and family for your thoughts, prayers, comfort, donations and dinners, each of these meant so much as we struggled with our loss. Knowing we were not alone helped us to bear our grief. Thank you.





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Service Department:

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.** Your assistance is appreciated.

Pet Waste

Please remember to pick up after your furry friends when walking them in the Village, especially on sidewalks and tree lawns.

Table and Chair Rental

Tables and chairs can be rented from the Service Department (limit of three (3) tables and 30 chairs). You must pick them up and bring them back to the garage. You will need to stop in at the Service Department and sign the loan form. Please be advised that tables and chairs are not permitted to leave the Village. If they are taken out of the Village, you will lose this privilege.

Snow Removal Program

Residential Snow Removal Program for our 2016/2017 season.

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.
- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Dave Sammons at 216-641-3505.
- Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.

