

Celebrating 100 years



1918 - 2018

Village of Cuyahoga Heights

March 2018

*Continuing to move our
legacy community forward.*

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

Around Town

March 30 - Good Friday
Village Hall/Service
Department Closed

March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt
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

I continue to emphasize to our residents that our administration works very hard to maintain our community and keep it up to standards that make this Village a special place *to live, work and play*. We truly are blessed, and our forefathers would be very proud of our Village as we begin our centennial celebration!

Economic development

After decades of trying to work with the EPA, Army Corps of Engineers and other government entities in finding and creating solutions to the erosion, storm water and landfill problems with the Nicky Boulevard Landfill, we are now in the process of moving forward with the project. Phase I has commenced which includes but is not limited to clearing, erosion control and the development of a site access road. We are thrilled to begin this effort.

You might have already seen the article in Cleveland.com but in case you missed it, our Village was awarded \$50,000 from the Cuyahoga County's Supplemental Grant Program. The grant will be used to construct a connection between the sidewalk in front of Nook Industries to the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Thank you to Silverlode and our Economic Development Committee for their efforts in researching grants which help funding on so many of our projects.

Events

Hope to see our residents at our annual Easter egg hunt. The event is open to the children and grandchildren (ages 0-12) of Cuyahoga Heights residents. Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the Village Hall during normal business hours prior to Wednesday, March 28. All items being raffled will benefit our Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28.

We received notification from Canalway Partners that they will be holding their annual half-marathon on Sunday, April 8 at the Metroparks Canal Reservation in Cuyahoga Heights. The event runs from 8:00-11:00 a.m. I wanted to share this information with our residents as you might see more than usual activity at the park that morning. Furthermore, those residents who are running enthusiasts and would like to participate in the event can sign up at www.towpathtrilogy.com.

Senior citizens

Our senior citizens celebrated St. Patrick's Day during their March 13th meeting. Members were treated to corned beef sandwiches along with all the fixings; I heard that a good time was had by all. Once again, Councilwoman and Senior Liaison Cheryl Harris attended the party and was able to get us a few pictures.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Around town

Just a friendly reminder that if you recently moved into our Village, please contact the Village Hall with your name, address and phone number(s) so we can update our records. You can also email the information to l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com. Thank you and welcome to the neighborhood!

Birthdays

Very special birthday wishes to our CFO Angel Meriwether who turned 40 on March 12. Our Village Hall staff had an impromptu celebration on Monday morning for her special day.

Happy birthday to a very extraordinary and special woman in town -- Mrs. Bernice Suhy will turn 93 on March 28th. Wishing you a joyous birthday with health and happiness.

March birthday wishes to employees: (1) Christina Londrico; (8) Police Chief Brian Sturgill; (11) Joe Wallace; (15) Jeremy Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (24) Cathy Zmija; (25) Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash; (26) James Berdysz; and (29) Jeff Heintz.

Thoughts and prayers

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to Alice Tyna and her family. Her husband Terry passed away on March 8; he was 66 years old. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, continue to keep several other residents in your prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda. And...welcome home Mr. Frank Schoeffler!

In closing, may you find the renewal of hope, health and love during the holiday. Wishing you and your families a very happy and blessed Easter.

"If you always support the correct principles then you will never get the wrong results."

~ Andrew Jackson



Mrs. Bernice Suhy and her late husband George Suhy



From the CFO

2018 IRS Release Sees New Phishing Schemes

(IR-2018-39, March 5, 2018)

The IRS continues to see a steady onslaught of new and evolving phishing schemes as scam artists work to victimize taxpayers during filing season. In a recent twist to a phishing scam, the IRS has seen thousands of taxpayers victimized by an unusual scheme that involves their own bank accounts. After stealing client data from tax professionals and filing fraudulent tax returns, the criminals use taxpayers' real bank accounts to direct deposit refunds. Thieves are then using various tactics to reclaim the refund from the taxpayers, including falsely claiming to be from a collection agency or representing the IRS. Phone calls, emails and web sites are used to make the scheme more elaborate. Versions of the scam may continue to evolve. **The IRS encourages taxpayers to review some basic tips if they see an unexpected deposit in their bank account.**

In addition, the IRS has seen email schemes in recent weeks targeting tax professionals, payroll professionals, human resources personnel, schools as well as individual taxpayers. In these email schemes, criminals pose as a person or organization the taxpayer trusts or recognizes. They may hack an email account and send mass emails under another person's name. Or they may pose as a bank, credit card company, tax software provider or government agency. Criminals go to great lengths to create websites that appear legitimate but contain phony log-in pages. These criminals hope victims will "take the bait" and provide money, passwords, Social Security numbers and other information that can lead to identity theft.

Introduction of Administrative Accounting Assistant, Christina Pace

Christina is a graduate of Warren Hills Regional High School located in Washington, New Jersey. After graduation, Christina worked for private sector employers, and worked as an accounting assistant for three years prior to joining the Village Hall staff on June 26, 2017. Her main function at the Village Hall is accounts payable and she assists with daily interaction with elected officials and residents. Christina is engaged to be married on June 23, 2018 to Adam Caporuscio of Garfield Heights. Christina has been involved in our community events over the past months and enjoys spending time in our town.

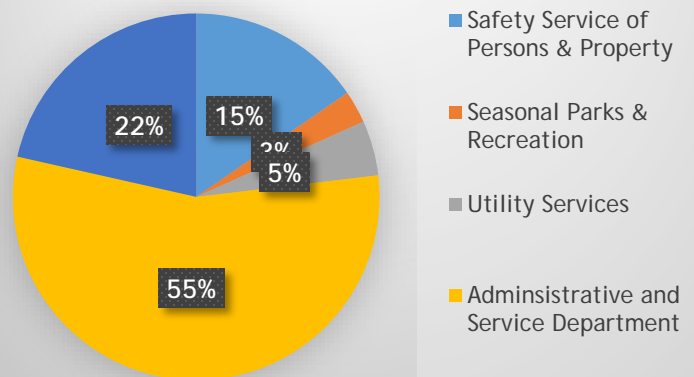


Chief Fiscal Officer
Angel Meriwether

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

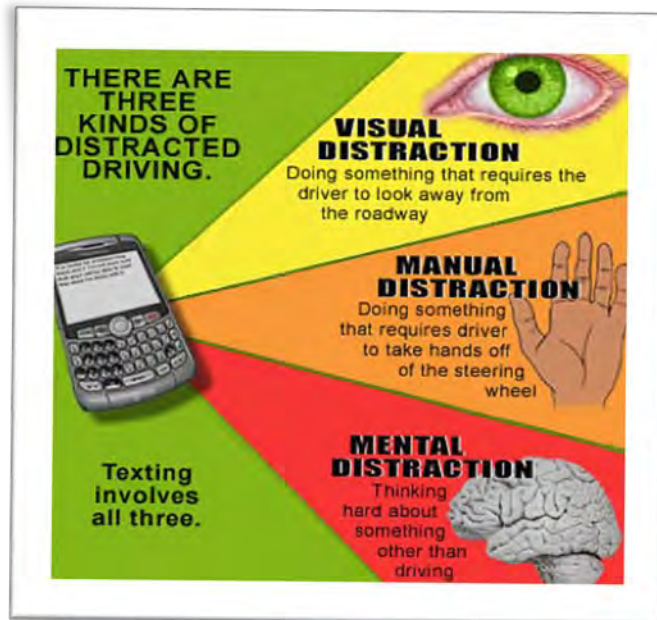


2018 Contractual Services Budget Breakout



From the Police Department

The National Safety Council has designated April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. [Thousands of people die each year](#) in crashes caused by cell phone use while driving. But phone calls and text messages aren't the only distractions drivers should try to avoid while behind the wheel.



10 Tips to Avoid Distractions While Driving

1. Fully focus on driving. Do not let anything divert your attention, actively scan the road, use your mirrors and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.
2. Store loose gear, possessions and other distractions that could roll around in the car, so you do not feel tempted to reach for them on the floor or the seat.
3. Make adjustments before you get underway. Address vehicle systems like your GPS, seats, mirrors, climate controls and sound systems before hitting the road. Decide on your route and check traffic conditions ahead of time.
4. Finish dressing and personal grooming at home - before you get on the road.
5. Snack smart. If possible, eat meals or snacks before or after your trip, not while driving. On the road, avoid messy foods that can be difficult to manage.
6. Secure children and pets before getting underway. If they need your attention, pull off the road safely to care for them. Reaching into the backseat can cause you to lose control of the vehicle.
7. Put aside your electronic distractions. Don't use cell phones while driving - handheld or hands-free - except in absolute emergencies. Never use text messaging, email functions, video games or the internet with a wireless device, including those [built into the vehicle](#), while driving.
8. If you have passengers, enlist their help so you can focus safely on driving.
9. If another activity demands your attention, instead of trying to attempt it while driving, pull off the road and stop your vehicle in a safe place. To avoid temptation, power down or stow devices before heading out.
10. As a general rule, if you cannot devote your full attention to driving because of some other activity, it's a distraction. Take care of it before or after your trip, not while behind the wheel.

From the Police Department (continued)

“It Was Just...”

It was just a quick call

It was just a short trip

It was just one drink

It was just a picture

It was just an email

It was just a glance

It was just a text

It was just a bite

**‘Just’ is all
it takes**



On a personal note...

Dearest Community,

On behalf of the entire Sturgill family, I would like to thank all of you for the outpouring of support my family has received after the passing of my father, James D. Sturgill on February 10, 2018. The thoughtful messages, cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy were very much appreciated.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the entire staff of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department for their extensive support during this difficult time. It was very reassuring and comforting to have such a dedicated staff of professionals in place during my extended and numerous absences over the past few months.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Mayor Jack Bacci and Ptl. Gary Foote-BHPD for traveling over four-hundred miles to pay their respects to my father and for always “having my six”. Gentlemen, you have no idea how much that meant to me, my mother and the rest of the family.

These meaningful acts will never be forgotten.

Respectfully;

Chief Sturgill



From the Dispatch Department

The emergency warning sirens are tested the first Saturday of every month at noon, the siren will run for one minute. Our Village has three sirens located throughout the Village, one is on the roof of the Fire Department, one is on Chapek Drive and the other is on a building at Northeast Regional Sewer Department. These sirens are used to mainly inform the public of any tornado warning in Cuyahoga County.



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 March 3rd firefighter Pete Panizzutti and Lieutenant Steve Harris took part in the Fight for Air Climb to benefit the American Lung Association. Each firefighter climbed 42 floors (802 stairs) of Cleveland's Terminal Tower in full turnout gear and air tanks. Congratulations to both men for completing this fundraising event.



1,200
TORNADOES
HIT THE U.S. EACH YEAR

Make sure you **DUCK** during a tornado!

- D**own - Get down to the lowest level
- U**nder - Get under something
- C**over your head
- K**eep in the shelter until the storm has passed



100th Anniversary Celebration

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

With the Village's 100th year celebration coming up, the Historical Society and the Memory Book Committee have been gathering photos of the town throughout the years to proudly show off, but we still need your help!

If anyone has anything in relation to the old Chapek's Grove such as clear pictures of the Grove and Pavilion, please bring them to the Village Hall to be scanned.

Village Reminders

2018 Spring Spray Program

Pest Management Inc., will begin the annual outside spraying program of each resident's home, depending on weather conditions, at the end of April and continue into May. This will include the area completely around the outside foundation of each home, **unless instructed otherwise by tenant or owner. If you do not want your house sprayed, please call Rich or Jeremy.**

If you have any questions regarding this year's spring spray program, 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31 at Klima Gardens - 1:00 p.m.; rain-or-shine! 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, toys, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off their item at the Village Hall during regular business hours prior to Wednesday, March 28. All items being raffled will benefit Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28. Several of the Boy Scouts will be on hand during the event selling raffle tickets.

From the Building Department

The following information pertains to Renters and Homeowners relative to our Village's Codified Ordinances. All forms and information may be obtained from our website www.cuyahogaheights.com. Also, please call the Building Department for assistance and/or further information.

OUT OF COUNTY HOMEOWNERS (1492.26)

Must register yearly \$50.00/year - Due April 1
NEW CERTIFICATE every year
Must register within thirty (30) days of ownership
Must have authorized agent in county (office/home)
Penalty 1490.9c

VACANT DWELLINGS (UNITS) (1492.25)

Must register (each unit) (\$50.00/year) - Due April 1
Vacant after sixty (60) days in nine month period,
Issue certificate which can be revised each year

RENTAL PROPERTY (1494)

Starting June 30, 2009
Bi-annual inspections, owner must apply with completed
Application by April 1st
Inspection - Interior/exterior
Original application \$50.00 - additional units \$25.00
Rentals - \$25.00/month late fee after April 1
Change of ownership - notify within 30 days plus
\$10.00 fee for new certificate to be issued

POINT OF SALE (1444.05) (14422.20 fees)

\$150.00 - single home
\$200.00 - two family home
\$240.00 - three family home
\$300.00 - four plex
Certificate to be issued

REMINDER: Homeowners, with Spring right around the corner, please remember to address all of your non-compliant maintenance items that were sent out with your 2017 exterior property maintenance letter.

From the Service Department

Senior Grass Cutting

"Spring Time" is right around the corner and once again 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.** We ask that applicants be patient with this service, as the program will start up at the end of April.

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:

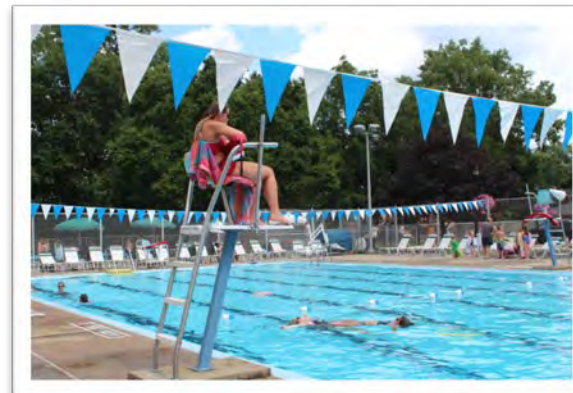
1. Lifeguards must be a Certified Lifeguard, CPR Certified and WSI (Water Safety Instructor - *if applicable*).
2. Lifeguards, Park Monitors, and Playground Monitors must be 16 years old and Pool Attendants must be 15 years old by **Saturday June 2, 2018**.
3. All Cashiers must be 16 years old by **March 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

We are currently working with the villages of Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place 8 girls and 5 boys onto various softball and baseball teams within those villages. Coaches should be reaching out to parents in the next several weeks to begin scheduling practices.

The high school softball and baseball teams are playing their home games at Bacci Park again this season. Please look for signage at the park to know when there are games so you can and come support our teams. The concession stand will be open during all games as well.

As a reminder, below are the registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports in 2018.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
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

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

For Sale

Image Q15.0 Incline Treadmill in great condition. Everything works. Asking \$225.00, 2.5HP motor which reaches speeds of up to 10 mph and is inclinable for up to 10%. These allow you to modify the intensity of your workouts to suit your fitness level. This treadmill is also equipped with a built-in fan to keep you cool especially during those long workouts, and an EKG pulse sensor which monitors your heart rate and allows you to burn more fats by working out in your target heart rate zone. INCLINE: 1.5 to 10% BELT SIZE: 50" x 18" FOLDABLE: Yes HEART RATE: Yes Built-in fan • Quickspeed • EKG pulse sensor.

Gerry Sajetowski 216-441-8979

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OUR NEWSLETTER EMAIL LIST!

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HALL @ (216) 641-7020 TO GET YOUR AD IN OUR
NEWSLETTER.