

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**July 2017**

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## **Future Important Dates:**

**August 1** – Senior citizens trip to Kelleys Island with Mayor Bacci registration deadline

**August 12** - End of the Year Pool Party

**August 13** - Last day of Swimming Season

**August 29** – Village trip to Chagrin Falls; *for more information see the enclosed flyer*

**September 14** – Village trip to see the Cleveland Indians; *for more information see the enclosed flyer*

**September 15** – Flu shot registration deadline

**October 14 - SAVE THE DATE**  
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

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**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](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)

Village Hall

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### From the Mayor:

#### Around Town

##### **Condolences**

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to residents Tom Kekelis, Vicky Sokolich and their families for the loss of their mother, Barbara Kekelis. She recently passed away at 80 years of age. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

##### **Congratulations**

Village resident James L. McManus graduated from Lorain County Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Justice Systems – Police Science on December 15, 2014. He also received a One Year Technical Police Science Certificate at that time. He graduated from the Lorain County Community College Police Academy on February 1, 2017. Following graduation and state certification he served as a part-time police officer with the Village of Kipton Police Department



where his dad is the Chief and his mom is a Sergeant. James was hired full-time by the Cleveland Heights Police Department on June 5, 2017. Both his parents previously served with the Cleveland Heights Police Department. James is a fourth generation law enforcement officer following in the steps of his parents Chief Jim McManus and Sergeant Michelle Mack McManus, both of his grandfathers Larry Mack and George McManus, and his great-grandfather George McManus and great-uncle John McManus. Pictured above is James with Mom and Dad. Best of luck and stay safe.



##### **Mill Creek**

On Wednesday, June 28, I along with Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova joined several officials from the Cleveland Metroparks for their connector trail dedication ceremony. The Mill Creek connector trail includes a 150-foot pedestrian bridge over Mill Creek with ADA accessible slopes and views of the Cuyahoga Valley. This immersive trail experience, along with a green retaining

wall includes dozens of wildflowers for local wildlife and provides trail users with improved connection from Garfield Heights through Cuyahoga Heights to the Towpath Trail in the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation.

##### **Village sponsored trips**

Our bus trip on July 15 to Hale Farm was a success and everyone had a great time. Afterwards, the bus stopped at Szalay's Farm & Market before returning back to the Village. Bus Driver Bob barely got a spot to park as the place was packed – lots of people, music, and food! Our next Village outing is Cedar Point on July 29. Stay tuned for more exciting trips that our office is planning for our residents.

##### **New residents**

Welcome to our neighborhood! 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](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

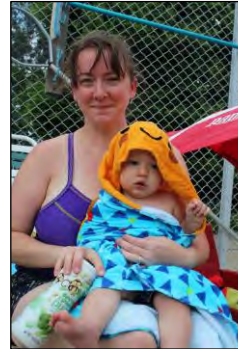


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### From the Mayor (*continued*):

#### Christmas in July

Once again, our Pool Managers and staff did a tremendous job at this year's event and everyone had a great time. It rained during the early part of the day, but the weather turned hot and humid which was perfect for a pool party. In true Christmas fashion, Santa showed up for the festivities and the kids were ecstatic! Pictured right are Myles Bartlett with mom, and the entire "Nichols Gang."



#### Concession stand

Concession stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her staff have been doing a great job this summer; I hope many of you have been able to stop down and chill at the park while eating some of their delicious food. One of the new things they added this year was theme nights – which was a big hit during the ball games. Pictured bottom left are residents Tori Santiago and Gigi Menkhaus on Italian Night; pictured bottom right is Jenn Mash and Bebe Menkhaus from Hawaiian Night. Great job ladies!



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#### Web site

In case you haven't seen, we added something new to our web site – a photo gallery. Go to our web site at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com); on the home page there is a tab on top named "photos." Click on photos which will direct you to our Photo Gallery. Currently, we have pictures of Village residents from our Memorial Day event, and we will continue to add additional pictures from future events.

#### Business Community

Congratulations to NEORSD Southerly WWTC, TriMark SS Kemp, and Universal Windows Direct for being named "One of Northeast Ohio's Top Workplaces" by the Cleveland Plain Dealer. We are very blessed that the employees of these companies think very highly of the companies that they work for, and we can't thank them enough for being important members of our business community!



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### From the Mayor (*continued*):

#### Senior Citizens

##### **Kelleys Island**

Last chance to sign up for my annual trip to Kelleys Island on Monday, August 28 with our Village resident senior citizens (*60 years of age and older*). 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. Deadline to register is Tuesday, August 1. Get out of town and spend a day in Lake Erie's Western Basin.

##### **Flu Shots**

In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart and my office, 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 \$32.00; payment of "exact" cash or check is due the day of the shot.

The flu shots will be administered on Friday, September 29, 2017 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 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15.**

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.

#### Birthday wishes

A happy belated "80<sup>th</sup>" birthday to Mrs. Sandy Fouts who's special day was June 23. Enjoy living life to the fullest. *Sto lat!* The picture below was taken during our Kelleys Island trip last year. In addition, happy belated 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to our bus driver, Bob Krajewski who's big day was also June 23!





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### From the Mayor *(continued)*:

Additional special milestone birthdays for July: Mrs. Donna Pellini who celebrated her “90<sup>th</sup>” birthday on July 7; Bob Guilfoyle *(pictured to the right at the Corn Roast a few years back)* turned 60 on July 23; and **Mrs. Shireen Mitchell who turned 70 on July 24** *(pictured to the left with her grandchildren.)* Wishing you all happiness and peace on your birthdays.



July birthday wishes to employees: (1) Tony Casavecchia; (2) David Lukas & Christina Pace ... *incidentally, they also share a birthday with me*; (5) Rick Henley; (10) Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski; (14) Jude Kaliszewski; (17) Tony Dorris & Joseph Kappa; (19) Steven Sokolich; (26) Frank Domzalski; (27) Fire Chief Michael Suhy; (30) David Bronza; and (31) Georgette Hodge.

### 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, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

**“Save the Date”** for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for our annual Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. A flyer on the event has been included with this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

*“When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That’s my religion.”*  
Abraham Lincoln





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### From the Clerk:

At the end of June, we had a little over one million dollars in our General Fund after we paid all our bills and salaries, and made all of our scheduled transfers to shore up some of our other funds such as Police & Fire Pension, the Home Loan Grant Fund, the Sewer Users Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the General Note Retirement Fund for the rest of 2017.

So what are these other funds? We are required by law to pay Police & Fire Pensions. As their salaries increase over time, so does the amount the Village must pay. The Home Loan Grant Fund is the money the Village gives back to the homeowners when they invest in their homes, and it has been hugely successful in keeping up our housing stock. The Sewer Users Fund is the money we use to pay all homeowners sewer bills. Homeowners pay their water bills, but no sewer bills. These Funds are different from the General Fund, and during the year, we make transfers out of the General Fund in order to pay bills for these funds.

Projecting revenue and expenses is a challenge we face every year, and so far we are on track to finish the year with around a million dollars in the bank after paying all of our bills, and employees' salaries. I believe this is a comfortable amount of money to have in the bank for emergencies and unexpected costs that might occur during the year.

We have all worked hard to manage the budgets and staffing since the economic downturn of 2008. Every year has been a challenge, yet we have always managed to keep the General Fund healthy, and the Village a beautiful place to live and raise a family. We are all truly blessed.

Enjoy the rest of the 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	838,532.27	204,133.77	32.18%
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	-		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,095,985.12</b>	<b>8,109,486.56</b>	<b>8,572,776.05</b>	<b>5,574,757.08</b>	<b>231,708.82</b>	<b>9.44%</b>



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### Police Department:

#### Hot Cars Kill Kids

Every nine days, vehicular heatstroke kills a child in the United States. Every nine days, a parent loses a child to a preventable death. Since 1998, there have been 725 deaths, **25 already this year!** It's time to stop vehicular heatstroke from killing our children. The time to take action is now!



On July 31, NHTSA will tweet every 15 minutes for 24 hours to raise awareness about the dangers of heatstroke. Join us in this life-saving conversation with tweets and retweets of your own. Take this message to your friends, families, and followers, and tell them to share it, too.

**Who:** NHTSA and YOU!

**What:** #HeatstrokeKills Tweetup

**When:** Monday, July 31, 2017

**Where:** [www.twitter.com/NHTSAGov](http://www.twitter.com/NHTSAGov)

**How:** Follow the conversation using the hashtag #HeatstrokeKills. Feel free to mention @NHTSAGov in any of your tweets and we will get back to as many questions and comments as we can! Remember to include #HeatstrokeKills in your comments so others can follow along with the conversation, too.

Invite your friends and followers to join us and spread this important message.

Spread the message. Make a difference. Take action. Save a life

You may have seen a lot of activity in the past few months on Chapek Parkway and by Northern Stamping Inc. That is because they were putting in a new press as well as adding on to their facility. The press being delivered was a sight to see. A special permit was issued for the load which weighed about 500,000 pounds. There were a total of four trucks that delivered the press with a CHPD escort for each one in and out of the Village (IR 77 to Chapek Parkway). Below are a few photos of the press being delivered as well as some stats provided by Northern Stamping Inc.

A few stats:

- The press has the capacity of 15000 metric tons.
- It weighs over 1 million pounds.
- It sits on a concrete pad 5' thick, 10' below ground.
- NSI has invested approximately \$9.5m in the press and accessories
- NSI has invested another \$2.5m adding on almost 10,000 sq. ft. to the facility to accommodate the press and the increase production
- We are projecting 20-25 new jobs due to new and increased business from this press





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### Fire Department:



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department would like to wish Fire Fighter Michael Chase all the best in his retirement. Firefighter Chase was a member of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department and Police Department for a combined 29 years. While on the Fire Department Mike was a Fire Inspector, Union President, and MDA representative. Mike will be retiring August 10<sup>th</sup>.



During the week of June 26, more than 50 boys and girls took part in the annual rite of passage that is Safety Town. This morning the students visited the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department and learned the ins and outs of fire safety and weather preparedness. Led by the firefighters, each child received a tour of the fire station and its vehicles, watched safety videos and practiced and reviewed fire safety, including stop, drop and roll, staying low, checking doors for heat and the importance of escape routes. The firefighters also dressed in full turn out gear to show students what they look like during a fire so as to be familiar and not be afraid. Each child enjoyed their visit, and especially being treated to helmets, bags of goodies and popsicles. Safety Town graduation took place on June 30, where the fire department attended the ceremony to support the boys and girls.







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### Dispatch:

Just a reminder to all of our residents, 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 coming 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.



### Village Hall:

#### General Election

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. In addition to county wide issues, our Mayor, Clerk and Village Council Members are all up for re-election. Do your part as a citizen and vote. The polls will be open at the Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on November 7.

If you are a new resident and haven't yet changed your address with the Board of Elections, forms are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours. In addition, we also have "Vote by Mail Ballot Applications."

#### Voter Identification Requirements:

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include:

- A current and valid photo identification card (e.g., driver's license or state ID)
- A military identification
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

**Note:** You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by provisional ballot.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).



#### 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.



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### Cleveland Indians

Our Village is planning a trip to Progressive Field to see the Cleveland Indians take on the Kansas City Royals on Thursday, September 14, 2017 – game time is 7:10 p.m. Transportation will be provided by our Village bus which will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 5:45 p.m. on September 14.

There are only thirty tickets available. To reserve your tickets, please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 or email [a.domzalski@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto: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. Please note that anyone under the age of 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Prices for Village residents are \$11.00 per ticket, non-residents are \$22.00 per ticket. Please note that there is a \$5.00 fee for each non-resident riding the bus.

### A Day at Chagrin Falls

Our Village is planning a trip to Chagrin Falls on Saturday August 29, 2017. Transportation will be provided by our Village bus which will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return back at 2 p.m.

To reserve your spot, please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 or email [a.domzalski@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:a.domzalski@cuyahogaheights.com). 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.

### **Building Department:**

Residential maintenance inspections are completed and letters will be sent to home owners. The majority of the homes in the Village are beautifully maintained. Those requiring corrective action will receive details in letters mailed to your home.

Your efforts are appreciated in keeping our Village beautiful. If you have any questions, please contact Norm Casini or Ken LaBella in the Building Department.



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### From the Sports Commissioner:

We had six children register for fall soccer and are working with the villages of Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place them on soccer teams. Coaches should be reaching out to parents in the next several weeks to begin scheduling practices.

We also had one child sign up for football and one for cheerleading. There will be an adult men's softball team this year, but no women's league this year due to lack of expressed interest.

As a reminder, registration deadlines have moved up by two weeks. 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

Updated registration forms are always available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under Recreation - Sports.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to me at [Stacey\\_Vitanza@yahoo.com](mailto:Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com) or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.

### For Rent

**4949/4951 Willowbrook Drive**, Double side by side  
4 bedroom/2.5 baths/sunroom/two car garage, refinished  
less than a year ago (unit unoccupied)  
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**Substitute Staff:** Cuyahoga Heights Schools is currently seeking substitute employees in the following positions: Substitute Bus Driver, Substitute Cafeteria Staff, Substitute Cleaning Staff. For more information and to apply, interested applicants can view the positions' details and complete application online: [www.applitrack.com/cuyhts/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/cuyhts/onlineapp).



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### Service Department:

#### Senior Grass Cutting

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department cut 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.