



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

March 2019

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

April 6 - Kennedy House Open
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

April 19 - Good Friday
Village Hall/Service Department
Closed

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 - Happy Easter!

April 22 - Village Hall/Service
Department Closed.
Trash pick up, special pick
up - *delayed one day.*

April 26 - Arbor Day Event
Bacci Park - 5:30 p.m.

May 4 - Kennedy House Open
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

Around town

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to village residents Brian Derbin and Jennifer Derbin-Ulery who recently lost their mother Donna Derbin; she passed away on March 6 at the age of 74. I always enjoyed hanging out at village events with Mrs. Derbin and her late husband Klemens "Klem." It was constant laughter and joking around; I sure do miss those days. Please keep the Derbin and Ulery families in your thoughts and prayers. Pictured are me and Mrs. Derbin at our village's inauguration; she was so proud of me being sworn in as mayor.



Our annual village Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens; 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, or gift cards for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the village hall during regular business hours prior to Tuesday, April 16. All items raffled will benefit our Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28. The boys will be on hand during the event selling raffle tickets. Also, any students that need community service hours, or adult volunteers that are willing to help, please contact our staff at the village hall.



We recently received notification from Canalway Partners that they will be holding their annual half-marathon on Sunday, April 7 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.

Come join us as we celebrate our ninth Arbor Day celebration at Bacci Park on Friday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. This special day has been set aside for the planting of trees and is observed throughout the nation. In 2008, our community put a program into place for its residents to honor departed family members through the planting of a memorial tree in Bacci Park. The memorial trees are planted every other year, and only on or about Arbor Day. I hope many of our residents will join us during the celebration.

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Events

On Friday, March 8, elected officials throughout Cuyahoga County were invited to the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony of Chagrin Valley Dispatch's newest facility in Brecksville. Pictured to the right are those Mayors that attended the event.



We held our annual business networking breakfast last Friday with many of our local businesses in attendance. As I've stated in the past, this is a great event for our administration to spend "face-to-face" time with our business community, as well as reassuring them of our support of what they do in town. Without them, we're nonexistent. Newly elected State Representative Jeffrey A. Crossman (D) of District 15 (*pictured to the right*) joined us and spoke briefly to our audience. We can chalk up another successful event, as well as looking forward to seeing our business community friends in the fall.



Programs

We noted in the newsletter earlier this year that we have continued our agreement with the Seven Hills Recreation Center for our village residents to use their facility. 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. 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.

Just a friendly reminder that our transport 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.



Congratulations

Police officer Kevin Stack and his wife Jennifer Guilfoyle Stack welcomed their first child on March 7. Layla Mae weighed in at 7-lbs., 14-oz.; and 19.25-inches in length. Congratulations to the proud parents, as well as to village residents Grandpa Bob Guilfoyle and Great-grandma Mrs. Jan Guilfoyle.

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Village resident Hannah Trusso was awarded the 2019 Level 6 All Around State Champion several weeks ago, scoring a 37.35 at the field house in Bowling Green. Hannah placed 1st on beam, 1st on bars, 2nd on vault, and 3rd on floor. This is only her second year competing in the USA gymnastics. What an amazing and talented young girl, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for her. On behalf of our administration and residents, congratulations Hannah on your extraordinary and amazing accomplishments! Pictured is Hannah with her medals.



Birthdays

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Bernice Suhy who turned 94 on March 28th. Wishing you a joyous birthday with health and happiness. Pictured is Mrs. Suhy from our flu shot event several years ago.

March birthday wishes to employees: (1) Christina Londrico; (8) Police Chief Brian Sturgill; (11) Joe Wallace; (12) Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (24) Cathy Zmija; (25) Barb Cash & Tracy Deal; (26) James Berdysz; and (29) Jeff Heintz.

Thoughts and prayers

As always, please continue to keep several of our residents in your prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Rich Grabowski, Cleri Knapik, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Mavis Snoddy, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.



In closing, may your Easter basket be full of joy, happiness and peace today and always. Wishing you and your family a very happy and blessed Easter.



From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...

Every day, at least nine Americans die and 100 are injured in distracted driving crashes.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April is a united effort to recognize the dangers of and eliminate preventable deaths from distracted driving. We all **should** know by now that cell phones, dashboard touchscreens, voice commands and other in-vehicle technologies pose a threat to our safety. The consequences of those distractions are not worth the convenience they offer. What we may **not** consider is the distraction caused by “aggressive drivers” or “road rage.”

The following are some tips on how to keep from becoming an “aggressive driver” or how to deal with another during a “road rage” incident.

Before You Get Behind the Wheel

- **Don't rush.** Give yourself time to get where you're going; you're less likely to become impatient and take unnecessary risks.
- **Cool off.** If you're upset, take time to calm down.

What to Remember When Driving

- **Give other drivers a break.** If someone is driving slowly, keep in mind they might be lost.
- **Use hand gestures wisely.** Keep gestures positive—say, waving to a driver who lets you in when merging.
- **Don't tailgate.** Always keep a safe distance from the car in front, no matter how slowly they might be driving.
- **Lay off the horn.** Honking out of frustration won't solve any problems; it will just increase the stress. Even friendly signals may be misunderstood.

If Another Driver Acts Aggressively

- **Stay away.** Safely change lanes, gradually slow down or even exit the highway to keep a safe distance from the aggressive driver.
- **Don't reciprocate.** Ignore the temptation to respond to the other driver; it could cause the situation to escalate. Don't make eye contact.
- **Don't stop.** Stopping could lead to a person-to-person confrontation, which could be dangerous.
- **Watch your back.** If you're worried that the other driver is following you, keep your doors locked and drive to the nearest police station.

Stay Safe!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill



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; a permit will then 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.

The above procedures are a bit different from past practices to obtain a grant. Please note that if the above procedures are not followed, your grant application could be rejected.

Please see the Building Department flyer enclosed with your newsletter for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours.



From the Fire Department

To continue to ensure the safety of our village, the fire department recently hired two part-time firefighter/paramedics. The new men represent a variety of communities across Northeast Ohio and come with a range of experience, expertise, and eagerness to learn – and every guy has a passion for the job.

We are thrilled to welcome Nick Frye and Dan Bauccho to the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department and look forward to them joining our team and community.



From the Dispatch Department

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Each year, the second 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.

Remember that SwiftReach sends out automatic messages when a Tornado Warning has been issued in Cuyahoga County.



Cuyahoga Heights Schools

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 Village Hall and must be submitted to Clerk Unger's office by May 1, 2019.

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



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.

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

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. Our next trip is scheduled for April 6.

Senior Grass Cutting

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.

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 Sports Commissioner

Thanks to those of you that submitted your children's registration forms for the summer youth baseball and softball seasons. And again a special thanks to the folks over at the Valley View and Brooklyn Heights Recreation Departments as they currently work to build the team rosters. Coaches should be reaching out to parents in the next several weeks to organize specific team information and scheduling practice times.

A reminder that The Village of Valley View is offering two youth baseball clinics this spring which will be held at Winik Field (or the Valley View Community Center, in case of rain). These clinics will be held on Sunday April 28, 2019 and Sunday, May 5, 2019. If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will forward a copy of the registration form(s).

The high school baseball and softball seasons are ready to begin and both teams will be playing their home games at Bacci Park again this year. For all upcoming games and times, be sure to check out the schedules at cuyhts.org. Click the Athletics tab in the ribbon at the top of the home page. You will then find the schedules in the drop-down menu for the Spring sports in the ribbon at the top of the Athletics page. **GO REDSKINS!!!**

The 2019 pool season is coming. Anyone that is still interested in applying for a seasonal pool position or any returning seasonal pool employees interested in returning still have time to access the various job descriptions and applications on the village website. This information can be found under the Recreation tab on the ribbon at the top of the website page. The various bits of pool and seasonal employment related information can be found by then clicking on the pool tab in the drop-down menu. All applications for summer pool employment must be dropped off at Village Hall or emailed to me by April 1, 2019.

Lastly, the Brooklyn Heights Community Service Department is extending an invitation to any residents, ages 5-12, to participate in the upcoming Brooklyn Heights Art in the Park summer program. The program will run from June 17 - July 31 and be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00-2:30 pm. This very special and unique program offers various crafts and sport activities as well as educational presentations and field trips. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters regarding specific program details and registration information.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at chvsports@cuyahogaheights.com or leave a message on my cell phone at 330-703-9175.

Jason Deal

PICTURES NEEDED:

Do you have old pictures of Cuyahoga Heights elections, campaigns, or voting activity? We are working on a project that could use your help! If you have any of these items, please bring them to the village hall, we will scan them, and return your original to you. Your help is very much appreciated.

Local Avon Representative!

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