



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

February 2018

*Continuing to move our
legacy community forward.*

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

Around Town

March 11 - Daylight Saving
Time - *Spring forward one hour*

March 15 - Youth Baseball &
Softball Registration Deadline

March 17 - Saint Patrick's Day

March 30 - Good Friday
Village Hall/Service Department
Closed

March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt at
Klima Gardens - 1:00 p.m.

April 1 - Easter Sunday

April 2 - Village Hall/Service
Department Closed. Trash pick
up, special pick up, charity pick
up - delayed one day.

Agenda/Minutes of our
council meetings are posted
every month under the
government tab and under
Village Council on our
website.
www.cuyahogaheights.com



At the Village Hall

Council Meetings
2nd Wednesday of the Month
Caucus 6pm, Meeting 7pm

Economic Development Committee
2nd Wednesday of the Month
4:30pm

Public Works Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month
5pm

Finance Committee Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month
5:30pm

Zoning Board Meetings
3rd Wednesday of the Month
at 6pm

Work Sessions of Council
4th Wednesday of the Month
at 6pm (Only in January,
February, March, April, May, Oct.)

**Village Hall office hours are
Monday through Friday from
8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm -
4:30 pm**

From the Mayor's Desk

A moment of reflection

In lieu of all the tragedies taken place throughout the world, and more specifically, our great nation, we need to once again take a moment to reflect on how blessed we are to live in such a great, friendly, loving, and caring Village, and we need not waste time complaining, knowing ultimately it solves no problems but has been said to attract or cause them. So let's consider those who have endured real problems, tragedies and loss, and put aside petty complaints about/or from frivolous people or things. Instead, we should work to be a part of a collective solution, and not part of the problem, supporting those that have helped you and/or others along the way.



Old man winter

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2...that means another six weeks of winter; and he's as accurate as Cleveland's meteorologists. With that being said, I enjoy seeing our residents utilize Bacci Park during the winter months. Village residents, Bill & Tracy Nichols, along with their children recently took advantage of the snow and had a great time sled riding at the park. Pictured to the right are the Nichols'.



Programs

I am pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract for 2018 with the Heritage Home Program. This program offers free technical assistance advice for home repair and maintenance on homes that are over 50 years old. I have attached a letter with this month's newsletter on additional information relative to the program. We hope our homeowners will take advantage of the program.

Earlier this month, we offered an additional extraordinary service to our residents as it relates to the Seven Hills Recreation Center. Our Village will pay 100% of the rate to join the recreation center for bona fide Village residents that are 62 years of age and older, U.S. Veterans, and disabled residents. In addition, we will pay 50% of the rate for all other bona fide Village residents desiring to secure a membership as outlined in the contract. Village residents who are interested in taking advantage of this service must register and pay for their membership at our Village Hall during normal business hours with proper proof of identification.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Events

Our Village will be holding its annual Easter egg hunt at Klima Gardens on Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m.; rain-or-shine. Hopefully, we will have another beautiful day like we did last year. The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' children and grandchildren; 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets, stuffed animals, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the Village Hall during regular business hours prior to Tuesday, March 27. All items being raffled will benefit our Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28; the boys will be on hand during the event selling raffle tickets. Any students that are in need of community service hours, or adult volunteers that are willing to help, please contact Councilwoman Cheryl Harris at (216) 849-7075.

Exercise your right to vote! This year, voters throughout Ohio will elect leaders to state and county offices. This includes U.S. Senate, U.S. House Governor, State Senate, State House, State Supreme Court, intermediate appellate courts, and local judges. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in our civic room on the lower level of the Village Hall. Vote by mail ballot applications and voter registration forms are available at our Village Hall during normal business hours.

Around town

Our community has a flower fund which is supported 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 it off at the Mayor's office during normal business hours. We hope that you will join us in keeping this tradition alive.

Senior citizens

The group held their annual Valentine's Day party in the Village Hall auditorium with dinner prior to playing bingo. For dessert, they were treated to Rudy's paczki's by Kehoe Brothers Printing in celebration of Fat Tuesday. Councilwoman & senior liaison Cheryl Harris was able to get a few photos from the party.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Our transportation 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 the Village Hall during normal business hours one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit.

The Village also operates a well visit clinic with a registered nurse. Residents (60+) 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, RN at (216) 401-1039. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number.

Birthdays

Our office continues to collect dates of our residents' birthdays. If you would like to share this information with us, please email it to i.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Adeline Lipiec who turned 93 on February 8th. Pictured to the right is Mrs. Lipiec and her daughter, Mary Ann at our senior flu shot event. Also, Building Commissioner Norm Casini celebrated his 85th birthday on February 15. The Village Hall staff provided him with cake and goodies on his special day, as pictured to the right.

February birthday wishes to employees: (4) Tiffany Contipelli; (5) Danielle Short & Jason Sagan; (7) Frank Domzalski; (13) Jack Pietraszkiewicz; (14) Ken LaBella; (16) Rick Centa & Joe Cipriano; (24) Todd Sciano; and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.

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, Mr. Frank Schoeffler, Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda, and Mrs. Joan Unger.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams



From the CFO

Introduction of Administrative Accounting Assistant, Amanda Domzalski

Amanda is an alumni of Cuyahoga Heights Schools and resident in Valley View with her husband Andy, son Andrew and daughter Kaitlin. After graduation, Amanda assisted Andy in the daily accounting and business functions of their family business while raising their two little ones. She rejoined the private sector workforce in 2014, and worked as an accountant for three years before joining the Village Hall staff on February 1, 2017. Amanda's main function at the Village Hall is payroll, benefits, information technology, and assists with daily interaction with elected officials and residents. Amanda has been involved in our community school district for many years where she was the President of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools PTO for four years and served on the Cuyahoga Heights School levy committee.



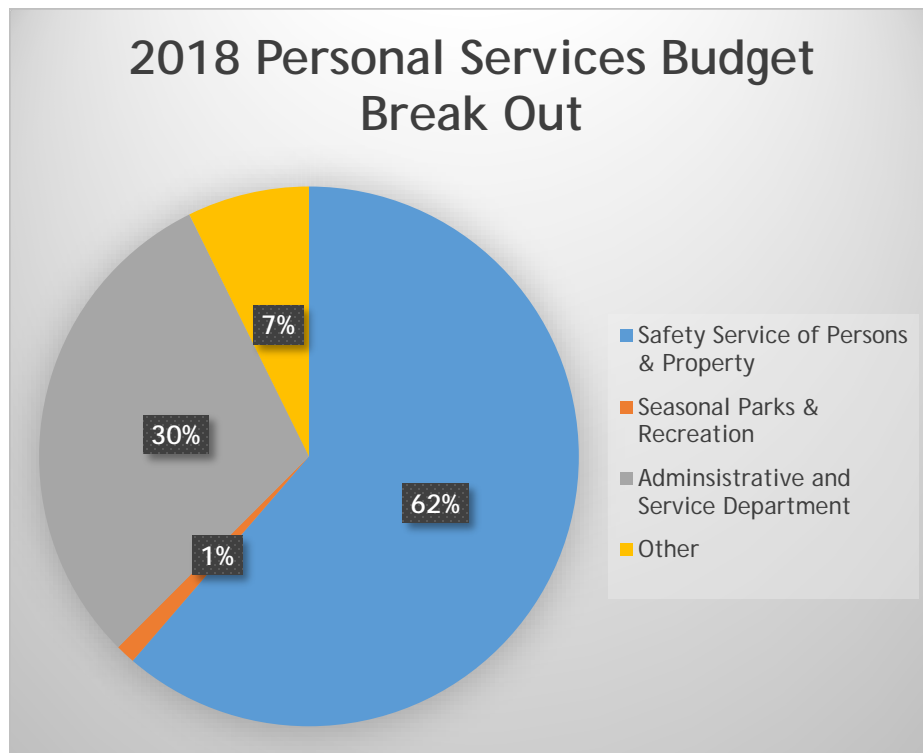
Chief Fiscal Officer
Angel Meriwether

Administrative Accounting Assistants
Amanda Domzalski, Payroll
Christina Pace, Accounts Payable

February Finance Update

Month Distributed	2015	2016	2017	2018	Difference from 2017	% change from 2017
FEBRUARY	626,184.73	838,249.20	770,825	1,133,036	362,211.71	46.99%

~ Please note that the Village received an increased distribution in tax revenue this month due to 2016 and 2017 shortfalls due to tax extensions and deadlines.



From the Police Department

Drunk Driving

Every day, almost 29 people in the United States die in alcohol-impaired vehicle crashes—that's one person every 50 minutes in 2016. Drunk-driving fatalities have fallen by a third in the last three decades; however, drunk-driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year. In 2010, the most recent year for which cost data is available, these deaths and damages contributed to a cost of \$44B per year.

How alcohol affects driving ability

Alcohol is a substance that reduces the function of the brain, impairing thinking, reasoning and muscle coordination. All these abilities are essential to operating a vehicle safely.

As alcohol levels rise in a person's system, the negative effects on the central nervous system increase too. Alcohol is absorbed directly through the walls of the stomach and small intestine. Then it passes into the bloodstream where it accumulates until it is metabolized by the liver. Alcohol level is measured by the weight of the alcohol in a certain volume of blood. This is called Blood Alcohol Concentration, or BAC. At a BAC of .08 grams of alcohol per deciliter of blood (g/dL), crash risk increases exponentially.

Because of this risk, it's illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. However, even a small amount of alcohol can affect driving ability. In 2016, there were 2,017 people killed in alcohol-related crashes where drivers had lower alcohol levels (BACs of .01 to .07 g/dL). BAC is measured with a breathalyzer, a device that measures the amount of alcohol in a driver's

Interactions between alcohol and other substances in the body such as certain medications or illegal drugs increase impairment and make driving more risky.



Steps to Prevent Drunk Driving:

- If you will be drinking, plan on not driving. Plan your safe ride home before you start the party. Designate a sober driver ahead of time.
- If you drink, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, use Uber or Lyft, phone a sober friend or family member, use public transportation, etc. Download NHTSA's SaferRide mobile app which helps you identify your location and call a taxi or friend to pick you up.
- If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and help them arrange a sober ride home.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

CALL A TAXI BEFORE YOU TURN GREEN.



BETWEEN 2011–2015, 252 PEOPLE DIED IN CAR CRASHES DURING THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOLIDAY.

BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING.



SOURCE: NHTSA.DOT

From the Police Department (continued)

Turn Around - Don't Drown

As winter starts to come to an end and temperatures start to rise, the thawing ground, melting snow, and spring showers - it is also prime time for flooding. Remember that it is better to Turn Around - Don't Drown.

- Do not walk or drive through a flooded area.
- Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet and two feet of moving water can move a car.
- Do not drive around road barriers as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current can travel through water and can cause electrocution.

If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground

Ordinance Change

Just a reminder that Village Ordinance 452.031 Prohibited parking on East 49th Street has been changed.

Previously parking was allowed on the street from Friday 6:00 p.m. - Monday 6:00 a.m., designated holidays from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m., and other times with the permission of the Police Chief.

The ordinance now prohibits all parking on East 49th Street.

452.03 PROHIBITED PARKING ON EAST 49TH STREET.

(a) No person shall stand or park a vehicle on either side of East 49th Street.

From the Dispatch Department



Winter Auto Supply Check List:

- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Extra gloves and hat
- ✓ Small shovel
- ✓ Bottled water
- ✓ Granola bars
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Extra windshield washer fluid
- ✓ Flashlight

Driving:

- Allow extra time
- Always clear your windshield and windows before driving
- Allow more space between cars when driving
- Slow down when roads are icy or snowy especially on bridges and overpasses
- Make turns more carefully
- Remember 4 wheel drive vehicles have better traction on snow, but not on icy roads
- Use your low beams during storms

Residents.....

If you are not in our SwiftReach system and would like to be, you can either use the SwiftReach portal on the Cuyahoga Heights Village Website on the Police page or contact Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash at the Police Department directly at 216-883-6800. The SwiftReach system is used to notify our residents and businesses, by telephone, of any emergency situations that may occur in Cuyahoga Heights. The telephone numbers you supply the Police Department are kept strictly confidential and are not given out to the public.

From the Fire Department

On January 26th, we teamed up with the Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School (CHES) to assist with Donuts for Dads. In an occupation that has us working 24 hour shifts we understand that dads often cannot be at every one of their kids' activities. Therefore, we offered to take part in the CHES Donuts for Dads and escort the students whose dads could not be at the school that day.

Our firemen surprised the children at their buses and walked with them to their classrooms—joining them for breakfast. This experience was as much, if not more, fun for our department as it was the students.

Thank you everyone at CHES for the opportunity and allowing us to be part of this special event.



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department would like to wish Lieutenant Donald Pallini all the best in his retirement. Lieutenant Pallini was a member of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department for 33 years. While on the Fire Department, Don was a Fire Inspector and in charge of all vehicle maintenance. Don retired February 18th.



From the Building Department

The Cuyahoga Heights Village Council recently approved the extension of the George M. Suhy Grant Program for an additional five years (2018 - 2023).

AUTHORIZATION FOR GEORGE M. SUHY GRANTS.

The Building Commissioner, or his/her designee, is authorized to administer the George M. Suhy Grant Program and determine whether improvements satisfy the criteria set forth in this Section 1495.04. Exterior landscape improvements must be in the front of the dwelling, or if the dwelling is on a corner lot, the improvement may also be on the sides of the dwelling facing the streets. Improvements must comply with all applicable State and local codes and regulations, including the Ohio Building Code and Residential Code, and be reviewed and approved by the Building Commissioner.

(a) Exterior Qualifying Improvements. Exterior qualifying improvements are drive and walk replacement, roof replacement and repair to include rafters and sheeting, siding replacement and repair, brick work replacements and repair, exterior painting of more than 500 square feet, chimney replacement and repair, replacement of windows and exterior doors including garage; repair or replacement of exterior stairs and landing porches, and repair or replacement of exterior soffits; installation, repair or replacement of retaining walls to support earth pressures, whether or not visible from the street; excavation, repair or replacement for exterior dwelling foundation drain tile; waterproofing of below-grade exterior walls; and excavation, repair or replacement for exterior sanitary/storm sewers.

(b) Interior Qualifying Improvements. Interior qualifying improvements are installation or replacement of furnace, with or without air conditioning unit; and installation or replacement of hot water tanks or tankless hot water systems serving the entire dwelling; whole house exterior wall insulation and/or whole house ceiling insulation; main electrical panel replacement; and excavation, repair or replacement for interior dwelling underground building sanitary/storm drainage sewers.

(c) Landscape Qualifying Improvements. Qualifying improvements are installation or replacement of underground irrigation systems; installation of new or replacement trees, bushes, and flower beds; installation or replacement of stone or paver patios or walkways; reseeding or sodding of lawn of more than 600 square feet.

PROCEDURES FOR GRANTS

Owners of dwelling must apply using Part I - Application (available online at www.cuyahogaheights.com or at the Building Department) so that work to be completed is inspected by Building Department.

Owners of dwelling must provide Part II - Application (available online at www.cuyahogaheights.com or at the Building Department) with proof of ownership of dwelling and paid invoices of work completed. (Homeowners' labor costs are not permitted). Three (3) grants are available within a five (5) year period but only one grant per structure (dwelling) per calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at (216) 641-7020.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

All homeowners that reside in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights and have rental property, and all Out of County rental properties must complete their annual applications (Application for Rental Renewal and Application for Out of County Home Owners). **Both applications are due by April 1, 2018.** These forms are available on our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com under Departments; scroll down to Building Department and see Building Department forms. There is a \$50.00 annual fee for each application.

From the Service Department

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.

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.

Newspaper/Cardboard Recycling

Do your part in helping the environment; recycle cardboard and newspaper. Our Village has a recycling container which is located in Bacci Park in the rear of the back parking lot. The container is strictly for cardboard and newspaper. Stop on down and do your part in recycling. If you have a large amount of cardboard and/or newspaper 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.

Charity Pick Up

Our Service Department will pick up any usable item at your residence that you would like to donate to charity on the first Wednesday of each month. Household items, furniture, clothes, etc., are collected and donated to the West Side Catholic Center. No tax receipts are given for this service, and you must call the Village Hall prior to the first Wednesday of the month for this service.

Seasonal Employment:

Seasonal Employment Applications available:

ATTENTION ALL:

Lifeguards, Pool Attendants, Pool Cashiers, Playground Monitors,

Concession Stand Cashiers

Summer Service Department Laborers and Park Monitors

Job Requirements for all the above:

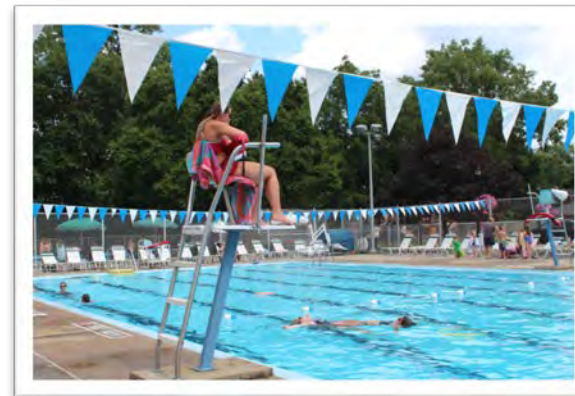
1. Lifeguards must be a Certified Lifeguard, CPR Certified and WSI (Water Safety Instructor - *if applicable*).
2. Lifeguards, Park Monitors, and Playground Monitors must be 16 years old and Pool Attendants must be 15 years old by **Saturday June 2, 2018**.
3. All Cashiers must be 16 years old by **March 1, 2018**.
4. All cashiers must possess proficient math skills, have an outgoing personality and must be available to work weekends.
5. Applications **must** be turned into the Village Hall by 4:00 p.m. on **March 19th** for Concession Stand and Park Monitor and **March 26th** for Summer Service Laborers and Pool employees.
6. Applications **will not** be accepted after these dates.

Applications and available positions for seasonal help will be available online or at the Village during normal business hours beginning **Monday, February 26** at www.cuyahogaheights.com.

Park Monitors and Park Concession Stand Cashiers will start as soon as the weather permits!

The Swimming Pool opens on **Saturday, June 2, 2018** at 1:00 p.m.

Please be advised that submitting an application does not guarantee employment.



From the Sports Commissioner

As a reminder, below are the registration deadlines for all recreational sports in 2018. As you'll see, the Spring Soccer deadline is quickly approaching. Please be sure to turn in your registration forms on time to help ensure that your child/children are placed on teams. Special thanks to everyone that has already turned in their forms.

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

Registration forms received after the above deadlines will incur a late registration fee of \$25. While we will always do our best to place all children on teams, please note that we are unable to guarantee this will happen for late registrations due to roster restrictions.

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.

From our Schools

Pre-Kindergarten Registration/Screening

Registration/Screening for students enrolling in pre-kindergarten during the 2018-2019 school year will take place on **Friday, March 16**. If you have a child, or know of a child in our school district who is eligible to attend next year, please call the elementary school office at 216-429-5880 to make an appointment for registration. Children who will be **four years old on or before September 30, 2018**, are eligible for the pre-kindergarten program.

Home For Rent

7134 Bletch Court - Rear

Main Floor- Kitchen with stove and refrigerator
Bathroom shower only, Two rooms down

Second Floor - Master bedroom, Sitting Area
Full wall closet, Garage space, Washer dryer hook up

Please call 330-468-2310 for appointment

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