



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

November 2018

*Continuing to move our
legacy community forward.*

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

November 22 - Happy Thanksgiving! Village Hall/Service Department Closed

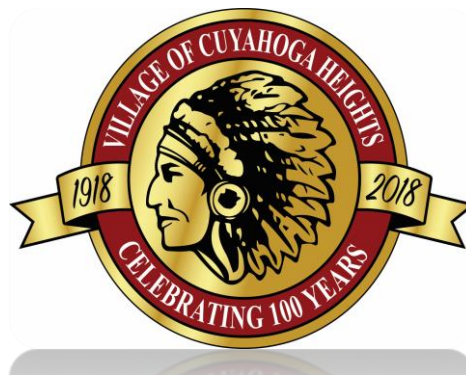
December 3 - Christmas Stocking Registration Deadline

December 17 - Santa Claus is Coming to Town
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

December 17 - Holiday Food Drive - 11:00 a.m.
*Please leave your non-perishable food items on your front porch/steps

December 17 - Holiday Lighting Contest - 5:00 p.m.

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

Welcome back! Mrs. Lois Henley was recently sworn in as councilwoman at our regularly scheduled council meeting on November 14. Prior to that, Councilwoman Barbara Ann Biro stepped down from her elected position with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights to continue to work on her professional career as CFO for the City of Garfield Heights as well as assisting neighboring communities, and to afford more time with her family - especially now because she is a proud new grandma. We wish Ms. Biro well and thank her for her devoted years of service as a councilwoman for our Village.

Events

Our annual Halloween party was well attended by little ones and adults alike. During the last several years, the Flower Clown has been providing entertainment with his magic show, in addition to making animals, swords and other neat items out of balloons for the children. There was plenty of pizza, hot dogs, cupcakes and cider for all. And, "hats off" to resident John Reiger for getting into the Halloween spirit and dressing up as the Joker.

The Cuyahoga Heights schools recently started a new tradition - hosting quarterly Mayors Breakfasts in the high school cafeteria to recognize students and families for consistently exhibiting positive character in alignment with the district's behavioral interventions. I had the privilege of partaking in their first breakfast last Thursday. Pictured lower right with me are several students from the elementary school along with their Principal, Joy Houchen. This was a wonderful event and we are so very proud of all the students that were honored that morning.

The Cuyahoga Heights Schools IT Department will be offering "**free**" technology classes on a monthly basis to residents of our school district. Classes will include both basic and intermediate information to assist with daily use. Please contact Tracy today at (216) 429-5818 to sign up. Their next class, "Googling 101" will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. Don't miss out!



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers will be visiting our resident children on Sunday, December 16. If you and your children will be home on that day and want Santa to stop by, please make sure to fill out a stocking registration form which is included in this newsletter. All registered children (0-12 years of age) should bundle up and meet Santa outside when he arrives in front of your home. With it being our Centennial, we want to take pictures with the children in the sleigh with Santa. **Deadline to register is Monday, December 3.**

Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items for the Christmas holiday can do so. Our office has been assisting in a holiday gift/food drive that helps some of our folks here in town during the holiday. Please leave your non-perishable items on your front steps/porch by 11:00 a.m. and our helpers will pick up the bags on Sunday, December 16 during Santa's visit. If you would like to donate to our cause, please contact our office.

Our annual Christmas lighting contest will take place on Sunday, December 16. Turn your Christmas lights on at your home at 5:00 p.m. for the judges. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Good luck and happy decorating.

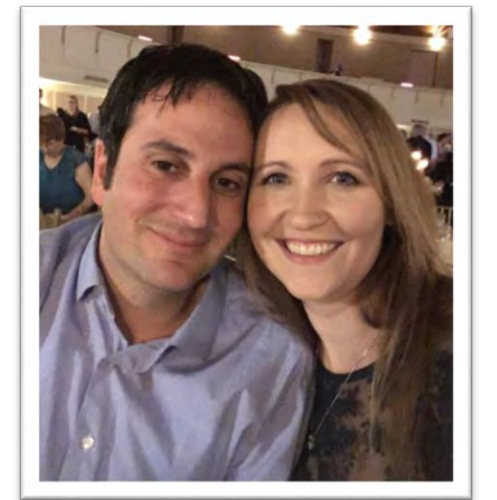
Congratulations

Frank & Kim Schoeffler celebrated their 45th anniversary on November 10. Pictured top right is their wedding picture from 1973. Also, congratulations to Ken and Kari Bozikis who celebrated their 10th anniversary on November 1. "Happy Anniversary! May your love and devotion inspire all who surround you, and may you be blessed with all the gifts that life has to offer."

Congratulations to Village resident and CHS sophomore, Darien Tillet who competed at the OHSAA State Cross Country Championship on November 10. Darien was the only one to make it to States from our school and did a phenomenal job! He came in 74th out of 181 total runners. What a remarkable and talented young man!

Birthday wishes

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Pat Koran, Tom Nova; (10) Tom Kekelis; (27) Clerk Bob Unger; and (28) Mark Hine.



From the Mayor (continued)

Thoughts and prayers

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

As we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday, be thankful for what you have, for the family you love, the friends you cherish, and for the blessings that will come. Wishing you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

And lastly, congratulations to the Cuyahoga Heights Redskins Football team for beating the JFK Eagles last Saturday and advancing to the OHSAA Division VII State Semi-Final on Saturday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. Our Redskins will be going up against the Trimble Tomcats. Best of luck to our Redskins!

From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...



As we 'Fall Back' to Shorter Days, Take Extra Care on the Road



Shorter days, fatigue, compromised night vision, rush hour and impaired drivers all contribute to making driving at night more dangerous than any other time of day. In fact, the risk of a fatal crash is three times greater at night, according to National Safety Council research.

When Daylight Saving Time ends - for 2018, that's 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 - many people will find themselves spending more time driving in the dark. Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark, and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver.

Even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet (250 feet for normal headlights) creating less time to react to what should you do to combat darkness?

- Make sure headlights are working correctly and make sure they're clean
- Dim your dashboard
- Look away from oncoming lights
- If you wear glasses, make sure they're anti-reflective
- Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks
- Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time
- Limit driving to daytime hours if necessary
- **Compromised Night Vision**
- Night vision is the ability to see well in low-light conditions. As we age, we have greater difficulty seeing at night. A 50-year-old driver may need twice as much light to see as well as a 30-year-old. At age 60 and older, driving can become even more difficult, according to the American Optometric Association. Some older drivers also may have compromised vision due to cataracts and degenerative eye diseases.



From the Police Department (continued)

The AOA recommends older drivers:

- Have annual vision exams
- Reduce speed
- Take a driving course; even experienced drivers can benefit from a refresher course, and some of the rules have probably changed
- Minimize distractions, like talking with passengers or listening to the radio
- Check with your doctor about side effects of prescription drugs



Village Hunting

On September 29, 2018 the Ohio Deer Archery season officially opened. With the hunting season here, we would just like to remind everyone of the hunting laws within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights



618.12 HUNTING.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (b) of this section, no person shall hunt, kill or attempt to kill any animal or fowl by the use of firearms, bow and arrow, air rifle or any other means within the Village.
- (b) The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to issue a permit to owners of real property within the Village to permit bow and arrow hunting on the property owner's own property or to a resident of the Village to permit bow and arrow hunting on the property on which the resident resides, provided that the resident provides the Chief of Police written consent of the property owner for hunting on the property. A person to whom a permit is issued may hunt by bow and arrow on other property within the Village with the express permission of the property owner. All hunting must be conducted in compliance with Ohio hunting and game laws. There shall be no fee for the issuance of said permit.



Please make sure to bring your ID and OH hunting license and deer permits with you when obtaining your Village permit.

Please make sure that you keep all permits and permission letters from the property owner on your person.

Go to <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov> for more information on Ohio hunting regulations.



The members of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to wish all a **Happy Thanksgiving** and a healthy and safe start to the 2018 holiday season!

Respectfully;

Chief Stargill

From the Fire Department

CHFD Visits Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department visited the elementary school and spoke to them about fire safety and 9-1-1, including stop, drop and roll, staying low, checking doors for heat, and the importance of smoke detectors and escape routes. Each child was given a helmet and badge upon completion of their "training." Thank you to the elementary school and parents for allowing us to visit and educate your children—it's an event we look forward to and enjoy every year.



From the Dispatch Department



Happy Thanksgiving from your Cuyahoga Heights Police Dispatchers. May you have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.



Just a reminder to all our residents that if you are going on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We are going to ask you when you will be leaving and when you will be returning home, if you have stopped your mail and paper, if you are going to leave any lights on in your home, if anyone will be stopping at your home during your absence and an emergency telephone number in case there is a problem. Dispatch will then forward that information to the police officers, so they can check your residence throughout the day and night.

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.

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.

West Side Market

Don't forget the West Side Market trips are the first Saturday of the month. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all the market has to offer. The bus will depart the market at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the Village Hall no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Our next trip is scheduled for December 1.

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 (continued)

Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year-round program. Please call the Village Hall during normal business hours if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.

Snow Removal Program * Residential Snow Removal Program

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.
- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Dave Sammons at 216-641-3505.
- Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.



From the Sports Commissioner

Our last fall sport, basketball, is underway for the children in all three villages. By now, all parents should have been contacted by coaches. If you haven't heard from a coach, please let me know right away and I'll be happy to assist.

Similar to 2018, below are the registration deadlines for all recreational sports in 2019. As deadlines approach, please be sure to turn in your registration forms on time to our Village Hall to help ensure that your child/children are placed on teams.

| <u>Sport</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Spring Soccer | February 15, 2019 |
| Youth Baseball & Softball | March 15, 2019 |
| Men's & Women's Softball | July 1, 2019 |
| Fall Soccer | July 15, 2019 |
| Youth Flag Football | July 15, 2019 |
| Cheerleading | July 15, 2019 |
| Youth Basketball | October 1, 2019 |

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

HELP WANTED

Part-time and substitute cafeteria staff positions are currently available at Cuyahoga Heights Schools.

If interested, please contact (216) 429-5818.

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