

## *From Mayor Bacci's Desk*

Happy Wednesday and welcome to Fall! I wanted to thank everyone—from village hall staff, service department employees, our fire and police departments, elected officials and all the countless volunteers who helped out at our corn roast. What an amazing day! The weather was picture perfect, the new attractions were well received, the fireworks incredible as always—and we had a little over 1,000 people in attendance. Rick Smith, Jr. once again amazed adults and children alike with his magic skills. It was also the first time “The Good Nights” appeared at our corn roast—and they rocked it!

And, our senior citizens organization was extremely happy as they did very well with their raffles. Special thanks to Tony Anselmo and Anthony Rossi from Premier ProduceOne for the donations of corn and pumpkins and to village resident Bobby Santiago and Joe Pavlic who cooked all the food that day. Mark your calendar for next year’s event—Saturday, October 7

### **Trick-or-Treat**

Monday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. kids can go trick-or-treating in town. Residents that wish to pass out candy, please leave your front porch light on so that children know they are welcome at your home. In addition, our fire and police personnel will be riding around town during this time. Happy Halloween—have fun, be respectful and stay safe.

### **R.I.T.A.**

Prior to the September 14th council meeting, Brian Thunberg, Government Liaison from the Regional Income Tax Agency presented our village with a Proclamation for being one of the 39 founding municipalities of the Regional Council of Governments and the Regional Income Tax Agency which was founded in 1971. It was created to foster cooperation between Ohio municipalities through the sharing of facilities, equipment, and costs for their common benefit, including the establishment of a central collection facility to administer the income tax laws of all Ohio municipal corporations participating in the Regional Council of Governments.

### **Cuyahoga Heights Schools**

Cuyahoga Heights High School placed 20th out of 823 high schools in Ohio, and 5th in Cuyahoga County in terms of test scores according to the 2022 Ohio School Report Card. This includes both traditional public school districts and charter schools. Private schools do not receive Ohio School report cards. What an amazing accomplishment for the administration and staff at Cuyahoga Heights High School!



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### **NEORS**

This past June, the District's Operations Challenge team competed at the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) competition in Cleveland, Ohio, and their 2nd place finish guaranteed them a spot at the national competition in October in New Orleans. The OPS Challenge Competitions are held across the nation and consist of five main events in the areas of maintenance, collections, safety, laboratory and process control. Accuracy and speed are key to winning. This is the first time in about 5 years that the District has participated in the OPS Challenge Competitions. Congratulations to Josh Smosarski and Dustin Bellanger who were members on the team that placed 2nd in the maintenance event and 3rd in the laboratory event. As you may or may not know, Josh's parents are residents in the village—Ray & Karen Smosarski, as well as Dustin's parents—Bob Unger & Janine Bellanger. Congratulations on a job well done!



### **Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)**

The SWCD will be holding a workshop for our residents on Wednesday, December 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in our civic center—lower level of the village hall. The district's staff will be teaching residents how to replace chemicals in your yard and home with all-natural ingredients. If you are interested in participating, you will need to register for the workshop. Please see the flyer with this newsletter for additional information.

### **Retirement**

For those of you that don't know, our mailman—Bill, will be retiring from the United States Postal Service after 30 years of service on October 28.

With that being said, the village hall staff is having a small retirement party for him with refreshments on Tuesday, November 15 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the civic room at the village hall. Any resident that would like to join us in wishing Bill the best, please RSVP by calling the village hall no later than November 8th. Congratulations on your retirement Bill!

### **Veterans Day**

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day to honor our military veterans for their service to our country. It's a day to salute our heroes for the sacrifices they made for our nation. The origin of Veterans Day can be traced back to World War I. The Armistice with Germany, which formally ended the war, went into effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918—that is the origin of Veterans Day. It takes tremendous courage for a soldier to risk it all to protect his/her country—the least we can do is to offer our thanks to these extraordinary men and women. On behalf of our village, I would like to thank and acknowledge the following residents who are Veterans:



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John Baranowski, Richard Cockrell, Howie Combs, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Rich Grabowski, John Lipnick, Tim Krenisky, Josh Murray, Tom Nova Sr., Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso Jr., Vince Trusso, Brad Unger, Scott Wadsworth and Richard Wallace.

If we missed any residents that have served, please call our office so we can include them in the future. Thank you and God Bless our Veterans!

### **Birthdays**

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Pat Koran, Tom Nova; (2) Robert Stewart, (10) Tom Kekelis, (27) Councilman Bob Unger, and (28) Mark Hine.

And special birthday wishes to Miss Delia Trevisani who turns 92 on November 17. We found a picture of Delia from our Centennial in 2018 when she was the Grand Marshal.



### **Santa Claus is Coming to Cuyahoga Heights**

We received notice from the North Pole that Santa Claus will be visiting Bacci Park on Sunday, December 18 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This event is for our resident children and grandchildren between the ages of 0-12. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in their sleigh at the park so children can get a picture with them, as well as receiving a goody bag. Dress appropriately for the weather—we'll have a fire going, hot cocoa and cookies, and if the weather cooperates, the kids can stick around after visiting Santa and sled ride.



If you would like to participate in this event, you must sign up. Please contact the village hall during regular business hours at 216-641-7020 or email [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com). We will need to know the name(s) of your children/grandchildren and their ages. **Deadline to register for the event is Monday, December 5.**

### **Christmas Decorating Contest**

Don't forget to turn on your lights at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18 for our annual Christmas decorating contest. To participate, just turn your holiday lights on by 5:00 p.m. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place...good luck!



***Give thanks not only on Thanksgiving, but every day—appreciate life and never take it for granted. Wishing you and yours a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday.***

