From Mayor Bacci's Desk

Our weather has been very interesting this winter to say the least—from the high 60's to snow. I don't ever remember a February being this nice, and before you know it, Easter will be around the corner. Speaking of Easter, some of you may remember that in our December newsletter I mentioned that one of our young, invested residents wanted to see if there was a possibility of bringing back a traditional event. After discussing the matter with council, it was decided to have our annual Easter egg hunt. The event is open to Cuyahoga Heights resident children and grandchildren from 0-12 years of age. It will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 1 at Klima Gardens. Please make sure the children bring their Easter basket/bag with them so they have something to put their eggs in during the egg hunt. We will also have a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny who will be more than happy to take pictures with all. We hope that many of our residents will be able to attend.

Around Town

This past December we sent out a notice to our residents informing them that the Bacci Park playground would be undergoing renovations. For those that didn't know, the project has been completed and the playground is incredible! Many of the older children in town have already been using the playground during those beautiful days in February. Once again, I want to thank our elected officials for their support of this project, as well as to Cuyahoga County for the development supplemental grant which helped with a portion of the cost on this project. Bacci Park is truly an amazing park that has so much to offer, and I know many of us our looking forward to the opening of the concession stand, as well as the food trucks this summer.

On Thursday morning, March 16 the Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School will be hosting their annual Grandparents Day. We just wanted to make everyone aware of this event as there will be a lot of traffic and activity on East 71st Street that morning.

Events

Last chance—memorial tree deadline is Monday, March 27. We will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. In doing so, residents may honor departed family members through the planting of a memorial tree. Residents may purchase a tree through the village for \$200 (cash or check) which includes your choice of a tree (Pin Oak, Red Oak, Norway Maple, Green Mountain, Sugar Maple, or Red Maple), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. The application along with payment must be turned into the village hall no later than March 27. Applications are available at the village hall, or you can download the form which is located on the home page of our website.





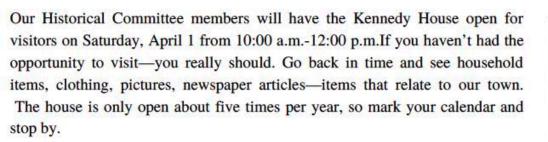






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A bus trip is scheduled to the West Side Market on Saturday, March 4. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all the market has to offer. The bus will depart the market at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the village hall no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



At the request of several of our senior residents, our village wide garage sale has been changed from the last Saturday to the first Saturday of June. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. All village residents that are interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the village hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) 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. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and online in an effort to promote our garage sale. The deadline to register is Wednesday, May 17.

Services

For those residents that didn't know, several of our village hall staff members are Notaries for the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, and would be happy to notarize anything that you require, free of charge during regular business hours.

Our transportation program continues to be one of the most utilized services our village provides. This service is available for our senior citizens (60+ years of age) who are otherwise unable to get to their doctor's appointment. If any senior citizen has a doctor's visit and are in need of transportation, please contact Vera Heinzman at the service department one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit at 216-641-2702







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Birthdays

March birthday wishes to employees: (8) Police Chief Sturgill, (11) Joe Wallace, (12) Angel Meriwether, (15) Jeremy Grabowski, (18) Jeff Baciak, (25) Barb Cash & Tracy Deal, and (26) Jimmy Berdysz.



Condolences

Long-time resident Mrs. Adeline Lipiec passed away on February 2; she was 97 years old. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers and especially to her family who reside here in town: Mary Ann Ulmschneider, Danny Lipiec, Matt Cowling, and Vanessa Cowling and family. Pictured with Mrs. Lipiec is her daughter Mary Ann at last September's senior citizens flu shot and breakfast at Klima Gardens.





"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." ~ Theodore Roosevelt