



# Village of Cuyahoga Heights

September 2018

*Continuing to move our  
legacy community forward.*

## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

October 1 - Basketball  
Registration Deadline

October 6 - Kennedy House  
Open for Visitors  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

October 28 - Annual Village  
Halloween Party

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

November 4 - Daylight Savings  
Time Ends - *Turn clocks back  
one hour*

November 6 - General Election  
Polls open from 6:30 a.m. until  
7:30 p.m.

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 12 - Veteran's Day  
Observed Village Hall/Service  
Department Closed

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*

Our trip to Kelleys Island was a tad bit hotter than usual. The temperature at the rock was 93° and very, very humid! However, that didn't damper our trip or the seniors spirits, and in the end - a good time was had by all. It was great to see so many new faces, and I encourage those that didn't join us to try to do so next year. We tried a new place to eat lunch, the West Bay Inn; the perch and walleye were fabulous! As I have said before, "I truly enjoy getting out of the office and spending time with my elders." I've included an insert with pictures of those seniors that attended this year's event. *Pictured below to the right is me and our department heads.*



### Around town

The Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School introduced a new program this year called "One School, One Book" and I was fortunate enough to be one of the guest readers. The event took place on September 4<sup>th</sup> in the high school auditorium and each guest read a page from the book "*The World According to Humphrey*." Besides myself, other guest readers were Superintendent Tom Evans, School Librarian Karen Bergen, Steve Harris, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Brooklyn Heights Mayor Mike Procuik, and CHS Board Member Gary Suchocki. What a great program and thank you to our PTO for their generous donation by giving each student their own personal copy of the book. It was an amazing afternoon and I truly enjoyed seeing the expressions on the little one's faces as we read to them. *Pictured to the right are me, Mr. Evans and Mrs. Bergen.*



Last month while on a run, the CHS Cross Country Team stopped by the concession stand at Bacci Park where the staff treated them to freeze pops. Best of luck to the team this season!

### Upcoming events

October 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register to vote. If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, you must complete a new registration to reflect your new address and/or your new name. Voter registrations forms, as well as Vote by Mail applications are available for our residents at the Village Hall during normal business hours. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall in the civic room (*lower level*).



Don't' forget that our annual Halloween party will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for our resident children and grandchildren. Once again, the Flower Clown will entertain the children with his magic show. Additional information is included with this newsletter.



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

### Congratulations

During the August 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting, Council approved the appointment of Village resident and employee Jeff Baciak to the position of Assistant Service Director in our Service Department. Jeff has the knowledge and skills for the position and we are happy to have him on our management team. *Pictured are Service Director Dave Sammons and Jeff Baciak.* Congratulations Jeff and best of luck in your new position!



CHPD Detective David Lukas and wife Anna welcomed Mila Lynn Lukas on August 30<sup>th</sup>; she weighed in at 6-lbs, 5-oz and 20-inches long. Best wishes to the proud parents.

### Birthday wishes

Special milestone birthday wishes to Councilman Todd Bloam who turned "50" on September 9.

September birthday wishes to employees: (4) Sean Coubrough; (5) Mark Davis; (11) Dean DePiero; (17) Debbie Reiger; (18) Brad Unger; (21) Justin Gvora and (24) Traci Ricco.

### Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mr. Dick Chapman, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.



### With deepest sympathies

I wanted to take a moment and convey our deepest sympathies to several families. First and foremost to the Vokac family, Dawn Vokac had recently been in hospice and passed away on September 7 at the age of 49. Mr. Bill Giordano, who was the President and owner of Advance Door located on Willow Parkway passed away last month at 85 years old. And another dear friend of our business community passed away suddenly on August 5; Tom Dougherty owned Dougherty Development Corporation located at 4564 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street; he was 75 years old. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

*"While men inhabiting different parts of this vast continent cannot be expected to hold the same opinions, they can unite in a common objective and sustain common principles."*

*President Franklin Pierce*



# From the CFO

## Department News

As we move into October and close out the first three quarters of 2018, the Mayor and I will be working with the Finance Department, Finance Committee and Departments to establish our 2019 budget. We are excited to utilize the new accounting software tools to assist us in the budgeting process for 2019.

## April Finance Update

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

During the first three quarters of 2018, we have realized an increase due to our municipal income tax and net profit tax increase from 2017. We are currently expecting our revenue to be right on target with our forecasted numbers for Estimated Resources in the 2018 budget process.

**Chief Fiscal Officer**  
Angel Meriwether



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

Month Distributed	2015	2016	2017	2018	Difference from 2017	% change from 2017
QUARTER 1	2,271,233	2,737,125	2,220,644	3,012,764	792,120	35.67%
QUARTER 2	1,986,041	1,971,525	2,515,581	2,862,226	346,645	13.78%
QUARTER 3	1,904,624	1,862,892	2,411,841	2,481,142	69,301	2.87%

# From the Dispatch Department

## Safety Tips

- Never open your door without looking out a peephole or window.
- ALWAYS demand identification from utility workers and delivery persons.
- Never step outside your home to be shown something on your property until you verify the credentials and identification of the utility company or other service provider.

**WHEN IN DOUBT ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE WILL CHECK IT OUT!**



# From the Police Department

**Child Passenger Safety Week** is being held September 23-29, 2018. This is a great time to reinforce the importance of vehicle safety to your children. As a parent or caregiver, one of your top priorities will always include keeping them safe. As they grow, the way you talk to them about seat belt safety will change, but the message will always stay the same: *"The Right Seat Saves Lives"*.

Parenting children transitioning to their teenage years brings unique challenges, and tragically, tweens ages 8-14 are the age group most at risk for injury or death in the event of a crash. Tweens can push boundaries but standing strong and ensuring they buckle up can save their life. You aren't always at their side anymore, but the influence you've had on them is. The habits that children form as tweens and teenagers will follow them through their lives, and car seat and seat belt safety is crucial for their well-being. **Ohio Child Passenger Safety Laws:**

When any child who is in **either or both** of the following categories is being transported in a motor vehicle, assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a **child restraint system** (car seat) that meets Federal motor vehicle safety standards:

## Car Seat: (must meet both)

- (1) A child who is less than four years of age;
- (2) A child who weighs less than 40 pounds.

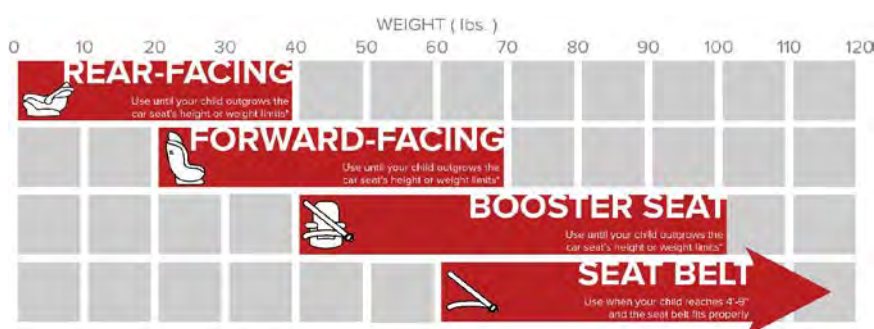
## Booster Seat: (must meet at least one)

When any child who is **less than eight (8) years of age and less than four feet nine inches in height** is being transported in a motor vehicle, shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions on a **booster seat** that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

## Normal Restraints or Seat Belts:

When any child who is at **least eight (8) years of age but not older than 15 years of age**, is being transported in a motor vehicle shall have the child properly restrained in an occupant restraining device (seat belts).

**Note: All occupants in any front seat of a motor vehicle must be restrained no matter the age.**



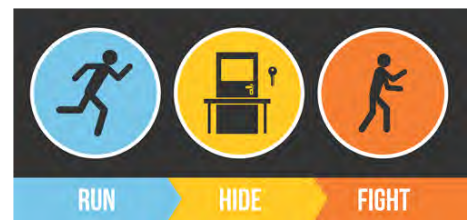
\*Height and weight limits may vary by manufacturer. Review the car seat manufacturer's instructions and vehicle owner's manual before use.

# *From the Police Department (continued)*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Safety Day at Cuyahoga Heights Middle School

On September 6<sup>th</sup> the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department instructed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on tactics and procedures when faced with an “active threat scenario.” Using an “option-based protocol” developed between the Cuyahoga Heights School administration and the CHPD, the students were instructed on the concepts of “RUN-HIDE-FIGHT.” This protocol empowers everyone (students, teachers and staff) to use their best judgement and to apply informed decisions to each unique and dynamic situation.

Cuyahoga Heights School District and CHPD are acutely aware of the tragic nature of such situations and are committed to equipping our students with the knowledge and training to keep everyone safe. The way that we train for active threats is always evolving. The school district is always implementing the most current “best practices” and is always working in collaboration with local law enforcement partners to implement these safety plans and procedures.



CHPD Ptl. Frank Trusso Jr.  
instructs barricade tactics.

**Stay Safe!!!**

Respectfully,

*Chief Sturgill*

# From the Fire Department

## CHFD Visits Cuyahoga Heights Middle School

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department visited the middle school for their Safety Day and spoke to the seventh graders about fire safety and fire extinguisher use; Stroke 101 which included education on stroke signs, symptoms and awareness; and Stop the Bleed which included first aid for trauma and tourniquet use. The seventh graders also received hands on experience in all these categories.



# From the Fire Department (continued)



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will be delivering Fire Prevention literature and batteries for your smoke alarms on three (3) consecutive Sundays during the month of October. During our visit we will be available to assist you in replacing your batteries or answering any fire prevention questions you may have. If you are not at home on your scheduled Sunday, we will leave the bag at your door. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to schedule a return visit to your home.

Non-emergency number: 216-641-6799

## Sunday, October 7

East 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grant Avenue

## Sunday, October 14

East 71<sup>st</sup> Street

## Sunday, October 21

Willowbrook Drive  
Bletch and Marcelline Courts  
East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Dressler Court

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# *From the Village Hall*

## Pest Control Program

Pest control services are available by calling Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553. Please leave a message with your name, address and nature of problem. This service is free except for termites, bed bugs, and wildlife. In addition, they will also spray the outside of your home in the spring to hinder any unwanted pests from entering your home.

## Bus Trips

Our Village bus operates one to two times per week for our Village residents, free of charge; schedules are distributed with the Village newsletter. Reservations are required and obtained by call the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 before 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the trip. For a Saturday, trip, please call the Village Hall before 3:30 p.m. on Friday. All trips leave approximately at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. In addition, pick-ups and drop offs are made at the resident's home. Please note that there is a \$5.00 non-resident fee.

## 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](mailto: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's newsletter. Please email the information to [w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com).

# *From the Building Department*

## George M. Suhy Grant Update

At the June 13, 2018 Village Council Meeting, legislation was passed amending the George M. Suhy Grant. A homeowner may now receive three grants in a five-year period; however, if three different improvements are made within a year, the homeowner may apply for grant reimbursement for the three projects in the same year, but no further reimbursements will be made during the five-year period.

**In order to qualify for a grant, a property owner MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN ADVANCE of the qualifying improvement being started. The Building Commissioner must be permitted to inspect the property BEFORE the qualifying improvements are made.**

If you need further clarification, please contact the Building Department at 216-641-7020 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

# From the Service Department

## Dumpsters

Residents may rent a Village dumpster for personal use at their home by paying \$30.00 to the Village for each dumpster load. Use of the dumpster is for demolition, household goods, or yard waste only. Examples of demolition are: lumber, railroad ties, windows, doors, roofing material, flooring (*not carpeting*), drywall or plaster, stones, rocks, bricks, concrete, cement blocks, etc. Household goods include items typically found in a house clean out. Furniture and appliances should be set aside for special pick up. Yard waste is defined as anything that comes from the ground.

## Garbage Pick Up - Recycling - Yard Waste

The Village Service Department collects garbage every Monday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. at no charge to its residents. Our Service Department will come into your yard and take your garbage tote and recycling container to the curb; afterwards they will carry it back into your yard. Please note that if a holiday falls on a Monday; the service will commence on Tuesday.

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Good Canine Citizen

Pet owners, please remember to pick up dog droppings while enjoying Bacci Park with your pet. There are children that play in the area, and they are not as attentive to minding where they walk or what they are walking on. In addition, **please be sure to walk your pet on a leash for safety reasons.** Your cooperation is appreciated.



# From the Service Department

## Recycling Update from the Service Director:

I am writing with important information regarding the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' curbside recycling program. You may have seen recent media reports about the problems facing recycling these days. These problems include people not recycling correctly or contaminating recyclables with garbage and shrinking markets caused by China's decision to restrict imports of recyclables.

These problems affect us here locally and your cooperation is needed to reduce recycling contamination. This will help keep recycling viable.

Recycling contamination is caused when a resident puts unacceptable or non-recyclable items into their recycle bin. Some examples include every day garbage, food waste, yard waste, garden hoses, syringes, batteries, plastic bags, scrap metal, shredded paper and even bowling balls to name a few. These items don't belong in your curbside recycling because they are either hazardous to employees, not recyclable, or were not designed to be sorted at the recycling plant. It costs money to remove and then landfill these items. The cost is passed on to our community through price increases. Please recycle properly. Here are the rules:

### RECYCLE THESE FIVE ITEMS ONLY IN YOUR BIN



1. FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS - empty and rinse
2. MILK, JUICE AND BROTH CARTONS - empty, rinse and replace cap
3. GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS - empty, rinse and replace cap
4. PAPER AND BOXES - include all paper, mail, magazines, newspaper, cereal boxes, and flattened cardboard. Do not include shredded paper.
5. PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS - empty, rinse and replace cap. Disregard the numbers on plastic. Recycle bottles and jugs only. Other plastics are not recyclable at this time.

### REMEMBER

- Place items loose, not bagged in your recycle bin
- Recyclables should be free from food residue and empty
- Boxes should be broken down
- Visit [CUYAHOGARECYCLES.ORG](http://CUYAHOGARECYCLES.ORG) for other recycling and waste reduction options

Please see the memorandum from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District with the flyers included with this newsletter.

# From the Sports Commissioner

Below are the registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports in 2018.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2018

Please note that deadline is quickly approaching for Youth Basketball. Registration forms are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under Recreation - Sports.

For all sports, please drop off your completed forms to our Village Hall. Do not drop them off to the neighboring villages or call the neighboring villages about registration. You will be asked to work directly through our Village. I will work closely with our neighboring villages to ensure that your children are taken care of.

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.



## For Rent

One bedroom furnished  
apartment

\$500 per month

Please call Sue at  
(216) 271-4150

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