



# Village of Cuyahoga Heights

April 2018

*Continuing to move our  
legacy community forward.*

## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

### Around Town

May 1 - Village Scholarship  
Applications Due

May 13 - Mother's Day

May 20 - Blue Wave Swim  
Team Mandatory Parents  
Meeting - see flyer enclosed  
with inserts in this newsletter

May 27 - Decorate your Bikes  
at Klima Gardens from  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

May 28 - Memorial Day -  
Village Hall/Service  
Department closed

May 28 - Memorial Day Parade  
at 10:00 a.m.

June 2 - Swimming Pool  
Opens

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



### At the Village Hall

#### Council Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Caucus 6pm, Meeting 7pm

#### Economic Development Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
4:30pm

#### Public Works Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
5pm

#### Finance Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
5:30pm

#### Zoning Board Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 6pm

#### Work Sessions of Council

4<sup>th</sup> 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 hope everyone had a blessed and happy Easter with family and friends. We were fortunate that the weather cooperated for our annual egg hunt, and it was so nice to see many of our residents in attendance. Our Village is so fortunate to offer our little ones with such amazing events, and this has been a tradition for over 60 years. Originally, the egg hunt was sponsored by our VFW Post 6566; however, when the Post disbanded numerous years ago, our Village administration graciously took over the event. We've included an insert of pictures from the egg hunt with this month's edition of the newsletter. Next on our agenda is our annual Memorial Day service and parade; I'm hoping that many of our residents will take 30-minutes out of their day to join us in remembrance of those who gave the ultimate price for this great nation. And for those men and women that have served, it would be an honor to have you participate and march in the parade. *Never forget, ever honor.*

### Events

We held our annual Business Networking Breakfast (aka BNB) on Friday, April 13 with many of our local businesses in attendance. Superintendent Tom Evans addressed the audience on current events at the school. In addition, representatives from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's SkillUp program gave a presentation. We can chalk up another successful event with our businesses and look forward to seeing them again in the fall for our annual fish fry.

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 take place on Tuesday, May 8 and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in our civic room of the Village Hall.

As a police officer, I will always continue to keep the men and women in blue in my thoughts and prayers - National Peace Officers Day is May 15. This holiday was created in 1961 when Congress asked the President to designate May 15 in honor of peace officers. President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law in 1962.



The Bacci Family



Business Networking Breakfast

## *From the Mayor's Desk (continued)*

As many of you know, 2018 marks the Village's centennial. Plans are currently underway in preparation for our big celebration - Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11. I've had several meetings with our Committee Co-Chairs, Councilmembers Cheryl Harris and Rick Centa, and we have a lot of fun and entertaining events that will be planned throughout the celebration. We'll keep everyone posted with the activities in future newsletters...stay tuned.

### **Around town**

For those of you who have been keeping up with the news in reference to FirstEnergy Solutions' bankruptcy, we were made aware that residents who receive electricity services through NOPEC will not be impacted by this matter - there will be no disruption in service. NOPEC's mission hasn't changed and they will continue to help customers save on their utility bills, and act as a watchdog for all energy consumers while working with member communities.

Earlier this year, we offered an 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 identification.

Many of you may know Ms. Wendy Heinzman, she's the first person you see and talk to when you step into our Village Hall - she is one happy Momma! Her youngest son Andy came home for good on March 21, 2018, after serving six years for our country. Senior Airman Heinzman served in the Airforce and was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina; Qatar and South Korea during his deployment. Currently, Andy is now enjoying life back at home before his discharge. Pictured are Ms. Wendy and Andy at Cleveland Hopkins Airport when he arrived home. Congratulations Wendy, and thank you for your service Andy!



Business Networking Breakfast



## From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

The East 49<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot is near completion, and although a few things remain to be completed. It's open for our residents through the permitting process.

### Birthdays

Very special birthday wishes to Ed "Joe" Ranch who turned 92 years old on April 27. *"You've reached the grand old age of ninety-two, congratulations and well done. May you stay as fit as a fiddle and have many more birthdays to come."*

April birthday wishes to employees: (1) Ken Schoeffler; (13) Joanne Socausky; (19) Stacey Vitanza; (29) Amanda Domzalski; and (30) Bryon Borowy.



### Thoughts and prayers

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to Ed Ranch and his family. His son Robert, who had been living with Ed, passed away on March 20; he was 65 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, Paul Skerl, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

In closing, I would like to wish all the Mother's a very happy and Blessed Mother's Day. This holiday is a tough time for quite a few of us as many of our mothers have passed away; this is my second Mother's Day without my Mom, Lillian.

*"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever..."*



# From the CFO

## Department News

In 2018, we are striving to modernize the Finance Department. We are currently receiving training on our accounting system upgrade; the last upgrade to the Village's accounting system was in 2004. We are hoping to streamline internal processes, as well as internal controls while following the Auditor of State's best practices.

## April Finance Update

### R.I.T.A. Revenue

During the first quarter of 2018, our revenue has steadily increased due to our municipal income tax and net profit tax increase from 2017. We are on course to receive revenues as forecasted during our 2018 budget process. With revenue budget shortfalls in 2017, we are working in 2018 to rebuild our revenue reserve funds while maintaining our excellent services and community activities.



**Chief Fiscal Officer**  
Angel Meriwether

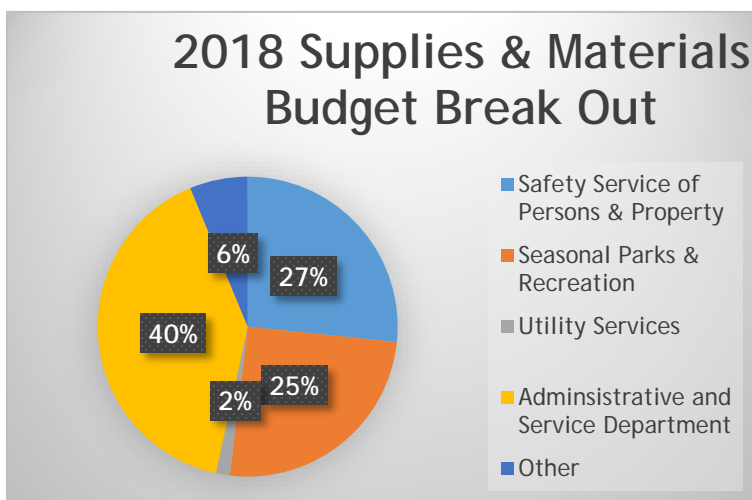
**Administrative Accounting Assistants**  
Amanda Domzalski, Payroll  
Christina Pace, Accounts Payable

Funds Distributed	2017	2018	Difference from 2017	% change from 2017
QUARTER 1	2,220,644	3,012,764	792,120	35.67%

## Municipal Income Tax Rate

As a reminder, the municipal income tax rate is 2.5% on all wages and profits earned within the Village. The Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) collects and maintains the tax records for the village. All municipal tax filings and any questions should be directed to R.I.T.A. at (800) 860-7482 or [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com).

## Annual Budget Break Out



**Department Shout Out**  
Thank you to Amanda Domzalski and Christina Pace for volunteering at the Easter egg hunt, all the children loved getting temporary tattoos during the event.

# From the Police Department

## Flooded Roadways

With 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.

## Construction Zones

Now that the long cold winter is (**hopefully!**) behind us, we would like to remind you of some changing traffic conditions in the Village.

As everyone knows spring and summer give life to that beautiful crop of "orange barrels" that we all love and enjoy. I am sure all have noted the construction zone that has been established at the E.71 Street entrance to SR-21. Just a quick reminder...please pay special attention when driving in this area. In the past, the habit was to look to the left/south for approaching traffic and then simply turn right. It was very easy not to look to the right/north because traffic did not travel from that direction. Under the current conditions with the construction traffic and workers in this area, it is important to make sure lanes of travel are clear from both directions before proceeding. Also, remember that the law requires drivers to bring their vehicles to a "complete stop" at this intersection.

In addition to the above, please remember to slow down for this and all construction zones and respect all sign directions, flaggers and posted speed limits. **Remember, fines are doubled in construction zones!**

Please help protect those workers that making our streets and highways safer and more enjoyable to travel. For updates on all construction projects in our ODOT district please follow the link below.

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D12/construction>

**GO TRIBE!!!**

*Chief Sturgill*



# *From the Dispatch Department*

The severe storm season is underway and therefore an occasional power outage may occur.

Remember that when there is a power outage Cuyahoga Heights residents should call the Illuminating Company directly at 1-800-589-3101 or 1-888-544-4877. They are the experts at getting you back on line.

Also remember during a power outage, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Dispatch will be handling an influx of calls, so be patient.



National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Each year, the 2nd week of the month of April is recognized as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. This week is a nationally recognized time for citizens and co-workers alike to show their appreciation for professionals in the field of Public Safety Communications.



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*

CHFD taught CPR to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Health Class at Cuyahoga Heights High School. Our instructors were at the school for a week teaching adult and infant CPR, infant and child Heimlich maneuvers, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use. Our department offers CPR classes to both our businesses partners and our residents. For more information about CPR classes call 216.641.6799.





# *From the Building Department*

Spring is here, summer is approaching. With the change in weather, be alert of the following improvements you may be considering:

- Garages
- Sheds
- Fences
- Pools
- Additions
- Driveways
- Patios
- Other Improvements

These improvements all have code requirements such as location on site, height, width, construction drawings, registered contractors and, of course, a building permit.

Grants are available through the George M. Suhy Grant program. Let the Building Department help you follow through on your projects. You can call the Building Department at (216) 641-7020.

## *From the Village Hall:*

### 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.

### 2018 Spring Spray Program

Pest Management Inc., will begin the annual outside spraying of each resident's home. This will include the area completely around the outside foundation of each home, unless instructed otherwise by tenant or owner.

Residential applications will begin on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Dressler Court, Marcelline Court, East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place, Bletch Court, Willowbrook Drive, Grant Avenue, and will end on East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. Weather permitting, the program should be completed by the second week of May. 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.

# From the Service Department

## 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.

## 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.

## *Seniors Corner:*

Hi Everyone. Well it looks like we are still stuck in semi-winter weather. We had one nice day and then it was back to the cold and wind. My dog, Charlie, and I are just aching for a nice day so we can take a walk down at the park. I am not a fan of the cold, so it will just have to wait.

We have had some fun things at our Senior meetings. In February we had a very nice Valentine's party with good food and great visiting with our fellow seniors.

In March we had our St. Patrick's party which we had catered by Simon's in Brecksville. It was very good food and again a nice time with friends. We also had a breakfast at Holy Name Church and some of us went. They had good food and Chinese raffles later. I was lucky to win a beautiful throw cover crocheted by Jean Dell'Anno and a lovely blue rosary.

This Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, we are taking a Mystery Trip, organized by Lois Henley. We do not know where we are going or what we are going to do but they are always fun. We leave at 8:15 AM from the village hall. On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> we are going to the Fuji restaurant in the Midtown shopping center.

In May, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, we are going to take a trip to Burton to have lunch at Smith's restaurant. Going to Burton is always fun because there are so many things to see and places to shop. Also, on May 22<sup>nd</sup> we are having our Pot Luck Dinner. I hope there are a lot of new dishes to try and recipes to obtain from all of our great cooks.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> we are having our Anniversary dinner at the Blue Canyon. I believe it is in Twinsburg. We went there last year and it was wonderful. Their specialty is rainbow trout. I have never had it and was amazed at how wonderful it was.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July we are going to see ABBA. I am sure most of you know their "Dancing Queen" song. Looking forward to that.

Now the big exciting trip. We are going to take a three day trip. We are going to Mackinac Island with Lunch at the Grand Hotel, from there we go to Thunder Bay for a home cooked meal on a wood stove, and then to Frankenmuth. We might also get some casino time. We would love to have more of you join us for the trip. I really think you will have a good time. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT. Anyone interested, please call Bea Duber at 883-4873.

If you have any questions about anything in regards to the seniors, please give me a call at 216-509-5278.

Until my next newsletter, I am sincerely

Noel Centa, President - Cuyahoga Seniors

## From the Sports Commissioner

We are currently working with the villages of Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to place 9 girls and 7 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.

We received several late registration forms again for baseball and softball. We are encouraging all parents to turn in their forms on time to help ensure that your kids will be placed on teams. Reminders are in monthly newsletters in this section, in the printed calendar that all residents have received, and are posted on the two marquees in the Village.

The high school softball and baseball teams are playing their home games at Bacci Park again this season. Although Mother Nature has not been kind so far, games are finally underway. Please look for the sign in front of the park to know when they are playing 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](mailto:chvsports@cuyahogaheights.com) or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801.

## From our Schools

### ESC Staff Position

This position is located at Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School. The employee will be employed and paid by the ESC (Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County, 216-524-3000):

**Position:** Elementary School Recess Lunchroom Monitor(s) [Para-Professional Educational Aide/Student Attendant]

Employed by ESC of Cuyahoga County; position located at Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School

Hours/days per year: 1.5 hours per student day

Date Available: August 2018

**Application Procedure:** Apply online via the ESC: "Para-Professional (Educational Aide)" - Job ID 1152

[Candidates are required to apply to the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County online: <https://www.applitrack.com/esccc/onlineapp/application.aspx?posJobCodes=1152>]

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