

# Village of Cuyahoga Heights

June 2022

*Continuing to move our legacy community forward...*



## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

### **May 30 - Memorial Day**

Bike decorating at 9:00 a.m.  
at Klima Gardens

Memorial Day Parade 10:00 a.m.

Kennedy House open 10:30-11:30  
a.m.

Village Hall/Service Department  
closed

### **May 31 - Rubbish collection**

### **June 1 - Special pick up**

### **June 2 - Charity pick up**

### **June 4 - Swimming Pool Opens**

### **June 14 - Flag Day**

### **June 19 - Happy Father's Day**

**June 25 - Village wide garage  
sales 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**



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

## At the Village Hall

### **Council Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Caucus 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**Economic Development Committee  
Public Works Meeting**

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month,  
if needed

### **Zoning Board Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 5:00 p.m.

### **Work Sessions of Council**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 5:00 p.m.

\*Only in January, February,  
March, April, May, October

**Village Hall office hours are  
Monday through Friday from  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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# From the Mayor's Desk

I would like to start off by asking our residents to please join us on Memorial Day—Monday, May 30 as we pay tribute to those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. The parade will step-off at 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens enroute to the Village Hall War Memorial. After the service, please join us for food and refreshments. *“Remember our fallen heroes, they are the reason that we are free.”*

## AROUND TOWN

### River Sweep

Thank you to Council President Renato Contipelli for helping with the RiverSweep at Bacci Park on Saturday, May 7. This event was made possible through our partnership with Canalway. Though the weather was cold and wet, it didn't discourage the more than 75 volunteers who came out to pick up trash/debris from Mill Creek, the embankment, and surrounding areas of the creek. We would also like to give a special shout out to several of our residents for helping: Mindy Armbrust, Jacob Artino, Anatheia Brynak, Michelle Contipelli, Kelly Hartman, and Angel Skerl. Pictured are Anatheia, Angel and Michelle giving out t-shirts to the volunteers that morning.

### Miss Poppy

Prior to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' council meeting on May 11, Mayor Bacci introduced Newburgh Heights Post 627 Miss Poppy, Lilyonna (Lily) Zanny who is 7 years old and lives in Sylvania, Ohio. Lily gained her eligibility through her grandfather Michael Szczepaniak who is a Vietnam Navy Veteran, and her dad David Zanny who is a Navy Veteran. She has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since birth. Pictured with Lily are Mayor Jack M. Bacci and her grandfather, Mr. Szczepaniak who was also celebrating his 68<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Congratulations

Village resident, Frank Trusso, is very proud of his son, Alex Trusso who is a senior at Cuyahoga Heights Schools—he placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Shot Put at the Chagrin Valley Conference Track & Field Championship on Thursday, May 12. In addition, Alex signed his letter of intent to throw Shot Put at Baldwin Wallace University. Alex is a 2-year letter winner in football and track and field, and 4-year letter winner in wrestling. Alex has earned Merit and Honor roll and recently received his Eagle Scout.





# From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

## Class of 2022

Best wishes and congratulations to the students of the Class of 2022 of Cuyahoga Heights High School who graduate on Sunday, May 29. Village resident students are Jacob Artino, Alexis Baciak, Samantha Caleris, Nathan Menkhaus, Paige Porter, Olivia Santiago, Dylan Sprouse, Hailey Toth, Dominic Trusso-LaPonza, and Demitria Tsonton. *"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."*



## Kennedy House

The Historical Committee will open the Kennedy House to visitors on Memorial Day from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Take a minute to stop and visit the house—see the beautiful displays, memorabilia and documents that are part of our village's history.



## Concession Stand

The concession stand had been open during baseball/softball games this spring; however, it officially opens for the summer on Tuesday, May 31 through September 5. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. We hope you, your family, friends, and neighbors will stop down at Bacci Park and take advantage of the concession stand while enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

## Garage Sale/Shred Day

Don't forget that the village wide garage sale will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Also, our annual shred day is set for Saturday, July 9 at Gateway Products Recycling • 4223 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street 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.



## Neighborhood News/Newsletter Carrier

After many years of delivering the weekly Neighborhood News and monthly newsletters to our residents on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, the courts, and Willowbrook Drive; Jacob Artino will no longer be doing so as he is graduating from CHHS and going off to college. With that in mind, **we are looking for a student to replace Jacob's route.** This is a great way to make some extra money. If you are interested in this position, please contact Lee Ann at the village hall for information.



# From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

## Memory Books

Just a reminder that we still have memory books available for purchase. Residents can purchase a book for \$10 (cash or check only;) however, only (1) book to each residence.

In addition, books are available to non-residents at \$50 per book + shipping and handling, if it needs to be shipped. Please contact Lee Ann during normal hours to purchase a book.

## Birthdays

Milestone birthday wishes to Hailey Toth who turned 18 on May 12. Congratulations!



Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Angie Balog who turns 80 on June 8.

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (3) Michael Cuthbertson; (6) Anthony Kotar; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Josh Elenniss, Patrick Goldsworth; (23) Bob Krajewski and William Malovrh.



## Reminders

Don't forget—if you would like to share any exciting news with us (milestone birthday, newborn child/grandchild, new pet, achievement, award, etc.,) please email the information/picture to our office at [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com) and we will put it in the newsletter.

Save the Date — Saturday, October 1 for our annual Corn Roast. We've included a flyer so you can mark your calendar and enjoy this event with neighbors and friends.

## Condolences

Please keep Mrs. Sue Eliason in your thoughts and prayers. She lost her son Rick suddenly on May 19; he was 56 years old.

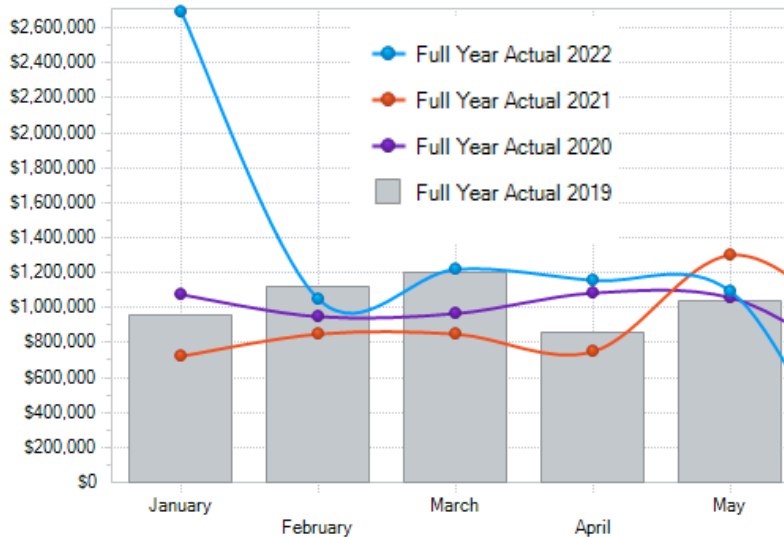


*"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men have died to win them." - Franklin D. Roosevelt*

# From the Chief Financial Officer

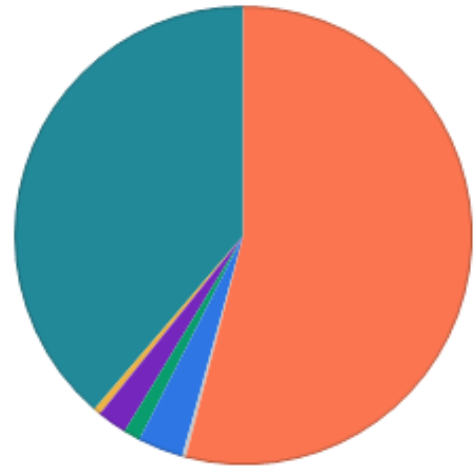


## Income Tax Revenue Year to Date



Full Year Actual 2021		
1	Security of Persons & Property	\$4,798,090
2	Public Health Services	\$22,793
3	Leisure Time Activities	\$284,840
4	Community Environment	\$104,346
5	Basic Utility Services	\$187,300
6	Transportation	\$43,879
7	General Government	\$3,433,745

## General Fund Expenditures



Please see a quick explanation of service categories below:

**Security of Persons & Property:** Police and Fire Department

**Public Health Services:** Flu Shots, Lifeline, etc.

**Leisure Time Activities:** Parks and Recreation, Senior Citizens Committee, Holiday Programs

**Community Environment:** Pest Control, Tree Trimming, etc.

**Basic Utilities:** Catch Basin Maintenance, Sewer Cleaning, Garbage, Recycling, etc.

**Transportation:** Snow Removal, Street Maintenance, Sidewalk Maintenance, etc.

**General Government:** Mayors Office, Council, Finance Office, Village Hall, Service Department, Legal, Building, Engineering, etc.

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*



On behalf of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, I would like to personally congratulate the CHS Class of 2022!

The staff at the CHPD wishes you the best on all future endeavors and we hope that all your hard work is rewarded.

Graduates, please remember life will most likely never be this carefree again, so take time to have fun and safely enjoy your summer!

And once again...congrats!!!

**Stay Safe!!!**

Respectfully,

*Chief Stargill*





# ***From the Police Department (continued)***

## *A Message From Your Police Department...*

### **SCAM ALERT**



#### **Door-to-Door Energy Solicitors Impersonating NOPEC Employees**

There have been several reports of door-to-door solicitors posing as Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) employees in several Northeast Ohio communities this Spring.

As a reminder, NOPEC never goes door-to-door or calls residents or small businesses to enroll them into your community's natural gas and/or electric aggregation program.

If someone knocks on your door posing as a NOPEC employee, please try to obtain or take note of the following:

- a business card or company name
- solicitor's name & phone number
- copy of any paperwork/brochures they offer or provide
- vehicle information (make, color, plate number, etc.)



**And remember, NEVER allow anyone into your home or share your utility bill account information with anyone that comes knocking on your door or makes unprompted contact.**

#### **Solicitation Ordinances:**

While on the topic of solicitors, the Codified Ordinances of Cuyahoga Heights provides protection for residents and businesses. The following are just a few of these laws:

##### **852.02 HOURS OF SOLICITATION REGULATED.**

- No solicitation shall be conducted before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays, or at any time on a state or national holiday.

##### **852.03 NOTICE PROHIBITING SOLICITATION.**

- Notice by the owner or occupant of any residence or place of business of the determination to refuse to receive any uninvited solicitors shall be given by displaying a weatherproof card, decal or sign, not less than two inches by three inches in size, nor more than one square foot in total surface area, upon or near the main entrance door to the residence or place of business, indicating such determination by the owner or occupant, containing the words "No Solicitors Invited", or words of similar import, with letters at least one-third of an inch in height.

**REMEMBER: Immediately call the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department (216-883-6800) to report any un-invited door-to-door encounter.**

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

# ***From the Building Department***

The Building Department has performed all residential exterior maintenance inspections the past two weeks. Letters are currently being sent out if you have items that are violating our codified ordinances. If you have received a letter and have questions, please call the Building Department. Keep in mind that you may have a grant available.

The George M. Suhy grant program is good through Dec.31, 2022. When using the grant program, please remember to follow the guidelines and submit all your paperwork before the project is started. If you are not sure on how the program works, please call the Building Department and we will assist you with the proper paperwork.

With the nice weather finally here and your now able to coordinate your home improvement projects, remember to make sure your contractor is registered with the Village and proper permit paperwork is filled out with the Building Department.

“A clean, well-maintained neighborhood does much more than just make our Village a beautiful community”

***Building Department***

***Norm Casini, Building Commissioner***

***Ken LaBella, Asst. Building Commissioner***

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*Windowsill height: where a window is provided as the emergency escape and rescue opening, it shall have a sill height of not more than 44” inches above the floor*





# ***From the Fire Department***

## ***Fire Employee Spotlight***

**Full-Time Firefighter Paramedic, Lieutenant Reno Contipelli**

- Hired in 1992
- Past president and treasurer of Local 702, SERT Hazmat Team (2003) Cuyahoga County Type 1 Hazmat Team (2008)
- Education - Master Public Administration in Emergency Management, B/A education, Associates Degree in Fire Technology
- National and State presenter on school safety, Attorney General DeWine (2011) statewide school safety committee, Gov Kasich appointment to Local Government Innovation Fund Committee (2011-17) Cuyahoga Hts. School Board 1994-2013, OSBA All-Ohio School Board 2008,
- Work part time for Ohio School Board Association as Regional Manager and Teach Hazmat for Cleveland State University



*“I like working at CHFD because I enjoyed working with my fellow firefighters past and present, growing up in Cuyahoga Hts. and being able to give back to the community, being able to be on two regional hazmat teams and the training and teaching opportunities over the past 30 years.”*

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 Fire Department (continued)*

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 2022.

# From the Village Hall

## Village Wide Garage Sales

Our annual village wide garage sales will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Village residents that are interested in participating must register by calling the village hall at 216-641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for the garage sale, you will receive one 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. We will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and on-line to promote this event. **The deadline to register is Thursday, June 9.**



## Parks and Playgrounds

The village owns, operates, and maintains Bacci Park with a pond for fishing in the summer and ice-skating in the winter. Bacci Park also has its own playground, two ball fields, three pavilions, and a soccer field. *\*Please note that fishing in the pond at Bacci Park is for residents only, and by permit which can be obtained from the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.*



## Notary Service

Several of our employees at the village hall are Notaries for the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and would be happy to notarize items for village residents, free of charge during regular business hours.



## Medical Transports

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 in need of transportation, please contact **Mindy Armbrust** at 216-641-2702 during normal business hours—one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit.







# **Cuyahoga Heights Village Residents**

**Looking to have unlimited summer fun with family & friends?**

**We want to help!**

## **Cedar Point**

**Cedar Point is currently offering a Summer Pass Option until May 31st for only \$99. The Cedar Point Summer Pass Option is valid for unlimited admission and free parking to Cedar Point on public operating days through Labor Day, September 5, 2022. (Additional pass options available)**

**Go to [cedarpoint.com](https://cedarpoint.com) to get the latest Season Pass information and park hours.**

**The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will reimburse \$50 to any resident who purchases or has purchased a Cedar Point Season Pass for the 2022 season. Resident must show valid 2022 season pass and proof of residency for reimbursement. Reimbursement will NOT be given for anyone not currently residing in Cuyahoga Heights.**

**Please bring your valid 2022 season pass or receipt of payment (must show passholder name) and proof of residency to Village Hall for verification. Reimbursement will be issued within two weeks of submission acceptance. Reimbursement is \$50 per pass regardless of pass type purchased.**

**Please contact Mindy Armbrust at (216) 641-2702 or [chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com) with any questions.**

# ***From the Service Department***

## ***Service Employee Spotlights***

### **Full-Time Laborer, Cory Pucci**

"I was born and raised in Garfield Heights and graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 2014. After graduation, I started working for the Service Department part-time and was put on full-time in 2018. While working for the village I mow senior lawns, snowplow, assist with holiday decorations, and whatever else is needed on a day-to-day basis.

Outside of work, I am a volunteer wrestling coach at Nardon High School. I enjoy the time I get to spend with my family, especially my nieces and nephews. Vacationing in Madeira Beach with my family is something I always look forward to. I also enjoy kayaking, taking runs with my dog, and working on my truck.



### **Full-Time Laborer, Bob Krajewski**

In 2015 I began working part-time for the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department and in 2016 became full-time. During my years here I have driven the village bus, been the driver on the garbage truck, snowplowed, mowed various locations around the village and whatever else is needed of me.

I have been happily married to my wife Leeann for 19 years. We live in Valley View with our two children, Ryan and Brooke. We are very proud that Ryan will be graduating this year from Cuyahoga Heights and Brooke is successfully finishing her sophomore year.

In my time out of work, I enjoy supporting my children at their various sporting events. I always look forward to summertime when I can spend time with family and friends in Marblehead.

### **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 Service Department 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 Service Department at 216-641-3505 by 4:00 on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up.



# ***From the Service Department (continued)***

## **Charity Pick Up**

Our Service Department will pick up any small usable items at your residence that you would like to donate to charity on the first Wednesday of each month. Small household items, clothes, etc., are collected and donated. No tax receipts are given for this service, and you must call the Service Department at 216-641-3505 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. **Please make sure to break down your cardboard boxes before placing them in the container.** If you have a large amount and are unable to take it to the container, please call the Service Department during normal business hours prior to Tuesday mornings; we will put it on our “special pick up” list.



## **Dumpsters**

Residents may rent a village dumpster for personal use at their home by paying \$30.00 to the village for each dumpster load. Dumpsters can be used for yard waste, construction debris or miscellaneous household items NOT including carpet, tires, or hazardous waste. Please do not mix materials. Contact the Service Director at 216-641-3505 for this service. Use of the dumpster is for a maximum of two (2) weeks. After two (2) weeks, the dumpster will be picked up from the resident's home. If the resident needs to use it again, he/she will go back on the waiting list. Please note that the disposal of debris created from outside the village is prohibited.

## **PEST AND INSECT CONTROL**

**Pest control services are available by contacting our Service Department at 216-641-3505 with your name, address, phone number, and the nature of your problem.** We will then reach out to our pest control vendor. This service is free except for termites, bed bugs, and wildlife. The village also sprays the outside of your home in the spring to hinder any unwanted pests from entering into your home.



## **Meals on Wheels (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](mailto:m.armbrust@cuyahogaheights.com).





## ***From the Service Department (continued)***

### **Table & Chair Rental**

A limited number of tables and chairs are available for use by residents having parties at their residence, free of charge. Please contact the Service Department at 216-641-3505 to reserve your tables and chairs and to arrange a time when you can pick them up.

### **Tree Trimming/Removal Service**

The village will provide a professional tree trimmer to remove or trim a tree on a resident's property. Please note that tree trimming/removal is limited to two (2) trims per year and one (1) removal. If a crane is needed for tree removal, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the service. In addition, if a stump needs ground, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for this service, whether the homeowner uses the tree company that the village has a contract with or another tree company. Forms can be found on the village website and once completed can be returned to [SD@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:SD@cuyahogaheights.com) or dropped off at the village hall.

### **Grass Cutting**

The village will cut the grass of each senior citizen's residence that is 60 years of age or older and that qualifies under the program. We must have a signed waiver on file to perform this service. Your form can be returned to the village hall. If you are unsure if you have a waiver on file, please contact the Service Department at 216-641-3505. Please remember to remove dog droppings on a routine basis.

### **Rototilling**

Our Service Department will rototill residential gardens once a year, free of charge, upon request. Area to be rototilled must be clearly marked. Please call the Service Department at 216-641-3505 to be put on the list.

## ***Sports and Recreation Department***

### **Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool will officially open for the season on Saturday, June 4 at 12:00 p.m.; hours of operation are Monday through Sunday with open swim from 12:00-7:00 p.m. The cost for passes for village residents will be \$25 for an individual pass or \$75 for a family pass. We've included a flyer with this month's newsletter on when village residents can purchase pool passes and the availability of swim lessons.

# ***Sports and Recreation Department (continued)***

## **Concession Stand/Food Trucks**

The concession stand will be open for the summer from May 31 through September 5. Food trucks will be returning on Wednesday evenings—we've included information with this newsletter as it pertains to the trucks for the month of June. Please follow our social media accounts with updates.

## **Sports**

Softball, baseball and t-ball are underway! Best of luck this season to all the children participating. Stop down to Bacci Park and enjoy a game and visit our concession stand.

Listed below are registration deadlines for the rest of the year. As always, registration forms can be found on the village website.

<u><b>Sport</b></u>	<u><b>Deadline</b></u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2022
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2022
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2022
Cheerleading	July 15, 2022
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2022

## **Memorial Day Bike Decorating & Volunteer Opportunity**

On Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> the village will have our annual Memorial Day service and parade with step-off at 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens. **Any village children interested in decorating their bike/wagon/etc. to participate in the parade are welcome to arrive at 9:00 a.m. that morning for decorating.** We will provide all the decorations.

We are also looking for student volunteers to help prepare the food and refreshments following the parade and service from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for community service hours, please contact Mindy Armbrust at [chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com) or 216-641-2702.

Check out our web site at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) for updated pictures. Click on the "photo" tab on the top of the home page to find all photos from around town.

Contact Christina to join our newsletter email list at [c.caporuscio@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:c.caporuscio@cuyahogaheights.com)