



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

❄️ January 2019 ❄️

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

February 6 - Charity Pick Up

February 15 - Spring Soccer Registration Deadline

February 18 - Presidents' Day - Village Hall/Service Department Closed

February 19 - Rubbish Collection

February 20 - Special Pick Up

March 6 - Charity Pick Up

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



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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From the Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year to all...hope you enjoyed the holidays!

Christmas blessings

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank those who generously gave and helped out this past Christmas. Thank you *to the employees of Charter Steel and MilliporeSigma* for adopting several families in our Village and providing them with an amazing Christmas. To *our residents* who graciously donated food during Santa's visit. We were able to assist the St. John Paul Food Bank at Holy Name. To *our police officers*, our Mayor's Court dismissed traffic citations in lieu of defendants donating Giant Eagle gift cards. As part of our Mayor's Court outreach program, we presented St. Herman's House of Hospitality and The Greater Real Truth Church with the gift cards. Additional *kudos to CHPD* for participating in the "Shop with a Cop Program;" they were able to help out six families in our Village. To *Bryon & Deanna Borowy, Renato & Michelle Contipelli, Norman & Laura Merhaut, and Local #702* for donating gifts cards which also helped several families in town. Pictured to the right are employees from MilliporeSigma and Charter Steel. Thank you all again for your generosity!



We included an insert with pictures of Santa's visit while he was in town on December 16. Check out our website for additional photos with the kids and Santa. Go to the "Photos" tab on our home page.

Programs

We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract with the Heritage Home Program for 2019. This program offers free technical assistance advice for home repair and maintenance projects on homes that are over 50 years old. In addition, the program also offers low-interest equity loans for home improvement projects. For additional information please contact a Heritage staff member at (216) 426-3116. Additional information can be found on their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org.



Trying to get healthy for the New Year? Join the Seven Hills Recreation Center. The Village has continued their agreement with Seven Hills for our Village residents to use their facility. Our Village will pay 100% of the rate for bona-fide Village residents that are 62-years of age and older, U.S. Veterans, and disabled residents. We will also pay 50% of the rate for all other bona-fide Village residents

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

desiring to secure a membership as outlined in our price sheet. In order to purchase a membership, please come to the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Each resident/family must show proof that he/she is a bona-fide resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. At that time, you will also need to pay your 50% of the membership (**cash or check only**) for those not covered under the 100% rate. A copy of the approved application, along with rules and regulations will then be given to the resident. It is then up to the resident to take the approved application to the Seven Hills Recreation Center so that you can receive your official pass. We hope our residents will take advantage of this special offer, as well as keeping fit.

Events

We will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park, and invite our residents to honor departed family members through the planting of a memorial tree. Village residents may purchase a tree through the Village for \$200 which includes your choice of a tree (*Pin Oak, Red Oak, Norway Maple, Green Mountain, Sugar Maple or Red Maple*), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. For those residents interested in purchasing a tree, the application along with payment must be turned into the Village Hall c/o Lee Ann by Wednesday, March 27. Applications are available at the Village Hall or on our web site. Go to the "Department Tab" on our home page and click on "Village Hall."

Other news

I wanted to take a moment and thank Stacey Vitanza, our sports commissioner for the past several years, for a job well done! Stacey was very devoted and thorough in this position, and I know there were many times she went above and beyond the job - especially as it related to the baseball fields at Bacci Park. Again, thank you Stacey for your dedication and endless service as our sports commissioner; I hope you're able to enjoy your summers more with your family. Stacey handed off the baton to Jason Deal who was recently appointed to fill the open position as our part-time Recreation Director. He will be handling everything that Stacey had done when it comes to our sports programs and baseball fields, in addition to our swimming pool.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Senior citizens

Just a friendly reminder that 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.

Birthdays

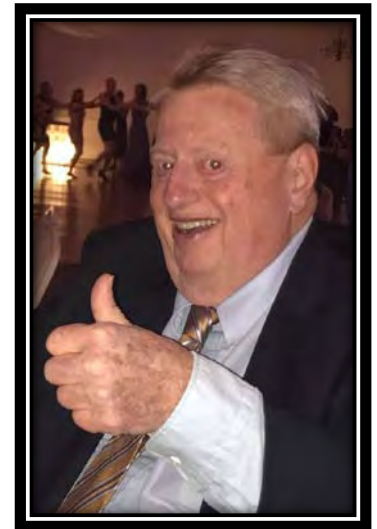
Congratulations to the following residents who turned the big "50" in the month of January: (10) Joe Menkhous; (16) Kathy Waldemarson Grattino; and (17) Brian Derbin. Dale Jeanguenat turned "70" on January 19. We found a picture of Kathy from October 26, 1978 when she was in the fourth grade. Wishing each of you a joyous year with health and happiness.

January birthday wishes to employees: (8) Councilwoman Cheryl Harris; (9) Councilman Renato Contipelli; (12) Councilwoman Lois Henley; (13) Reno Contipelli; (15) Kevin Artle; (16) Jimmy Henley; and (24) Jacquelyn Kaminski.

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, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Councilman Matthew Schoeffler, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

"Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain."
~ Author Unknown



From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Plan Ahead:

- Check the weather, road and traffic conditions. Leave early if necessary.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, even if you use a GPS system. Let others know your route and expected arrival time.
- Keep gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in traffic or snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm.
- If possible, avoid driving in hazardous conditions or wait until conditions improve before venturing out.

Stock Your Vehicle:

Carry items for common winter driving tasks and supplies you might need in an emergency:

- Snow shovel, broom and ice scraper;
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case you get stuck in the snow;
- Jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices such as flares and markers;
- Blankets;
- Cell phone with charger, water, food and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or in lightly populated areas).

Stopped or Stalled:

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.
- To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, clear the exhaust pipe and run your vehicle only long enough to stay warm.

Tips for Driving in the Snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning - nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light change, do so.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get started up a hill on an icy road. Get your speed up on a flat roadway before you attempt going up a hill.



From the Police Department (continued)

DID YOU KNOW?

432.205 DRIVING WHILE APPROACHING STATIONARY PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE WITH FLASHING LIGHTS.

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with R.C. §§ 4923.04 and 4923.06, or a highway maintenance vehicle that is displaying the appropriate visual signals by means of flashing, oscillating, or rotating lights, as prescribed in R.C. § 4513.17, shall do either of the following:

(1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a highway that consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver's motor vehicle, the driver shall proceed with due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane this is not adjacent to that of the stationary public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with R.C. §§ 4923.04 and 4923.06, or a highway maintenance vehicle.

(2) If the driver is not traveling on a highway of a type described in division (a)(1) of this section, or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions.

Village Snow Ban

Residents, please remember that whenever the snow exceeds two inches, the snow ban will be placed into effect. We ask that you refrain from parking on the streets if the weather forecast predicts snow that will accumulate two inches or more.

The CHPD will attempt to notify residents if their vehicles need to be removed from the street. **Vehicles may be cited, and as a last resort towed to allow the the Service Department to clear the streets.** This way you and your safety forces can safely navigate the streets. Also, please pass along this information to your guests.

Stay Safe!!!

Respectfully;

Chief Sturgill



From the Clerk

2019 CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Again this year, Council has passed legislation for a Village Scholarship to assist Cuyahoga Heights graduating seniors with their future college tuition. Recipients will be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

To be eligible, the recipient must:

- 1) Be a resident of Cuyahoga Heights
- 2) Be a graduating high school senior in the spring or summer of 2019
- 3) Be enrolled either full or part-time at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2019
- 4) Complete the fall 2019 term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing
- 5) Must submit proof of grades to the Clerk's office by March 1, 2020

Applications are available at the High School Guidance Office, or at the Town Hall, and must be submitted to Clerk Unger's office by May 1, 2019.

This administration encourages and promotes higher education for all of our students and is proud to continue the Village Scholarship tradition to help our graduating seniors.





Fire Safety during Winter Storms


Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact
Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

From the Dispatch Department

The Three S's of Winter Prep: Season, Storm, Supplies.

Seasonal Maintenance is Critical

Have snow-removal equipment and the heating system serviced on an annual basis, which includes testing to make sure the heat is working throughout the home.

Insulate any pipes that are susceptible to freezing and unhook hoses from outdoor faucets. Plus, it's a good idea to locate your water shut-off valve and ensure it is in working order.

Storm Preparation is Important

Pay attention to local TV and radio stations for important weather updates.

Become familiar with how to trip the manual release on overhead garage door openers and have shovels ready ahead of the storm.

Make a family communication plan in case you're not together when the storm hits.

When a storm is imminent, move vehicles off the street.

Supplies are Crucial

Have bottled water and non-perishable foods, clothing and blankets, batteries and flashlights, snow shovels and other snow-removal equipment on-hand in the event of an extended power outage.

Keep a supply of rock salt, other ice melt or sand, in case the stores run out during a particular storm.

Don't forget your pets - bring them inside during bad weather.



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 Village Hall

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 calling 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.

West Side Market

The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m., and 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.

From the Building Department

New Guidelines for George M. Suhy Grant

1. In order to qualify for the George M. Suhy Grant Program please view Chapter 1495 (George M. Suhy Grant Program) in our codified ordinances. You will be able to determine if your interior or exterior improvement qualifies for the grant program.
2. If your improvement qualifies for the grant program, you will need to fill out Part One of the George M. Suhy Grant Program prior to work being done and submit to the building department. Once the building department reviews your application (Part One) they will contact you to set up a pre-inspection of your interior or exterior improvement.
3. Once the building department performs the pre-inspection of your project, they will determine your permit fee. If the home owner is using a contractor, they must be registered with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. Both of the above steps must be completed prior to work being started then a permit will be issued, at this time the building department will inform you what inspections will be needed.
4. When your improvement is complete, you will be required to come into the building department and receive Part Two of the George M. Suhy Grant Program. Part Two must be completed with all forms attached (contractor invoice and proof of ownership). Once the building department receives Part Two, they will set up a final inspection of your interior or exterior improvement. When final inspection is performed, all paperwork will be submitted to the finance department for approval disbursement of grant funds.
5. If the following guidelines are not met, your application for the George M. Suhy Grant Program may be declined. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department.

From the Service Department

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

As a reminder, listed below are the registration deadlines for all recreational sports in 2019. As you'll see, the Spring Soccer deadline is right around the corner. Please be sure to submit your registration forms on time to help ensure that your child/children are placed on teams. Special thanks to everyone that have already turned in their forms.

<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

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.

In addition, I would like to thank our former Sports Commissioner, Stacey Vitanza for her years of dedication and effort in continuing to develop this vital community program. I feel very fortunate to have worked with her and appreciate the time and insight she offered to help with my transition to this new position. **THANK YOU Stacey ... and all the very best to you and your family!**

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to send me an email at chvrec@cuyhogaheights.com. You may also leave a message on my cell phone at 330-703-9175.

Jason Deal

HOUSE FOR RENT

5016 East 71st Street - Upper Unit
Two bedroom, one full bath, additional half bath in basement, living room, dining room, kitchen, washer/dryer, all appliances. Garage included and half of semi-finished basement. Rent: \$800 per month
Contact: Mark Krusinski (216) 287-6510

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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