

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



June 2017

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Future Important Dates:

June 24 - Village Wide Garage Sale from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 27 - Blue Wave Swim Meet

July 1 - Men's and Women's Softball Registration Deadline

July 4 - *Celebrate the birthday of America...have a safe and happy holiday!* Please be advised that the Village Hall and Service Department will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Special pick up will take place on Wednesday, July 5 and charity pick up will take place on Thursday, July 6.

July 8 - Village Wide Shred Day from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

July 15 - Fall Soccer, Youth Flag Football, Cheerleading Registration Deadlines

July 15 - Hale Farm & Szalay's Farmer's Market Trip

July 18 - Blue Wave Swim Meet

July 22 - Christmas in July at Swimming Pool

July 29 - Cedar Point Trip

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 14
Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park**



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:

We must never forget! I wanted to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedules and attended our Memorial Day prayer and service. Every year while I research information for my message, I continue to be humbled by what the great men and women of our United States military have done and continue to do for each and everyone one of us. We truly are blessed as a nation. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in the parade, and for those who volunteered their time afterwards at our cook out. Included in this newsletter is an insert with various pictures from this year's event. *Pictured to the right are me and my girls after the service.*



Around town

Best wishes and congratulations to the students of the Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2017 who graduated on Sunday, May 28. Village residents are Neena Allen, Matthew Blake, Jennifer Cerny, Lexi Ciolek, Trey Combs, Aviana King, Jacob Mallos, Bryanne Skerl, and Gabriella Menkhaus who was named Valedictorian. *"As you now go out into the world remember to connect life to what you have learned. Embrace new questions, respect old wisdom and never let go of your dream."*

Kudos to Village resident, Joseph Menkhaus, Jr., who recently graduated from John Carroll University with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He also received his Certificate of Completion from Borromeo Seminary and will be attending Saint Mary Seminary & Graduate School of Theology in the fall. We are all so very proud of Joe and his accomplishments. God Bless!

If you haven't been to Bacci Park, you need to check it out. The baseball field project is coming along beautifully and construction is in the final stages. We are looking forward to having the CHS Redskins Baseball team play their home games at our field next year. Also, our concession stand is fully operational for the season, seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Concession Stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her staff have added breakfast items to their menu this year, as well as great snacks for lunch and dinner. They included a flyer with this newsletter on some of their items and prices – check it out! Lily and I stopped down at the park and ran into several of her friends from our Village; the girls had such a fun time. I hope many of our residents will also stop by and take advantage of all the amenities our park has to offer. *Pictured to the right are Lily, Kalyn and Kylee.*



Congratulations to Village residents Jason Pflug and Maria DeGeorge who recently tied the knot. I had the honor of marrying them at the Village Hall on Friday, June 9. *"May your married life be full of fun, love, joy and laughter!"*



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From the Mayor *(continued)*:

The swimming pool is officially open, seven days a week. If you have questions relative to hours, swimming lessons, parties, etc., you can email our pool staff at pool@cuyahogaheights.com or call (216) 341-7684. Also, for those on social media you can check them out on their Facebook page – [Cuyahoga Heights Recreation](#).

Business community

Last week I took a tour of our newest business member in town, Hajoca. They provide plumbing, heating and industrial supplies to homeowners and contractors. Their facility is directly behind Consolidated Electrical Distributors, which also is their sister company. They did a top-notch job on remodeling, and we are very excited to have them in our community.

I may have said this numerous times, but I want to reiterate to our constituents and let them know that I, as the Mayor, could not facilitate any growth or redevelopment in our Village without the support of our Economic Development Committee and the complete body of Council. Just as our residents reinvest in their properties, our Village's continued commitment to being the most polished and well-maintained inner-ring suburb...has not gone unnoticed in our business community.

Senior citizens

We're beginning to organize my annual trip to Kelley's Island for our Village resident senior citizens (*60 years of age and older.*) The event will be held on Monday, August 28. Our bus will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 8:00 a.m.; returning back to Cuyahoga Heights around 5:30-6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for myself and



department heads to spend time with our seniors. 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. The deadline to register is Tuesday, August 1. Get out of town and spend a day in Lake Erie's Western Basin. *Pictured above is me and some of the group from last year.*

Birthday wishes

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Helen Kosicki who turned 95 on Saturday, June 17. She is such a kind and sharp lady. On behalf of our Village officials, staff and residents, we wish her a very happy birthday. "May the joy that you have spread in the past come back to you on this day." *Pictured to the right is Mrs. Kosicki with her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren at our Easter egg hunt this past April.*



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From the Mayor *(continued)*:

Happy belated birthday to Myles Emerson Bartlett who turned 1 on May 27. *Pictured to the right is Myles at his birthday party.*



June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Patrick Goldsworth; (17) Councilman Matt Schoeffler; (19) Pete Panizzutti; (23) Nicole Fontaine, Bob Krajewski and William Malovrh.

Our office is still collecting dates of our resident's birthdays. If you would like to share this information with us, please email it to Lee Ann. **Happy Birthday!**

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Flower fund

Our Village operates a flower fund which is funded by contributions from Village residents and employees. This 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. Any resident wishing to contribute to the fund may drop off their donation at the Mayor's office during normal business hours. Please join us in keeping this tradition alive.

In closing, I want to remind our residents to **"Save the Date"** for Saturday, October 14th for our annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. Further information will be forthcoming to our residents as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, have a fun and safe Fourth of July holiday!



"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

Thomas Jefferson



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From the Clerk:

Summer has arrived, the pool is open, and the kids are on vacation! The warm weather is finally here!

Our departments and Administration have been working hard to get our Village ready for the summer. The flowers have been planted, the grass is being cut, the pool is open, the baseball fields and concession stand at Bacci Park are being used daily, and the Village looks great!

At the end of May, after collecting revenue and paying bills, our General Fund is at 1.10 million dollars. We still have to make some transfers out of the General Fund to shore up other Funds that we will receive bills for, such as the Police & Fire Pensions Funds, Sewer Users Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Home Loan Grant Fund, but financially we are solid, and we will continue to monitor our expenses and revenue to insure our success.

Have a great summer!

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	770,824.69	(67,424.51)	-8.04%
MARCH	929,321.38	838,149.44	1,156,108.74	834,117.05	(321,991.69)	-27.85%
APRIL	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	819,064.56	261,644.91	46.94%
MAY	617,963.16	783,999.52	707,171.63	920,803.38	213,631.75	30.21%
JUNE	643,339.71	578,703.87	706,933.54	775,712.94	68,779.40	9.73%
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	4,736,224.81	27,575.05	5.65%



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Police Department:



From the desk of Chief Sturgill...

Children in hot cars are a deadly combination. Whether intentional or accidental, these deaths are preventable. The following are some helpful tips to make sure it doesn't happen to your child or a child you know.

Remember:

- Never leave a child alone in a parked vehicle, even with the windows rolled down or air conditioning on.
- Always look in both the front and back of the vehicle before locking the door and walking away.
- Never let a child play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that it is not a safe play area.

If dropping off a child is not part of your normal routine, then come up with ways to remind yourself that the child is in the car.

Tips:

- Place your purse, briefcase, or cell phone in the backseat or near the child, so that you always check that area.
- Have your spouse make reminder calls after the estimated drop off time.
- Have the child-care provider call you if the child is not dropped off at a determined time.
- Place a "sticky-note" on dash board, set a cell phone reminder, or there is also the Baby Reminder App for I-Phones.

If you find or see a child alone in a hot vehicle:

- Always make sure the child is safe and responsive. If not, call 911 immediately!
- If the child appears to be safe, have someone attempt to locate the parents. Use the facility's security or management to page the car owner. Stay with the vehicle!
- If the child is not responsive and appears to be in distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child, even if it means breaking the window.

Dangerous conditions can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees. On an 80-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes!

"PLEASE LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK!"

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill





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Fire Department:

SAFETY ON WHEELS

KIDS ON BICYCLES: RIDING SAFELY

Bike riding sends more kids ages 5-14 to the ER than any other activity. But don't go locking up the bikes just yet. Safe bike riding is possible with the following tips.

- Wearing a bike helmet is the best way to reduce head injuries and chance of death from bike accidents.
- Check your child's bike regularly, and make sure the tires are properly inflated and secure.
- Make sure your children wear closed-toed shoes (like sneakers) and avoid long or loose clothing that may get caught in bike chains and wheel spokes.
- It is best for kids to ride their bikes when it's sunny and dry. However, if riding in the rain or dark is unavoidable, make sure that your kids wear reflective or brightly colored clothes and ride bikes with headlights and reflectors, so drivers and pedestrians can clearly see them.
- Make a one-bike, one-rider rule for your children. Children should not ride on, or let others ride on, handlebars or pegs while another person pedals.
- Make sure your child knows to keep two hands on the bike at all times—carrying other objects or using a phone prevents them from doing this. Caregivers can lead by example to make sure something like texting doesn't lead to an accident.
- Teach your child to stay alert and watch for cars, trucks and other people biking, wherever they ride. Keep an eye out for parked cars, and for cars coming out of driveways.





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Dispatch:

Attention residents, never approach an animal which you have not come in contact with before. Please call the Police at 883-6800, we will contact our animal control person. Also remind your children to be careful around any animal they are unfamiliar with. Even the friendliest dogs can become grumpy during the hot summer months.

Cuyahoga Heights Police Dispatchers



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.

FOR SALE/RENT

4949/4951 Willowbrook Drive, Double side by side
Unit #1 - 4 bedroom/2.5 baths/sunroom/two car garage, refinished less than a year ago (unit unoccupied)
Unit #2 - 2 bedroom/1.5 baths (currently rented)
Lot Available with property \$225,000, Call (216) 402-2354



Building Department:



Please be aware the Building Department will be doing residential exterior maintenance inspections from the curb in the coming weeks. Inspectors will be identified with yellow Building Department vests. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at the Village Hall.



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Village Hall:

Cedar Point

Once again, the Village will be going to Cedar Point on Saturday, July 29th for a fun day with our fellow residents. The Village Bus will be available to those who wish to use it. The Village bus will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m.; we will return back to the Village Hall by 9:00 p.m. As in past practice, the Village will pay a portion of the discounted ticket price for each Village resident. Non-residents may purchase tickets at the group rate. This year all tickets will include an unlimited drink wristband (*fountain drinks*) and one meal!

To reserve your spot, please call the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 or email a.domzalski@cuyahogaheights.com by June 30th. Payment is due by July 1st. Prices for the Village residents are \$33.00 per ticket. Prices for non-residents are \$66.00 per ticket. Please note that there is a \$5.00 fee for each non-resident riding the bus.

Hale Farm and Szalay's

Our Village is planning a trip to Hale Farm and Szalay's Farmers Market on Saturday July 15th. Transportation will be provided by our Village bus which will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

To reserve your spot, please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 or email a.domzalski@cuyahogaheights.com. The Village will pay a portion of the discounted ticket price for each Village resident. Non-residents may purchase tickets at the group rate, but they must be accompanied by a Village resident. Payment is due within 24 hours of your reservation. Prices for Village residents are \$5.00 per ticket, non-residents are \$10 per ticket. Children under 12 are free. Please note that there is a \$5.00 fee for each non-resident riding the bus. **Please note that the trip will be cancelled if there are not enough sign-ups for this trip.*

Village Pest Control Program

Pest control services are available to our residents free for the inside and outside of your home. However, this service does not cover termites and bed bugs. If you are having a pest problem, please contact Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553, 1-800-794-2035, or Rich's cell phone at (440) 343-1316. If Rich or Jeremy are not available, please leave a message with your name, address, phone number and brief message. All questions will be answered promptly.

Newspaper and Cardboard Recycling

Do your part in helping the environment; recycle cardboard and newspaper! The Village of Cuyahoga Heights has a recycling container at Bacci Park for this specific type of recycling. The container is strictly for cardboard and newspapers. Stop on down, at any time, with your cardboard and newspapers and do your part in recycling.

If you have a large amount of cardboard and/or newspapers 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. The Service Department will then pick up your large amount of newspaper and/or cardboard with our regular special pick up items. The revenue that we generate from this recycling will go back into our recycling program. Thank you for doing your part and being environmentally friendly . . . **GO GREEN!**



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Village Bus:

The Village bus operates on a weekly basis for our senior citizens; a schedule of the monthly bus run is usually inserted in with our Village Newsletter. For your convenience, attached with this newsletter is the current calendar. Reservations are required and obtained by calling the Village Hall at 641-7020 prior to 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the trip. For a Saturday trip, please call the Village Hall before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. All trips leave approximately at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Pick ups and drop offs are made at the resident's home.

Please note that all riders of the Village bus must fill out an emergency contact form. This form was established by Council to promote safety for all residents and organizations that use the Village bus. In case of emergencies, it is very important that the Village be able to call those individuals who you designate as emergency contacts. It not only helps our bus driver, but it helps you too! The bus driver will keep this form on the bus. Please inform your contact person of any medications or conditions that would need to be available in case you were taken to the hospital. Please note that all non-residents who ride the Village bus for special bus trips must pay a \$5.00 fee. The fee may be paid at the Village Hall prior to the trip or paid to the bus driver on that day.

Friendly Reminder:

With the warm weather upon us, please be mindful of the condition of the landscaping on your property. Included below is the Village Ordinance pertaining to weeds and grasses. Working together we keep the Village a beautiful place to live.

660.15 WEEDS AND GRASSES.

(a) Every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the Municipality shall cause to be cut and destroyed all Russian, Canadian or common thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, ironweed and all other noxious weeds growing or being upon such lot or land and shall cut any other weeds or grasses to a height not to exceed six inches within two days of the receipt of notice as hereinafter provided. The Service Director shall issue notice to the owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or land within the Municipality, upon which any of the aforementioned noxious weeds, or grasses or other weeds in excess of six inches, are growing or standing, to cut and/or destroy the weeds and/or grasses within two days. The notice may be served by delivering it by one or more of the following procedures: personally delivering it to the owner, occupant or person in control of the land; delivering it or mailing it by regular or certified mail at the usual place of business or residence of the owner, occupant or person in control of the land; posting it in a conspicuous place on the land involved. A separate offense shall be deemed to have occurred each day on which such weeds or grasses are allowed to stand longer than two days after the receipt of such notice.

(b) Weeds or grasses which are not removed or cut as required by division (a) hereof are declared to be nuisances. The Service Director shall cause the abatement of the nuisance and shall report the cost thereof to Council which may assess the same on the real estate on which the nuisance existed. Such remedy shall be in addition to the penalty provided in division (c) hereof.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section [698.02](#).

(Ord. 2010-126. Passed 11-10-10; Ord. 2011-40. Passed 6-8-11.)

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From the Sports Commissioner:

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, registration deadlines will be moving up by two weeks beginning with the fall season sports. Below please find the new registration deadlines for all sports:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2017
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2017
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2017
Cheerleading	July 15, 2017
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2017
Spring Soccer	February 15, 2018
Youth Baseball & Softball	March 15, 2018

Moving our registration deadlines up by two weeks for each sport will help ensure that your children are placed on teams and will make communications between the three villages much smoother.

Please note that the late registration fee of \$25 will still apply and that while we will do our absolute best, we cannot guarantee that any children registered late will be placed on teams. Please do your part to adhere to these new deadlines.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to me at Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.



Community Shred Day

Our annual community shred day will take place on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Gateway Recycling • 4223 East 49th Street • Cuyahoga Heights. This is a free service provided by our Village to our residents and businesses. There is no limit to the amount of paper you can shred. If you have additional questions, please contact Councilwoman Lois Henley at (216) 410-3365





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Service Department:

Senior Grass Cutting

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will be cutting grass free of charge for our Senior Citizens and disabled persons who qualify according to the Ordinance:

- Registrant must be sixty (60) years of age or older and must reside alone or with a spouse of like age or older, or the registrant must be disabled and not have an able-bodied person living with him or her who is under sixty (60) years of age.
 - **“Disabled”** means physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions of caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.
- The property registered must be a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling **and the owner of the property must reside at the registered property.**
- Registrant must execute a consent and release, in a form approved by the Solicitor, granting permission to the Village to provide the grass cutting service and releasing the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the cutting of grass on the registrant’s property.

Please note that our Village is not responsible for grass length, the grass cutters are set at a standard height and will not be changed. **If you have a dog, please clean the area of dog waste so we can cut the yard properly.** **If you have already registered in the past, then you need not re-register.**

Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year round program – please call the Village Hall if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.

Pet Waste

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



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.