

Village of Cuyahoga Heights

May 2019

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...



Upcoming Dates and Reminders

May 26 - Decorate your bikes for the parade from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens

May 27 - Village hall offices and service department closed. Rubbish collection on May 28.

May 27 - Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 a.m.

May 27 - Kennedy House open for visitors from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

May 31 - Last day of school

June 1 - Swimming pool opens at 1:00 p.m.

June 29 - Village garage sale from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July 13 - Village shred day 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Gateway Products Recycling

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 & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

From the Mayor's Desk

Around Town

Mother Nature finally cooperated and it finally stopped raining a few hours before the egg hunt. That didn't damper the children's spirit and it was fun to watch them scurry around for eggs. The Easter bunny was on hand taking pictures with youngsters and seniors alike, and it was nice chatting with residents. I would like to thank everyone who donated a basket or gift to Troop 28's raffle. There were over 45 prizes, and we hope the boys made some extra money for camp this summer. This event was started by our former VFW Post 6566 a very long time ago, and we will continue to make this event a special tradition in our village. We've included an insert with pictures from the event with this newsletter.

Again, we were fortunate, and the rain stopped right before our Arbor Day event. This year, seven memorial trees were planted in and around Bacci Park. The event started with a brief introduction and continued with family members telling stories about their loved ones; it was bittersweet. Arbor Day continues to be a successful event in town and our next scheduled event will be held in April 2021.

Prior to the start of our council meeting earlier this month, Miss Poppy Olivia Grace Bahr from American Legion Post 627 was on hand to collect donations for poppies. For those who may not know, the poppy flower adorned the battlefields of Flanders Field in France during World War I and was looked upon by those serving as a living symbol of their fallen comrades' sacrifices. In 1920 after World War I, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. Today, the poppy is nationally recognized and worn as a symbol of sacrifice made by the men and women who served and died for their country during a time of war.

Last week, several members of council joined me and our department heads as we attended the annual Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce's State of the Schools luncheon. Cuyahoga Heights' Superintendent Tom Evans gave an excellent presentation and noted several accolades. This year our school ranked 13th in the State of Ohio, Brecksville-Broadview Heights placed 11th and Independence 19th. The data to achieve this recognition came from 10,728 school districts in the state. Also, for those of you that didn't know, our high school was named a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School. It has also been



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

recognized by U.S. News & World Report with a silver medal distinction for being one of the top schools in the nation and the state of Ohio. The district also possesses an award-winning music education program which has received the *Best Communities for Music Education Award* by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for ten consecutive years. Congratulations to our school district, we are all very proud of their accomplishments!

I hope I can count on our residents, family and friends to attend our annual Memorial Day service and parade on Monday, May 27. For those that are interested in marching in the parade, step-off time is 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens. The procession will end at the war memorial in front of the village hall. We would love to have as many veterans, adults, children and groups as possible to participate in the parade. Set aside a couple of hours, come out and join us as we recognize and honor those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. After the service, please join us at Klima Gardens for food and refreshments. *"May we never forget, freedom isn't free."*

How quickly the months have flown. School will be letting out for the summer and the last day of school is next Friday, May 31. Please be considerate and cautious and drive slowly on the courts, as well as the other streets in town. It only takes a second for a child to dart out and into the street.

Senior citizens

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.

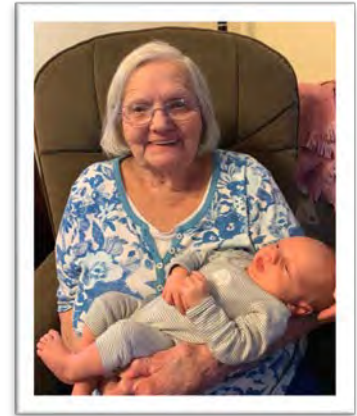
The Village also operates a well visit clinic with a registered nurse. Residents (60+) are eligible for certain blood work at no charge once a year. The clinic is located in the Village Hall and is open by appointment year-round. Please call JoAnn Socausky, RN at (216) 401-1039. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Congratulations

Pictured to the right is village resident, Mrs. Mavis Snoddy holding her twenty-third great grandchild, Reed Maximus Socausky who was born on April 17. Reed is Village nurse, Joanne Socausky's sixth grandchild.

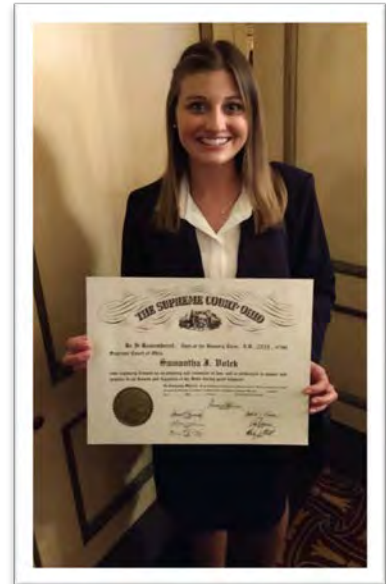


Way to go Samantha Volek! She recently passed her bar and is officially an attorney in the State of Ohio. Her parents, Dave and Stephanie Volek are so proud of her, as we all are. Congratulations and best wishes on a job well done!

Congratulations to residents Mike Hopkins and Darien Tillet. Both boys qualified during last week's District track and field meet, and are going to Regionals. Best of luck to you both!

Birthday wishes

Very special birthday wishes to village resident and concession stand manager Kelly Hartman. She will turn "50" on May 28th! Pictured bottom right is a flashback of Kelly from the 80's. Happy birthday Kelly!



May birthday wishes to employees: (7) Service Director Dave Sammons; (12) Brad Beaulieu; (22) Melissa Mackiewicz; (26) Kevin Stack; (28) Brandy Murphy & Cory Pucci.

If you would like to share your birthday with my office, please email it to l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com. Thank you and happy birthday!

Thoughts and prayers

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

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

~ John F. Kennedy



From the Police Department

With the end of the school year quickly approaching the CHS seniors will soon be graduating. This will bring to the community many graduation parties and celebrations. Please keep the following tips in mind in relation to these gatherings.

Student Driving Tips

- Drive on well-lit roads and be sure to have your charged cell phone with you always.
- Make sure that your date and/or driver does not drink any alcohol.
- Before you leave home, have directions to where you are going.
- Do not take pictures or selfies while driving or as a passenger.
- Keep the radio volume turned low enough so the driver can concentrate.
- Plan ahead - make sure you have a safe plan for prom night and keep it!
- Discuss your plans with your friends; remind each other about responsible decision-making and confronting peer pressure.
- Know where you are and where your plans will take you next; keep your parents and friends updated.
- Remember to contact your parents if your plans change.
- Do not allow anyone in your car that has alcohol, drugs or weapons. Remember everyone in the car will be held responsible

Parental Guidelines

- Know who your child is attending the party with and obtain all cell phone numbers.
- Discuss the graduation events and parties with your teen and with other parents.
- Talk with your teen about guidelines and a curfew. Talk about the consequences of violating these rules.
- Talk to your teen about the serious dangers and consequences of underage drinking and driving.
- Remind your child that you are there for them, if they need a ride home. No questions asked!

When Your Teen Attends A Party

- Contact the parents/adults to verify the occasion and the time of the party.
- Ensure that an adult will be home and that there will be no alcohol or other drugs permitted.
- Be sure to know the location of the party and the phone number of those hosting the party.
- Arrange transportation beforehand. Assure your teen that you or a specified neighbor or friend can be called if a ride home is needed.
- Agree on curfew times with your teen before the party starts.
- Be awake when your teen gets home. This will give you the opportunity to talk with your teen and to check their arrival time.

Hosting Teenage Parties

- An adult should be present at home throughout the length of the party.
- When possible, do not have the party in a separate part of the house.
- Parents need to stay visible during the entire party.
- Bring snacks or non-alcoholic beverages to where the teens are congregated and wander through often to say hello.
- Do not allow any teen who leaves the party to return to the gathering.
- Remember, Ohio law prohibits providing alcohol to minors.
www.dontserveteens.gov



From the Police Department (continued)

612.02 SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS; PROHIBITIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS

(b) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the public place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor. An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(c) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground, or restaurant when the person knows or has reason to know either of the following:

(1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and who is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person.

(2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

(d) (1) No person is required to permit the engagement of accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by an underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any beer or intoxicating liquor and is not supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian who is or will be present at all times when the beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person.

Violation of the above is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Best Wishes to all the 2019 Graduates!!!!

Respectfully;

Chief Stargill



The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department participated in the annual Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society Parade on Friday, May 17, 2019. Starting at 06:00AM until 02:00PM, police officers from around the area take turns standing guard at the memorial. The names of each and every officer killed in the line of duty are read continuously during this detail. The previous is then followed by a large parade and a closing memorial service at which guest speakers and survivors are invited to speak.

One hundred and sixty-three (163) police officers lost their lives in 2018 and from this list two names were added to the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial.

CHPD Officers Standing Guard in Police Memorial Square

Downtown Cleveland, OH



Senior Corner



Hi Everyone

Well the weather is sure tempting us with thoughts of summer. It has been so crazy though you don't know how to dress anymore. Even if it is sunny, the wind makes it feel so cool. Here is hoping it gets better.

Well we finally got to go to the Eagles tribute. It was wonderful. Even if you are not a super Eagles fan, the music was so great. I would go back to see them if they return to Cleveland.

We are now getting excited to see the Glenn Miller tribute on June 21st. It is a dinner/show. I remember when I was young, listening to his music and just feeling like I wanted to dance. These memories are such fun.

We are looking forward to our trip to Lakeview Cemetery on June 22nd and our afternoon at Little Italy. I put the incorrect date in my last newsletter. Sorry for the confusion. It will be an interesting tour and a nice time in the afternoon for lunch and shopping.

We have our Anniversary Dinner coming up on June 25th. The last 2 years we went to the Blue Canyon in Twinsburg and the food was wonderful. The dessert was so good I was sorry when it was gone. We are going someplace else this year just to give us a change and I know it will be a fun time and good food. That is what we strive for with our senior get-togethers, good friends and good food. What more can you ask for?

We have our potluck dinner on the 23rd of July. This is always so much fun to try so many different dishes that our group brings. There is always something new and we like to exchange recipes. At our age group, a lot of us cook like our moms did and just put in a little of this and a little of that, so sometimes we must stop and think of exact measurements in order to write down the recipe for others.

We are working on other ideas for small trips and will keep you posted. I hope you can find the time to join us for some of our adventures. We really do have a good time. If any of you have any suggestions, we would welcome them. We can always use good ideas and then maybe you will decide to come along.

If you have any questions or ideas, please call me at (216) 509-5278.

Noel Centa, President - Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens

From the Fire Department

Every two years the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department teams up with Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, Brooklyn Heights Fire and Police Departments, and Valley View Fire and Police Departments to do a mock car accident. This drill is done for the Junior and Senior classes before prom and graduation. The drill is used not only for the training of the participating departments but more importantly to show the students the consequences of drinking and driving and texting and driving. We hope the program impacts every student as they continue through high school and after graduation and we wish the best to the class of 2019.



From all of us, we wish everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day. It is an important time to remember all those Americans who have fought to keep this country safe and free. It is a day to honor and respect the armed forces, those who have already sacrificed, and those who continue to serve our country still today.



From the Dispatch Department

When you call the police

- Speak calmly and clearly
- Give your full name and phone number so we can call you back if we need more information
- Be patient, the dispatcher may have an emergency on the next line

If you call **911** by accident, **STAY ON THE LINE** and let the dispatcher know it was an accident.



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 Building Department

The past few village newsletters have included updated information regarding procedures for the George M. Suhy Grant Program. Thank you to those who have been complying with the new instructions.

Included in this month's newsletter is a flyer outlining the new procedures, along with a listing of qualifying improvements. Complying with the new procedures will ensure that your grant reimbursement is processed without delay.

This spring the Building Department will be conducting biennial exterior maintenance compliance inspections. You will be notified if your property has maintenance issues that need to be addressed.

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



From the Village Hall

With spring in the air, we shift into more outdoor activities with our families. Please remember when walking your pets, it is your responsibility to pick up after them. The Village Hall pavilion and playground areas are provided as a spot to take the children and maybe have an impromptu picnic. It's unpleasant to enjoy these activities when dog droppings are littering the area. We ask that you remember to keep the area clean for all to enjoy. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Memorial Day Bike Decorating

Please join us on Sunday, May 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens to decorate your bicycles, wagons, scooters, etc., for the Memorial Day Parade. We will provide all the decorations. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall at 641-7020.

Village Wide Garage Sale

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, garage and basement! The Village is having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our Service Department. Please be advised that there are not enough tables for more than one table per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and Sun Courier in an effort to promote our Village wide garage sale. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, June 12. Call now to register.**

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.



From the Service Department

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department would like to introduce our new full-time mechanic, Dave Palucki and our new full-time landscaper, Eric McKenzie.

Dave joins us after spending 11 years as a mechanic with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. He is ASE certified and with his many years of experience he will be a well-qualified addition to our department.

He and his wife, Kelly, have one son who is currently attending the University of Akron. Dave is eager to be a part of the Cuyahoga Heights community which he feels has been very welcoming already. Eric joins us with a great deal of experience as he has been in landscaping for 20 years and is licensed in pesticides. He attended the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster where he received a degree in horticulture. Eric looks forward to growing into his role with the village of Cuyahoga Heights.

Sincerely,
Service Director Dave Sammons

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.

Table & Chair Rental

This service is available to our residents, as long as you are able to pick up and drop off the tables and chairs at the service garage. The maximum number of tables and chairs you can rent are: (3) tables; (30) chairs. In addition, the tables and chairs must be used at the resident's home and are **not** to be taken out of the Village. Please contact the Service Department at (216) 641-3505 to make arrangements to reserve tables/chairs. Please leave a message on their answering machine if no one is able to take the call.

Rototilling

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will rototill residential gardens once a year, free of charge, upon request. Area to be rototilled must be clearly marked. Please call Village Hall to be put on the list.



From the Sports Commissioner

The youth baseball and softball seasons are in full swing with team practices under way and a few teams already having played their first game. A special thanks to our Sports Commissioners and coaches in Valley View and Brooklyn Heights for working to place all the kids on a team and for coaches who teach and mentor our kids on the diamond. Good luck ... and let's get a hit!

I'd like to also recognize all the efforts of our Service Department, led by Mr. Dave Sammons and in particular Rick Henley and his crew for all of their time and effort in getting the fields at Bacci Park prepared each week. Mother Nature has not been very cooperative lately, but Rick and his crew continue to plug away and have the fields looking great for our high school teams and weekend recreational and travel teams. Thanks guys!

A friendly reminder for the upcoming registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
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

One last bit of recognition and this goes out to all you parents and family members who have met the various registration deadline requests for the recent Spring and Summer 2019 sports seasons. Your timely efforts as I mentioned earlier make it possible with coordinating the various organizational responsibilities by the sports commissioners of the three villages. But more importantly, it ensures that all the children are placed on teams and have the chance to get out there and play...so with that, I say thank you!

And as previously mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Art in the Park summer program organized by the Brooklyn Heights Community Service Department is set to begin. Running from June 17-July 31 it will be held on Monday's and Wednesday's from 12:00 pm to 2:20 pm and will be open to all children in the Village between the ages of 5-12. Please watch for more information in future newsletters, the Village website and the Village social media outlets regarding specific events and registration information.

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to me at chvsports@cuyahogaheights.com or give me a call at 330.703.9175.

The Cuyahoga Heights Village Pool will open on June 1, 2019. For more information, please see the flyer included in your newsletter packet.

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