



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

November 2022

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

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

November 2 – Charity Pick Up

November 6 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 8 – General Election
Polls open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

November 11 – Veterans Day
Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed

November 24 – Happy Thanksgiving
Village Hall/Service Dept. closed on
November 24 & 25

December 5 – Christmas Stocking Registration
Deadline

At the Village Hall Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month
Caucus 5:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Committee Public Works Meeting

Finance Committee Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month,
if needed

Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month
at 5:00 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council

4th 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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of our council meetings
are posted every month
under the government tab.

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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!



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

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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:



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

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. 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.



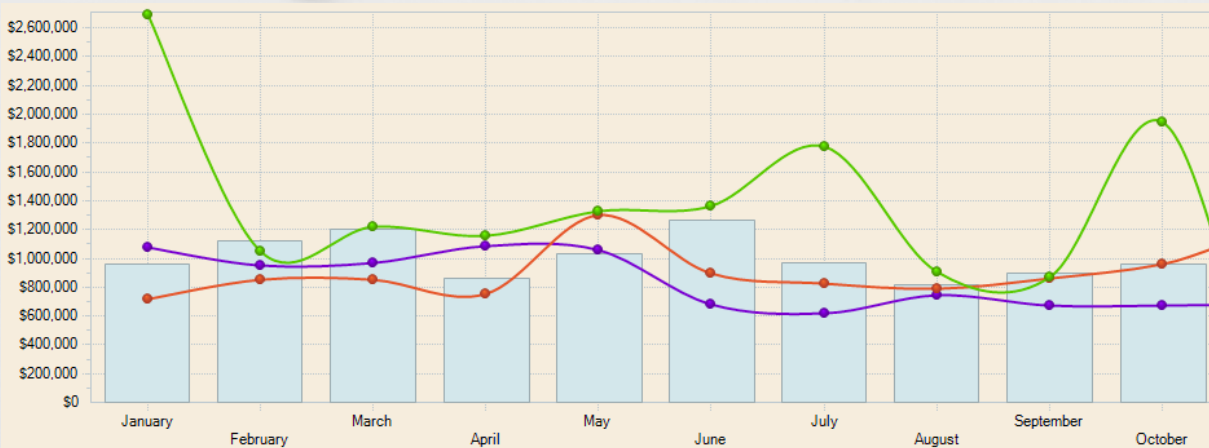
From the desk of your
Chief Financial Officer

Angel Meriwether



**Income Tax Collections:
Prior vs. Current Year**

- Full Year Actual 2022
- Full Year Actual 2021
- Full Year Actual 2020
- Full Year Actual 2019



A Message from Your Police Department

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department wants to remind local motorists of the increase in deer-related traffic crashes this time of year. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), deer become much more active during the fall breeding season which occurs from late October through November. During this period or “rut”, males (bucks) pursue prospective female mates (does). During this “rut”, bucks often chase does that are not yet willing to breed, which can result in pursuits where deer will dart into roadways with little caution or regard for traffic. This action leads to an increase in deer-related vehicle accidents this time of year. Drivers are encouraged to be extra cautious in areas where wildlife habitat intersects with a roadway (i.e., fence rows, agriculture plots, areas of woodland or overgrown vegetation). Deer and other wildlife use these corridors and patches to traverse and travel through the landscape.



Tips to avoid deer collisions:

- Scan the road ahead: Looking ahead helps provide enough reaction time if an animal is spotted. Also, remember deer often move in groups. Where there is one, there is usually another (or more).
- Use high beam headlights (absent of oncoming traffic): This can help you spot deer and their reflective eyes more quickly. If you have time, honk your horn to warn and scare the animal away.
- Be extra cautious at dawn and dusk: Deer are usually more active in the early morning and at dusk.
- If a collision is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane: Do not swerve to avoid! Swerving can often cause a more serious crash or cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Drivers who swerve to miss a deer and hit something else may be considered “at-fault”.
- Always wear a seatbelt and remain awake, alert, and sober: If you’re impaired, distracted or drowsy, you could end up spotting them too late to avoid a collision.

What to do if you hit a deer:

- Call the police.
- Activate the vehicle’s hazard lights whether it’s light or dark outside.
- If possible, move the vehicle to a safe location out of the roadway, and wait for help to arrive.
- Avoid physical contact with the deer/animal. A frightened and wounded animal can be dangerous and pose a threat when approached or could further injure itself.
- Drivers should contact their insurance agent or company representative as quickly as possible to report any vehicle damage.

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill

Brian D. Sturgill, Chief of Police



FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

From your Fire Chief, Mike Suhy

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN.

- S** Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. **WALK** and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test makeup in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Only visit well lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near open flames. Be sure to wear flame resistant costumes.



If we missed you during our annual smoke detector checks and you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to schedule a return visit to your home.

Non-emergency number - 216-641-6799



From your Fire Department (continued)

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department visited the middle school for their Safety Day and spoke to the seventh graders about fire safety and fire extinguisher use, Stroke 101 which included education on stroke signs and symptoms and awareness, and Stop the Bleed which included first aid for trauma and tourniquet use.



The seventh graders also got hands on experience in these demonstrations.



From your Fire Department (continued)

Thank you to everyone who stopped by at the corn roast to participate in our combat challenge!



From your Building Department

Building Commissioner, Norm Casini

Assistant Building Commissioner, Ken LaBella

Fall Interior Maintenance Tips:

- Change filters throughout your home such as in your furnace, air conditioner, stove vent, dryer and fans.
- Check faucets in the bathrooms, kitchens and laundry room for leaks and other repair needs. It is best to make faucet repairs now before winter, you may be able to avoid a more complicated repair if the pipe freezes and breaks.
- If you have a fireplace, examine it thoroughly. Ensure the damper is open to allow air to flow freely and check the handles and springs to make sure the flue is operating correctly. If used regularly, the chimney should be professionally inspected and cleaned.
- Drain and inspect the hot water tank for rust developing in the tank. If the tank is older and/or rusting, it may be a good time to buy a newer more energy efficient and cost effective one.
- Check windows and doors to ensure the seal and caulk are in good condition.
- Check all your smoke detectors, make sure they are all working properly. All bedrooms and every floor of your home should have a smoke detector.

If you have any questions regarding these maintenance tips or other home improvement projects, please call the Building Department at 216-641-7020.



DID YOU KNOW:

Minimum area:

Habitable rooms shall have a floor area of not less than 70 square feet and shall not be less than 7 feet in any horizontal dimension.

From your Village Hall

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 6, daylight-saving time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour behind at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time.

General Election

Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 8. The polls will be open at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall—basement level from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. A valid state issued photo identification card, driver's license or military identification is required. To check your voter registration status, simply call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-8683 (VOTE) or go to www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.

Veterans Day

The village hall and service garage will be closed on Friday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The village hall and service garage will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

HAVE A SAFE & SPOOKY HALLOWEEN!



From your Service Department

Garbage Pick Up – Recycling – Yard Waste

Our service department collects garbage every Monday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. at no charge to its residents. They 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 p.m. on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up.

Charity Pick Up

Our service department will pick up any small usable item 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 located at 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. 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 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.



From your 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.

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 (you 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 Vera Heinzman at the service department at 216-641-3505 or sd@cuyahogaheights.com.

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.



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."



From your Service Department (continued)

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. If you are unsure if you have one on file, please contact Vera Heinzman at 216-641-3505 or sd@cuyahogaheights.com.



Service Employee Spotlight

Jesse James, Full-time Laborer



"My name is Jesse James, and I am a laborer for the village of Cuyahoga Heights. I have lived in Cuyahoga Heights since I was 4 years old. I have worked at the Service Department for over 16 years.

I have two grandchildren. My granddaughter is a junior at Cuyahoga Heights High School and my grandson is a freshman at Cleveland State University. In my spare time I enjoy working in my vegetable garden."



FROM YOUR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to those that participated in fall soccer, flag football and youth cheerleading this season!



Cedar Point

Cedar Point Season Pass

Reimbursement

We are still accepting Cedar Point Season Pass Reimbursement requests. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vera Heinzman at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to send me an email at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com or contact me at 216-641-2702.

Vera Heinzman

Recreation Coordinator



DID YOU KNOW?

Our registration period for basketball has come to an end.

Late registration inquiries can be made to Vera Heinzman at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com, at this time additional registration placement cannot be guaranteed. It will be a few weeks before teams are finalized with our neighboring communities.

Youth Trips

We are planning an outing the week of Thanksgiving break and more information will be sent out in a flyer in the coming weeks! If you would like the Recreation Department to email you when youth events are scheduled, please email chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com and request to be added to our email list.

DIRECTORY

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS
FIRE OR POLICE ...911

For other calls to the Fire Department (216) 641-6799
5480 Grant Ave Fire Chief Michael Suhy
Police Department (216) 883-6800
For non-emergency calls to the Police Department (216) 640-2045
5480 Grant Ave Police Chief Brian Sturgill

VILLAGE HALL (216) 641-7020
4863 East 71st Street Fax: (216) 641-8485

SERVICE DEPARTMENT (216) 641-3505
Fax: (216) 641-0315
5181 Canal Road Service Director Dave Sammons
SWIMMING POOL (Summer months) (216) 341-7684

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