



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

June 2019

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

June 29 - Village Garage Sale
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

July 1 - Men & Women Softball
Registration Deadline

July 3 - Charity Pick Up

July 4 - Independence Day!
Village Hall & Service
Department Closed

July 13 - Village Shred Day
9:00-11:00 a.m. at Gateway
Products Recycling

**July 15 - Fall Soccer, Flag
Football & Cheerleading**
Registration Deadline

Agenda/Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the government tab



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

I wanted to take a moment and thank our residents, friends, families and employees who took the time and joined us during our annual Memorial Day parade and service in paying homage to those men and women who laid down their lives in service. I continue to be humbled by the men and women of our United States military and what they have done and continue to do for each and everyone one of us. We truly are blessed as a nation. I also wanted to thank Riley Conners, 8th grade student at CHS for singing our *National Anthem* that morning. She has a remarkable voice and did an excellent job, making my message even more heartfelt. Again, thank you to all!

Best wishes and congratulations to the students of the Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2019 who graduated on Sunday, May 26. Village residents are Bernadette Menkhaus, Maitri Patel, Alexandra Pignatiello, Nassiem Salem, Victoria Santiago, Alan Spears, and James Tritsarolis. *"As you now go out into the world remember to connect life to what you have learned. Embrace new questions, respect old wisdom and never let go of your dream."*

Prior to our council meeting of June 12, Cuyahoga Heights Schools Superintendent Tom Evans presented our administration with the 2019 OSBA Business Honor Roll award in recognizing the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for our overall contributions to our schools and exemplary service to our community. It was an honor to receive this award and we are happy that our village and schools work so well together; again, we truly are blessed.

The swimming pool is officially open, seven days a week, and our Pool Manager Mr. Jason Deal is doing a fantastic job, along with his staff. If you have questions relative to hours, swimming lessons, parties, etc., you can email our pool staff at pool@cuyahogaheights.com or call (216) 341-7684.

Don't forget that the village wide garage sale is happening this Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Also, our annual shred day will take place next month on Saturday, July 13 at Gateway Products Recycling from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please note that we will have a service department employee on site to assist you with your bags/boxes of shredding material.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Our village bus will be adding a transportation run for all residents to next month's calendar on Saturday, July 13 to Tower City. If you would like to spend some time downtown, contact the village hall prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12 to add your name to the bus list. Please note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The bus will start picking up residents at their home beginning at 10:00 a.m. and drop off all residents at the Tower City—Public Square entrance. In addition, this will be the location that the bus will pick up our residents at 1:30 p.m. and transport them back home. *We must have a minimum of five residents signed up; otherwise, the trip will be cancelled.*

The village is also sponsoring a trip to see the Cleveland Indians play the Detroit Tigers on Thursday, September 19. Deadline to register is Friday, July 26. First come, first served, so don't miss out — call our office today. Additional information is attached with this newsletter. *Go Tribe!*

Senior Citizens

My office is gearing up for our annual trip to Kelleys Island which takes place on Monday, August 26 with our Village resident senior citizens (*60 years of age and older.*) Our bus will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 8:00 a.m., and will return to town around 6:00 p.m. If you're not a member of our senior citizens organization and haven't signed up for the trip at their monthly meeting, you can contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall during normal business hours. The deadline to register is Friday, August 2. As I've said it before, this is a great opportunity for myself and department heads to spend time with our seniors. Get out of town and spend a day in Lake Erie's Western Basin. *Pictured to the right is our group from last year.*

Birthday Wishes

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (6) Anthony Kotar; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Patrick Goldsworth, Josh Elenniss; (17) Councilman Matt Schoeffler; (23) Nicole Fontaine, Bob Krajewski, William Malovrh, and (25) Rory Skolnik.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Thoughts and Prayers

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Lori Borowy, Mrs. Mary Casavecchia, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, and Joe Vitanza.



Condolences

Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato passed away on May 31; she was 74 years old. I was fortunate enough to know Ernie very well, my loving neighbor for so many years. She was a sweet lady who was taken away from us way too soon. Please keep her husband John in your thoughts and prayers.



Mrs. Helen Leciejewski passed away on June 13; she was 92 years old. She had lived on Dressler Court for many years before moving into Jennings in Garfield Heights. Pictured to the right is Mrs. Leciejewski at our flu shot event in 2013. Please keep her daughter-in-law Diane, and grandson Mark, who both reside in the village, in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda who resided on Willowbrook Drive for over 50 years, passed away earlier this month at the age of 92. She was a respectable and kind resident. Her son Kevin still resides in town, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe fourth of July. A day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. God Bless America!



ATTENTION • ATTENTION • ATTENTION

Please be advised as of Wednesday, June 26 our dispatch unit/personnel have transferred to Chagrin Valley Dispatch which operates out of the Brecksville Safety Center. Just as you have done in the past, **if you have an EMERGENCY**, please call **9 1 1** or **(216) 883-6800**; 24-hours a day.

Please contact Debbie, Barb or any other available member of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department with any of your non-emergency needs on the **NON-EMERGENCY** number at **(216) 640-2045**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Non-business hours and holidays, please use the **emergency** number at **(216) 883-6800**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Jack M. Bacci, Safety Director

From the Chief Fiscal Officer

2019 Bond Rating

At the beginning of June, Council President Cheryl Harris and I traveled along with underwriter KeyBank Capital Markets, and bond counsel Bricker & Eckler to Chicago to price village bonds. I am happy to report that the village was able to secure an interest rate of 3.68% on our 9.5-million-dollar bond. The bond monies are being used to retire “refinance” old debt, that was issued from 2013 to March 2019, for infrastructure projects such as building improvements, roads, sewers, and slope stabilization. Please be on the lookout for a publication from the Mayor regarding our current and future capital project details and status updates.



As a reminder, in 2018 council passed legislation to allocate 5 percent of all net revenues received to our capital projects fund. This will assist in maintaining our roadways, municipal buildings, slope stabilization, parks and recreational facilities. On June 12, 2019, council passed a debt policy that will allocate ten percent of all net revenues received to be deposited into the capital projects fund and pay down the annual bond payment, as well as cash fund other capital projects.



Government Finance Officers Association

2019 GFOA Conference

I was lucky enough to be awarded a scholarship this year to attend the national GFOA conference with 5,000+ government finance professionals. I was able to receive continued education credits on topics including internal audit, purchasing policies, debt management, financial updates, leadership and professional growth. This was a great experience for me, and I plan to use this training to continue to modernize the finance department’s daily functions and future budgeting processes.



Contact Information for the Finance Department

p: 216-641-7020 f: 216-641-8485

Chief Fiscal Officer: Angel Meriwether ~a.meriwether@cuyahogaheights.com

Payroll: Amanda Domzalski ~a.domzalski@cuyahogaheights.com

Accounts Payable: Christina Caporuscio ~c.caporuscio@cuyahogaheights.com

Questions about your individual **Income Tax** returns? Contact Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A) 1-800-860-7482

Questions about your **Property Tax**? Contact Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office 216-443-7010

From the Police Department



From the desk of Chief Sturgill...

Curfew:

Now that school is out for the summer and more children will be out during evening hours, curfew hours will be enforced in an effort to keep our children safe.

Parents, please reference the following schedule:

Village Ordinance 648.10

- 6:00am of the following day
- 13 and 14 years of age -- 10:00pm to 6:00am of the following day
- 15 and 16 years of age -- 11:00pm to 6:00am of the following day
- 17 years of age -- 12:00 midnight to 6:00am

Also, please remember if children are in your yard and it is past their curfew time, an adult must be present outside with them.

Bacci Park Rules:

Permits are required for fishing at Bacci Park. Residents may obtain permits at the Police Station.

(8a-4p M-F). As always, the pond is catch and release only.

Use of the ball fields are by permit only. Please contact the Village Hall regarding these permits.

Always remember that your dogs need to be on a leash in the park just like when walking your dog on the sidewalks of the Village. Please pick up after your pets. (CH Ordinance-618.01).

"Look Twice Save a Life":

Please be aware of increased motorcycle traffic. The front silhouette of an approaching motorcycle is much smaller than those of cars or trucks, and you may not initially notice the rider approaching when turn your head to look. "Look Twice Save a Life" is a reminder to double-check that you didn't miss an approaching motorcyclist before you proceed. Please take an extra moment to be sure that everyone enjoys their summer safely.

Stay Safe!!!

Respectfully;

Chief Sturgill



Senior Corner

Hi everyone.

With all the rain we've had lately, our flowers should be knee high. The weather is certainly unpredictable. One day it is sunny and beautiful and the next day we have rainstorms -- not just cloudbursts, but strong storms.

We are just days away from the Glenn Miller tribute. It is a dinner show and we are so looking forward to hearing his wonderful music. It makes you feel like dancing. He was so committed to traveling and playing for our troops. It gave them a bit of relief for a while.

Our Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for June 25th. This is always such a nice time to have good food and conversations with good friends.

I would like to encourage all our residents 55 years and older to consider joining our group and participating in all the things we do. It's a chance to get out of the house and spend time making new friends or renewing old friendships. Even if you don't like to play bingo, just spending time away from the house and talking to other people is so rewarding.

We are also having our Potluck dinner on July 23rd for our senior group. This would give you a chance to share your favorite recipes and meet some of our members. Just bring a dish with enough to feed five or six people and enjoy some of the other foods that will be there. If you are interested, please call me at (216) 509-5278.

We are thinking of an overnight trip to Lancaster PA to see the play "Jesus". The second day we will be going to Hershey for a tour. We haven't scheduled a firm date yet as we need to see how many people would be interested. If you are interested, please give me a call.

If you would like to know more about any of the activities we have planned, please call me at (216) 509-5278.



Noel Centa - President - Cuyahoga Heights Seniors

From the Fire Department



On June 26th we will be transferring to the Chagrin Valley Dispatch. In order to make this transition both efficient and safe we are asking that residents call **9-1-1 or 216-641-1923 for all emergencies** and **216-641-6799 for all non-emergencies**. If you call 216-641-6799 for an emergency there is a chance, we could be away from the fire station and have no one to answer the phones.

GRILLING SAFETY

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.



CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

From the Dispatch Department

Just a reminder to all our residents. If you are going on vacation and would like to put a special attention on your home, please contact Debbie, Barb or any other available member of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department on the **non-emergency number at (216) 640-2045**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Non-business hours and holidays, please use the emergency number at **(216) 883-6800**.

We are going to ask you when you are leaving and 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. This information will be forwarded to our police officers so they can check your residence throughout the day and night.

If you are not in our SwiftReach system and would like to be, you can either use the SwiftReach portal on the police department's page on our web site at www.cuyahogaheights.com or contact Barb on the **non-emergency number at (216) 640-2045**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 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 are kept strictly confidential and not given out to the public.

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



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NETWORKS

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 updated procedures. Complying with the new procedures will ensure that your grant reimbursement is processed without delay.

Also, the Building Department continues to do its biennial exterior maintenance compliance inspections. Residents 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

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.

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 CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MOSQUITOES & TICKS

With all the wet weather, our local mosquito population is sure to grow. Here are ways you can help to keep mosquitoes away from you and your yard:

GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING MOSQUITO ACTIVITY AND REDUCING HUMAN EXPOSURE

- Clean, drain and cover pools or hot tubs if not in use
- Dispose of containers that collect water such as buckets, scrap tires, cans, and flower pots
- Eliminate areas of standing water
- Empty and refill bird baths at least once a week
- Fill tree holes with tar or cement
- Keep children indoors during times of peak mosquito activity - one hour before and one hour after sunset
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets that leave puddles
- Tightly screen all openings of your home
- Unclog all gutters and drains
- Use insect repellent on both skin and clothing. Repellents should contain DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil for skin, and permethrin for clothing. Follow label directions.
- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs

You can prevent personal exposure to mosquitoes by using insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or lemon eucalyptus oil and follow the label directions.



From the Service Department

Thank You & Congratulations

Congratulations to Lou Franko on his upcoming retirement! Lou has been with the Service Department for 8 years and will be greatly missed. Thank you for your dedication and enjoy your retirement!

Meals on Wheels

This service is available to any Village resident that is 60 years of age or older. A lunch time meal will be delivered to your home daily, Monday through Friday, by our Service Department. This is an affordable option, the cost is \$25.00 per week, which is only \$5.00 per day (must sign-up up for a full week). To receive meals for a given week, payment must be made by the Thursday prior. *Please see the attached flyer and application that is included with this newsletter.*

If you have any other questions regarding this service, please contact Mindy Armbrust at the Service Department at (216) 641-3505 or m.armbrust@cuyahogaheights.com.

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.

Community Shred Day

Our annual community shred day will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Gateway Recycling, 4223 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights. This is a free service provided by our Village to our residents and businesses. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Armbrust at (216) 641-3505.



From the Sports Commissioner

SUMMER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! Despite the recent rains and cooler than normal temperatures, the pool is officially open and ready to be enjoyed. As of June 16, new hours of operation are in effect so if you're not aware of these time changes, please refer to the recent posting on the village Facebook page, as well as the signs posted around the pool complex. Or give us a call and the pool staff will be happy to accommodate any question or concern you may have. Pool passes are still on sale, so don't miss out!

The summer of 2019 also marks the beginning of the Cuyahoga Heights Village Youth PowWow organization. Kids from Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights and Valley View will have opportunities to visit and engage in some summer fun together at various locations and venues. Our first trip was this past Tuesday, June 25 to see a matinee showing *Toy Story 4* at the Cinemark theater in Valley View. Please keep an eye on the village Facebook page for upcoming announcements and related information for future events.

Please note the upcoming registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports for 2019.

<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

And just a reminder for parents of kids wanting to play Fall soccer; please remember that even though your son or daughter played for a team in the Spring, you must still complete a registration form in order to be placed on a team, and eligible to play in the Fall. Updated registration forms are available at the Village Hall or on the Village website (found under Recreation - Sports).

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.

Jason Deal

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER:

Bi-level on Willowbrook Drive
Three bedrooms
Two and a half baths
Huge kitchen
Large living room
Finished basement
Den
Three season room
Fenced yard
All appliances stay

\$189,900 Call (216) 406-7695 for more details
or appointment for showing



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A.DOMZALSKI@CUYAHOGAHEIGHTS.COM TO JOIN
OUR NEWSLETTER EMAIL LIST!

Don't forget to check out our web site at www.cuyahogaheights.com for updated pictures from the Easter egg hunt and the Memorial Day parade and service. Click on the "photo" tab on the top of the home page to find all photos from around town.