



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

October 2019

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

October 27

Annual Village Halloween Party

October 31 - Happy Halloween!

Trick-or-Treating from
6:00-7:30pm

November 3 - Daylight Saving Time

Ends - Turn clocks back one hour

November 5 - General Election

Polls open from 6:30am - 7:30pm

November 11 - Veterans Day

Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed
**Garbage pick up; special pick up
each delayed one day*

November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving

Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed on
Nov. 28 & Nov. 29

December 2

Christmas Stocking 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
8:00am - 12:00pm &
1:00pm - 4:30pm**

From the Mayor's Desk

Corn Roast 2019

Even though it rained that morning, the clouds parted, and the sun shined all day. It got a bit chilly in the evening when temperatures dipped into the 40's, but everyone had a wonderful time at our eighth corn roast. For the first time, I was able to stand back and take everything in around me...from children having fun on the soccer field – playing ball and just being kids, to adults chatting with friends and keeping warm by the fire drinking hot cider. And the fireworks...WOW! I had heard that individuals as far away as Maple Heights heard them. Pictured are me and MC Dave Volek watching the fireworks that night. As I have stated in the past, it takes a team to organize, set up, and run this event. I want to thank all our staff at the village hall and service department for working tirelessly on this project, and to all the countless volunteers who had a hand in making this happen. Thank you to our safety forces for keeping the event safe. Special thanks to residents, Councilman Todd Bloam and Bobby Santiago and their crew for cooking the entire day! And extra special thanks to Tony Anselmo and Anthony Rossi from Premier ProduceOne, located right here in the village, for the donation of corn, all the pumpkins for the kids tent, and supplying a driver and trailer for us to keep the hay safe and dry before and after the event – we rent all the hay from Wilson Feed Mill. This event continues to be successful and thought through, and everyone who attends always enjoys it. We've included an insert with pictures from the event, as well as posting additional pictures to our web site.

Events

Last month we held our annual senior citizens flu shot and breakfast at the village hall. This has become a social event with our seniors and it's great to see everyone get together and catch up with their neighbors. Once again, Fire Chief Suhy, Police Chief Sturgill, Service Director Sammons and I had a great time serving breakfast to our seniors, as well as eating most of the bacon. Independence Discount Drug Mart again administered the shots and Nurse Joanne Socausky and her staff were on hand doing blood work. I know I say it year after year, but we are so blessed to be able to offer this program to our seniors.

Hope you and the family can join us this Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens for our annual Halloween party for our village residents and grandchildren. The incredible Flower Clown will entertain our children that afternoon with his magic show. Light refreshments will be served. Don't forget to wear your costume!

Trick-or-Treat will take place on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you wish to pass out candy, please leave your front porch light on so that children know they are welcome. As in past practice, our police and fire personnel will be riding around town during trick-or-treat.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Earlier this month we held our annual fall fish fry with the businesses in town at Klima Gardens. It's always great to get together with our business friends, as well as meeting new faces within their companies. Judge Deborah Nicastrò was our key speaker and talked about the *Fresh Start* program at Garfield Heights Municipal Court. In addition, State Representative Jeff Crossman stopped by and briefly spoke. This event has become an annual tradition and I always look forward to it.

Congratulations

Happy Anniversary to the following residents: Marty & Kathy Malek celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary and Renato & Michelle Contipelli celebrated their 27th anniversary on October 9th. In addition, Matt & Vicky Sokolich celebrated their 33rd anniversary on October 11th. Best wishes to each couple...*and many more years of health, prosperity and happiness.*

Village resident, Charlie Pelfrey was recently crowned Homecoming King at The University of Toledo. Congratulations Charlie, we are all so very proud of you!

Birthday Wishes

Special milestone birthday wishes to Mrs. Pat Miller who turned 80 on October 24th! Pictured is Mrs. Miller during our Kelleys Island trip in August, 2012 (*boy...did it rain that day!*)

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Law Director Ben Chojnacki; (11) Steve Harris; (15) Nick Frye and (24) Mindy Armbrust.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Mrs. Lori Borowy, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Marti Malek, John Traffis and Joe Vitanza.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11. Veterans should hold a special place in our hearts and minds. Veterans put their lives on the line to protect our way of life, their families, and your family. From WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq to the Global War on Terrorism - these brave souls experienced much of what you or I may not ever become aware of. Please honor and thank the brave men and women who served our country. At this time I would like to acknowledge and thank the following residents who are Veterans: **John Baranowski, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Rich Grabowski, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Tom Nova, Sr., Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso, Jr., Vince Trusso, Brad Unger, Scott Wadsworth and Richard Wallace.** God Bless and thank you for your service! If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know for the future.

Don't forget that election day is Tuesday, November 5 and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the village hall. Up for re-election are councilmembers: Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli and Lois Henley. Exercise your right to vote.

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

~ Thomas Jefferson



Garfield Heights Municipal
Judge Deborah Nicastrò



From the Chief Financial Officer

****REMINDER****

Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA)
Individual Income Tax Returns Tax years 2018 and Prior



At the end of July, RITA mailed out approximately 198 non-filer letters to residential taxpayers that neglected to file a municipal income tax return for our Village. This notice will state what tax years the residents failed to file and provide instructions for filing, or optional check boxes for reasons they didn't file (examples: *I didn't live in Cuyahoga Heights, I was under 18, I filed a joint return with my spouse*).

The Village worked with RITA to waive late fees and penalties from late filers if they are compliant and paid in full as of 12/31/19. The third quarter billings will reflect the waived fees, and they should be mailed out this month.

Tax Filing for Year 2019

Given the rise in electronic filing and use of tax preparation software, beginning tax year 2020, RITA will no longer supply tax packets to the member municipalities, for tax year 2019, consider the following options available to taxpayers:

- Tax returns can be filed electronically on RITA's website at www.ritaohio.com.
- Tax forms can be printed or downloaded by visiting RITA's website at www.ritaohio.com.

If you need assistance, please stop by my office and I will be happy to print the forms for you.

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 (RITA)
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...

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house. But for moms and dads, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety. Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year!

Costume Safety

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

Out and About

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time that your children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Driver Safety

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween
- **DON'T DRINK & DRIVE**

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill



From the Police Department (continued)

CHPD in the Community

On September 20th members of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department enjoyed spending some time with the village's senior citizens at the annual Flu Shot Breakfast. Pictured to the right are several officers with Lieutenant Donald Boing (*retired*). Lt. Boing served on the CHPD from 1954-1981 (27 years), and is the oldest surviving member of the CHPD at the young age of 90.

LOOKING GOOD "LT. Boing"!!!

On October 9th, the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department was treated to some "Free Chow" by the Mission BBQ Restaurant. Every Wednesday Mission BBQ provides a delicious lunch to a different safety department in the Cuyahoga County area. Pictured to the right are CHPD officers with the Mission BBQ Ambassadors Ms. Ashley and Ms. Joyce. The second photo is of the "spread of chow" that they provided. Thank you ladies! As suspected, Ptl. Jamie Lukas was first in line!!!

THANK YOU MISSION BBQ for all the support you show to the U.S. military and safety forces!!!!!!

On October 11th, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy held an open house for the families of the current class of basic police officer cadets. The newest member of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, Cadet Kelli Jachym is currently enrolled and is scheduled to graduate in January 2020.



Cadet Jachym in formation



Cadet Jachym with brother CHPD Ptl. Kevin Stack and his family



Cadet Jachym with husband Mr. Joe Jachym

From the Fire Department

CHFD Visits Cuyahoga Heights Schools

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



From the Village Hall

General Election

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The polls will be open at the Village Hall in the basement level from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

If you are a new resident and haven't yet changed your address with the Board of Elections, forms are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours. In addition, we also have "Vote by Mail" ballot applications.

Voter Identification Requirements:

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include:

- A current and valid photo identification card (e.g., driver's license or state ID)
- A military identification
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you or a passport.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).

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.

Pet Clean-Up Etiquette

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.

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.



Seniors Corner

Hi Everyone,

It looks like our hot summer days are behind us and winter is on its way. That's Ohio weather for you. I grew up in California and was so looking forward to the different seasons, but the snow sure does get old fast and the older I get the faster it comes.

We have taken some nice trips recently. On September 16th and 17th we went to Hershey, Pennsylvania and visited the wonderful chocolate factory with a nice tour and took home our fair share of delicious chocolate. We also went to Lancaster to see the play *Jesus*; it was fantastic! The acting, the scenery and the animals were amazing. I had been to one of their theaters before when we took a trip to Branson, Missouri. There we saw the play *Noah* which was also outstanding. If you ever get the chance to see any of the plays at the Sight and Sound Theatre, please do so, they are very well done. We also had a trip to Chautauqua on the 4th of October and had lunch at a beautiful hotel, and then a ferryboat ride down the river. It was a bit cool, but we handled it.

Everyone had a great time at the Corn Roast. There was good food and fun things to do and it seemed like there were more people this year than the last time we held it. The seniors raffled off a Basket of Cheer and a Board of Riches and they were won by two village residents. Congratulations to both winners. Our village does such a great job at everything we do, it is truly a wonderful place to live.

Our Halloween party is scheduled for the 22nd of October with good food and fun. I hope more seniors dress up in costume this year.

We also were invited to the annual dinner given for seniors at the school. It is on the 23rd of October. They always do a nice job with good food and entertainment by our band and drum corps.

On November 8th we are also going to Berlin in Amish country for lunch and then on to a place called Tis the Season for a bit of shopping. Looking forward to it.

Until next month, keep safe and warm and join us for some of our activities. We have fun.

Noel Centa, President - Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens



From the Service Department

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.



Leaf Pick Up

Fall is upon us and the beautiful colored leaves will soon be crunching under our feet. We would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.



From the Service Department (cont'd)

Meals on Wheels

Meals now prepared by Lori's Custom Catering)



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.

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

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 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.

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

A well-deserved **CONGRATULATIONS** to everyone involved with the 2019 Corn Roast.

From the early planning sessions in January to the physical set up and final preparations the week of, as well as the tireless efforts from all our volunteers, a great time was had by all on a picture-perfect Fall afternoon. Great food and drink, a wide array of games and activities, and a stunning closing fireworks display helped turn this annual celebration into our very best one yet. Thanks for being a part of this very special day and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

A special note of congratulations goes out to Jacob Mallos and Bret Lowther on winning the 2019 Corn Roast Cornhole Tournament.

Please note that all the registration deadlines for youth sports have passed for 2019. Spring registrations will start in mid-January 2020 so please keep an eye out for upcoming news and information.

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

Jason Deal



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PRICE REDUCED: \$179,900

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

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