

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



October 2017

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Future Important Dates:

October 29 – Annual Village Halloween Party

October 31 – Happy Halloween! – Trick or Treating 6:00–7:30 p.m.

November 5 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
Turn clocks back one hour

November 7 – Election Day
Polls open from 6:30am – 7:30pm
Village Hall Offices Closed

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 13– Veteran's Day Observed
Village Hall/Service Department Closed – *Garbage pick up delayed one day*

November 23 – Happy Thanksgiving
Village Hall/Service Department Closed

November 24 – Tree lighting Ceremony – 6:30pm

December 1 – Christmas Stocking Registration Deadline



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:

Summer wasn't letting go...what a fall we are having!! I'm not sure we will ever top the day we had for our Corn Roast. By far, this was our biggest turn out. As I have stated in the past, it takes a team to organize, set up, and run this event. I want to thank all the Village Hall staff and Service Department for working tirelessly on this project, and to the volunteers who had a hand in making this happen. I also want to let our residents know that we will not be having a Corn Roast next year (*it will return in 2019*); instead, we will be having a celebration for our 100th Anniversary. The event will take place on Friday evening, August 10 and Saturday, August 11, 2018. As soon as all the details are confirmed, we will pass the information on to our residents.

Events

On Friday, September 29 we held our annual senior citizens flu shot and breakfast in our auditorium. This has become a social event with our seniors and it's great to see everyone get together and catch up with those neighbors they might not normally see. Police Chief Sturgill, Fire Chief Suhy, Service Director Sammons and I had a great time serving breakfast to our seniors, as well as joking around with them. Pharmacist Jim from Independence Discount Drug Mart provided the shots. We are so blessed to be able to offer this program to our seniors, and we look forward to doing it again next year.

This coming Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. our Village will be holding their annual Halloween party for its resident children and grandchildren at Klima Gardens. Back by popular demand – the Flower Clown will entertain the children with his magic show beginning at 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to wear your costume!

Trick-or-Treat will take place on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. As in past practice, our police and fire personnel will be riding around town during that time.





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From the Mayor *(continued)*:

Congratulations

Happy Anniversary to Marty & Kathy Malek who celebrated their “47th” wedding anniversary on October 9 (*pictured to the right*) and to Matt & Vicky Sokolich who celebrated their 31st anniversary on October 11. “Best wishes to both couples and many more years of health, prosperity and happiness.”



I had the honor of performing a wedding ceremony at the Village Hall for residents Gary Boone and Jennifer Mash on Monday, October 16 (*pictured to the left*). Also, I had the privilege of marrying Josh Volek and his bride April Roeble on Saturday, October 7 (*pictured to the right*). “Best wishes to both couples on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together.”



Coach Al Martin, in his 21st year at the helm of the Cuyahoga Heights football program, has reached the 200th career victory milestone with his team’s win over Berkshire High School on Friday, October 13. Since 1997, Coach Martin has been the head coach with a career record of 200-45. The Redskins have not had a losing season under Coach Martin, while qualifying for the state playoffs 18 times through last season. In addition, he has coached 41 All-Ohio student-athletes, 137 First Team All-Conference players, and has received numerous coaching accolades throughout his career. In 2000, Coach Martin was named Division VI Coach of the Year. Last season, the Redskins made their first State Championship appearance of Martin’s tenure. And just for the record, we beat Kirtland last Friday! The refs blew that call at the end of the game.





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From the Mayor (*continued*):



Congratulations to CHPD Secretary and Village resident, Debbie Reiger who celebrated her 30th year working with the Village on October 26.

Birthday wishes

Milestone birthday wishes to Ms. Dianne Suhy who turned 70 on October 2. "With every passing birthday we tend to ignore the years, but it's certainly extra-special when your 70th appears!" Pictured to the right is a *TBT* picture of Ms. Suhy.



October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Ben Chojnacki; (4) Dave Volek; (11) Steve Harris, and (23) Sandy Stover.

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, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Diane Perdue, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11. Veterans should hold a special place in our hearts and minds. They put their lives on the line to protect our way of life, their families, and your family. From WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf, Afghanistan to Iraq – these brave souls experienced much of what you or I may not ever become aware of. Please honor and thank the brave men and women who served our country. At this time I would like to acknowledge and thank the following residents who are Veterans: Howie Combs, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Richard Grabowski, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Jim Meadwell, Tom Nova, Sr., Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso, Jr., Vince Trusso, and Richard Wallace. Please continue to keep Joe Brotowski and Hunter Krenisky in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our country. God Bless!



Exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 7. The polls will be open in the Auditorium of the Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. All Village elected officials will be running for their positions.

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From the Clerk:

Summer has come and gone, autumn is upon us, and soon it will be a new year.

In the Finance Department we are getting ready for year-end closing, and getting our budgets ready for next year. We are now in our last financial quarter of the year, and we have spent 69% of our budgeted expenses, we have received 68% of our expected revenue, and we are on track to finish the year with a million dollars in our General Fund to start 2018.

It has been another great year, the pool was a success, the concession stand at Bacci Park was very popular, and the Corn Roast was fantastic. These are the little things that make our Village a great place to live and raise a family. The Village buildings, parks, and housing stock look wonderful. Many people come into my office and rave about how great our Village looks.

Financially we are committed to making our Village a great place to live by investing in projects that will benefit all of us, while staying within our means. This Administration works hard to keep us financially solvent, and to stay within our budget, and we are all very proud of the work we have done to move the Village forward.

We will continue to monitor our expenses and revenue to make sure we end the year with a healthy General Fund moving into 2018.

If you ever have any questions or comments, please call, or stop and see me. My door is always open.

Sincerely,
Robert Unger
Clerk/Treasurer

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	827,364.68	192,711.64	30.36%
SEPTEMBER	607,652.11	422,410.26	593,840.10	745,943.56	152,103.46	25.61%
OCTOBER	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	954,738.05	283,582.14	42.25%
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	8,102,803.37	860,106.06	16.43%





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Police Department:

Halloween Trick or Treat Safety

Halloween is coming, and costume parties and trick-or-treaters are coming with it. Here are some tips to consider when choosing your costumes, and to help keep you safe.

S Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

A Always test makeup in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

L Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

L Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E Eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

E Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Only visit well lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

N Never walk near open flames. Be sure to wear flame resistant costumes.





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Police Department *(continued)*:

Cuyahoga Heights Police Department recently added a new full-time officer to their agency. Ptl. James Berdysz #114 was sworn in earlier this month as the newest patrolman for the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. Berdysz graduated with the 136th Basic Peace Officer class from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in January. He brings with him a year of service from Parma Police Department and a Bachelor's Degree in journalism from Cleveland State University. It's safe to say Berdysz knows the Village well, graduating from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 2009. He follows in the footsteps of his late grandfather, Ludi Vaccher who retired as a Lieutenant with Cuyahoga Heights Police Department after serving 26 years from 1967-1993.



Recent Residential Breaking and Enterings

Surrounding municipalities have experienced recent and a disturbing increase in residential Breaking and Entering incidents. It appears that the perpetrators of these crimes are looking for firearms.

If you have firearms in your homes please keep them in a secure place such as a safe or locked box. If you do not have a safe or secure storage, make sure that all firearms are well hidden and inaccessible to children.

Always keep all firearms stored unloaded and separate from ammunition. At a minimum all firearms should be stored with a cable gun lock or trigger lock.

Please see the attached flyer of recommended storage options.





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Dispatch:

Halloween Safety tips for Pets

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of **chocolate poisoning** may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures.

2. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but kids will be dressed in costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. Put your dog or cat in a secure room away from the front door.

3. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can make your pets stomach upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities.

4. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.

5. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow.

6. Make sure your pet has a name tag

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that they will be returned. Just make sure the



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Fire Department:

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth at Corn Roast to both experience our combat challenge and support [Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio](#).



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.

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).





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Village Hall:

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.

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, to be included in the following month newsletter. Please email the information to w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com.

Flower Fund

For many years, our Village has operated a flower fund which is funded by the 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 send the donation to the Village Hall, or drop off at the Mayor's office during normal business hours. Please join us in keeping the tradition alive.

Clinic

The Village operates a well visit clinic with a registered nurse. Residents (60 years and older) are eligible for certain blood work at no charge once a year. The Clinic is located in the Village Hall and is open by appointment year-round. Please call JoAnn Socausky, R.N at (216) 401-1039 to set up an appointment.

West Side Market

Don't forget that we will be starting the West Side Market trips on the first Saturday of the month beginning with Saturday, November 4. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all the market has to offer; the bus will depart the market at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the Village Hall no later than 3:30 p.m. Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



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From the Sports Commissioner:

We had two children register for youth basketball and are working with Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place those kids on teams. Parents should be hearing from coaches in the near future.

Congratulations to our men's adult softball team. Although they struggled in the regular season, they found their groove in the playoffs. In round one, they beat all three of their opponents scoring a combined 106 runs in those games. In round two of the double elimination match-up against Iron City, the team was narrowly defeated with a final score of 13-12. Although they didn't bring home the trophy this year, there are high hopes for next year! Great season to all...you should be proud.

Have questions/concerns about recreational sports, feel free to contact me at either 440-227-3801 or [Stacey Vitanza@yahoo.com](mailto:Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com).



At our recent Corn Roast, two new champions were crowned in the cornhole tournament. Eight teams participated with the final match-up being the team of **Renato Contipelli** and **Matt Kovelan** versus **Jacob** and **Jim Mallos**. The final game scores were 21/20 and 21/19 for a narrow victory by the **Mallos** brothers (pictured here). Congratulations! We hope everyone enjoyed the event and comes back for a rematch next year.





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Service Department:

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.

Leaf Pick Up

Fall is upon us and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you

Snow Removal Program * Residential Snow Removal Program

- 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.



Apartment for Rent

7134 Bletch Court – Above Garage

Bathroom: Shower only- no tub, kitchen equipped with stove and refrigerator. 2 rooms down, 1 room up. 1 garage space. Plenty of storage

Please call (330) 468-2310 for appointment