Village of Cuyahoga Heights

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

April 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 - Charity Pick Up

April 7 - Good Friday
Village Hall & Service Dept. Closed

April 9 - Happy Easter!

April 10 - Easter Monday
Village Hall & Service Dept. Closed

April 11 - Rubbish Collection

April 12 - Special Pick Up

April 28 - Arbor Day Event @ Bacci Park - 5:30 pm

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

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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 Work/ Finance 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.

www.cuyahogaheights.com

From Mayor Bacci's Desk

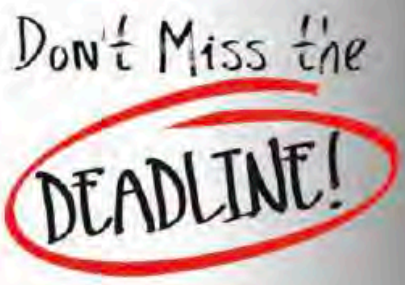
Events

Our **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place this Saturday, April 1 at Klima Gardens at 11:30 a.m....rain or shine! The event is open to Cuyahoga Heights resident children and grandchildren from 0-12 years of age. Please make sure children bring an Easter basket and/or bag with them so they have something to put their eggs in. Even if you don't have little ones, stop by and visit with neighbors. The Easter bunny will also be in attendance to take pictures with all.

The **Kennedy House** will be open for visitors on Saturday morning, April 1 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the house, please try and stop by. Several of our Historical Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Our last trip to the **West Side Market** is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. We will then start it back up on Saturday, November 4. If you are interested in going in May, please contact the village hall no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 5. Residents will start getting picked up from their homes at 7:00 a.m. and the bus will depart the market around 9:45 a.m. to bring you back home. Please note children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Deadline to register for the **village wide garage sale** is Wednesday, May 17—please contact the village hall during normal business hours to sign up. The event will take place on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and online in an effort to promote the garage sale.



Please join us at Bacci Park on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. as we celebrate **Arbor Day**. Twelve trees will be planted in memory of dearly departed family members or residents: *Mike & Sue Armbrust, Anne Boswell, Ottavio & Emma Billi, Norbert & Gloria Chase, Donald & Rena Doskey, Stanley & Helen Chase, Placido & Irma Pallini, Larry & Sue Shimerka, Holly James, Skip & Arlene Richlovsky, David Nobili and George M. Suhy.*

From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Senior Citizens

Just a friendly reminder that residents over 55 years of age are eligible to join our village's senior citizens organization.This group keeps busy with monthly meetings, parties, trips and luncheons. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11. For additional information please contact Noel Centa, who serves as Board President of the club, at 216-509-5278.

Every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30-4:00 p.m., a group of senior citizens meet in the basement of the village hall to make mats out of plastic bags for our elementary students. If your interested in helping out, please join them. It's a good way to get out of the house for a couple hours, as well as talking to other neighbors in town.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Ed "Joe" Ranch who turns 97 years old on April 27. "Wishing you all of life's best as you celebrate this very special birthday."

April birthday wishes to employees: (1) Ken Schoeffler; (6) Marc Sherriff; (13) Joanne Socausky; and (30) Bryon Borowy.

Easter Holiday

In observance of the Easter holiday, our village hall and service department will be closed on Good Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10. Please note that rubbish collection will take place on Tuesday, April 11 and special pick up on Wednesday, April 12.

"May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, good health and happiness to you and your loved ones."

Wishing you and yours a very happy and blessed Easter!

Council Member Spotlight

Council President, Renato Contipelli

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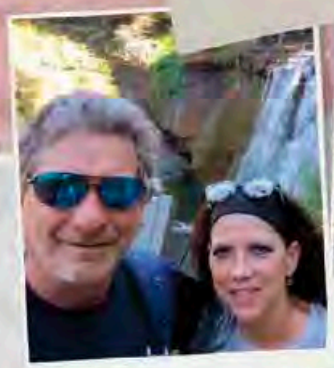
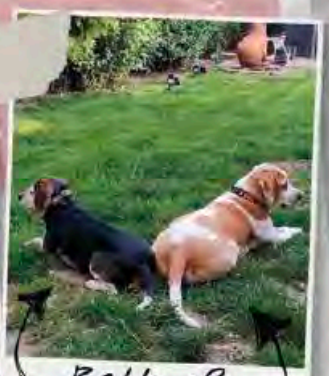


Michelle & I



Bella & Brewster

Born 1960

Lifelong resident

4th generation of Contipelli/Fontana families to reside in Cuyahoga Heights

Married Michelle Jones in 1992

2 dogs Brewster and Bella both rescue beagles

Volunteer

CH Schools

Riversweep

MillCreek/WestCreek Conservacy Advisory Board

Education

Cuyahoga Heights High School '78

BGSU 78-80 Business

CSU 80-83 Business

Case Weatherhead Business School 2005

Continuing EPA education 2005 to present

Hobbies

Hiking with Michelle & dogs

travel

golfing

fishing

hunting

wine tasting

hanging out with neighbors & friends

For 10 years Renato Contipelli has brought his strong background and experience working within municipalities to quasar energy group as Manager of Municipal Development and Biomass Territory Manager developing renewable energy projects and improvements to wastewater plants throughout Ohio, PA, and IA. Prior to joining quasar, Renato worked for 30 years with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and retired as Plant Manager of the 130 MGD Southerly WWTC. While with NEORSD he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the plant. Renato holds an Ohio EPA Class III Wastewater Operations license and is a member of the Water Environment Federation, Ohio Water Environment Association, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association, and Indiana Water Environment Association.

"I have always believed in public service and come from a long line of family members who were and are public servants and have always been taught to serve to the best of your abilities. Serving as a Councilman for Cuyahoga Heights has been one of the most important things I have had the privilege to do to help make life better for the residents of a village that my great grandparents resided in."

From the desk of your
Chief Financial Officer

Angel Meriwether

Don't Forget!

Deadline is May 1, 2023

2023 Village Scholarship Program

The scholarship program assists village resident graduates. Recipients will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

In order to be eligible for the award, the recipients must meet several requirements:

1. **Be a resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.**
2. **Be a graduating high school senior in the spring or summer of 2023.**
3. **Be enrolled either full-time or part-time, at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2023.**
4. **Complete the fall 2023 school term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing with the academic institution.**
5. **Must submit proof of grades to the CFO's office by March 1, 2024.**

Applications are available at the Cuyahoga Heights High School Guidance Office or at the village hall and must be submitted to the CFO at the village hall by May 1, 2023.

Any questions please email cfo@cuyahogaheights.com

A Message from Your Police Department

With their habitats shrinking, coyotes are often venturing closer to our neighborhoods than we'd like. Domestic pets can make an easy meal for these local natives. Here are some tips to help protect your pets from coyote attacks, both at home and while you're out enjoying nature.

While At Home...

Don't Leave Your Pet Outside Un-supervised

If you're not around to keep an eye on your dog, it's best to leave them indoors where a coyote can't get them, especially if you don't have good fencing.

Do Not Feed Coyotes or Other Wildlife

At the end of the day, coyotes, like any other living creature, are simply trying to survive. If you establish your property as a source of food, they will continue to return. It's that simple. If you compost, it is important to ensure that your compost bin is securely locked. Refrain from composting meat or meat by-products, as this scent is extremely appealing to coyotes.

Keep Yards Tidy

Keep your yard free from overgrown shrubs or fallen branches, as this creates an ideal habitat for coyotes. A coyote will not want to spend time in an environment where there is nowhere for them to hide. Don't leave trash outside in bags and make sure all garbage can lids are secure and cannot be tipped over. Remove any fallen fruit.

Pick Up Poop!

Your dog's feces can attract coyotes to your property, so keeping your yard clear of poop can help lower the risk of attracting one.

While Out Walking...

Always Obey Leash Laws

We know that your dog enjoys his or her walks far more without that pesky leash, but walking on leash can literally save your dog's life. Most coyotes are afraid of humans, and your close presence will often be enough to prevent an attack.

Stick To Lighted Areas

Coyotes tend to avoid well-lit areas. If walking your dog on a well-lit street or path is not possible, carry a flashlight with you and keep it on at all times.

Stay Calm

If you encounter a coyote while with your dog, do not run. Running will do nothing but cause the coyote to chase you. Instead, make yourself look as large and intimidating as possible. Shout aggressively at the coyote. Wave your arms. Stomp your feet. Bringing a whistle or air horn with you on walks is always a good idea.

If you encounter a coyote who doesn't seem to notice you, move away quietly without turning your back to the coyote.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF
MIKE SUHY

Babysitting Safety

Having a babysitter can give you peace of mind. It allows you to leave your child with someone you trust. Be sure your babysitter knows about fire safety. Be sure your babysitter knows what to do if there is a fire.

Show the babysitter your home escape plan and make sure the babysitter understands:

- Two ways out of every room.
- Where the outdoor meeting place is located.
- The fire department or emergency phone number.
- How to unlock all doors and windows.

If you allow your babysitter to cook, make sure the babysitter:

- Keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the microwave oven.
- Never leaves the room while cooking.
- Keeps anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Keeps pets off surfaces and countertops.

If the smoke alarm sounds make sure your babysitter knows to:

- Get out of the home quickly with your child to safety.
- Use the second way out if smoke is in the way.
- Get low and go under the smoke to the exit if an escape must be made through smoke.

Remember to always leave the phone number where you can be reached. Cell phones make this easy. Be sure the babysitter knows the address of the home.
Babysitter Training/Babysitting - many places offer babysitter classes. These are online and in the classroom. Some schools and hospitals give training. Classes teach how to care for children, first aid, CPR, and what to do in an emergency.

From your Building Department

Building Commissioner, Norm Casini

Assistant Building Commissioner, Ken LaBella

BUILDING PERMITS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW BEFORE GETTING STARTED

Contractors must get a permit from the building department before starting a project to ensure their work is inspected for sound construction practices and that they are in compliance with safety and zoning ordinances.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Concrete work ***electrical work*** ***plumbing work*** ***water heater replacement*** ***roof replacement***
finishing a basement ***new fencing*** ***decking*** ***windows and doors*** ***additions*** ***furnace and air conditioning***

Permits are not required for general redecorating such as painting, new floor coverings and new kitchen or bath cabinetry and faucet replacement. However, contractors hired for this type of work are required to be registered with the building department.

A homeowner may obtain a building permit to work on their established personal residence without registering as a contractor. However, if a homeowner plans to hire out contractors, they must register with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

For more complex projects, such as decks, remodels, finished basements, additions, swimming pools and accessory buildings, the homeowner or contractor must submit drawings to the building department for review and approval.

If you are installing a new fence, your property lines must be identified and a drawing/ site plan with the description of the fence you are looking to install. After a permit is obtained, mandatory inspections must be scheduled and a 24 hour notice is required. Work needs to begin within six months after the permit has been been issued. Permits expire one year after they have been issued.

If you are unsure what paperwork you might need, please don't hesitate to call or visit the building department at 216-641-7020 Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Forms are also on our website @ www.cuyahogaheights.com under the building department tab.

DID YOU KNOW:

FOOTING- MIN. DEPTH: Exterior Footings must be placed a min. of 12" below the undisturbed ground surface.

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.**

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 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

The Cuyahoga Heights 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.

FROM YOUR
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

STAY TUNED!

Details for the Spring Break outing to come in a flyer in the Neighborhood News & social media

Cedar Point Season Pass Reimbursement

We are still accepting Cedar Point 2023 Season Pass Reimbursement requests!
Contact Vera at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com for more information!

SPORTS NEWS

If you registered your child(ren) for spring soccer you should be contacted by their coach soon.

We hope they enjoy their soccer season!

Registration just ended for the 2023 youth baseball and softball seasons. We will be working with the other teams in the league for team placements and you will be hearing from a coach once this is complete.

If you would still like to register, forms can be found on the village website by clicking the **Recreation** tab in the ribbon at the top of the home page. You will then find the registration forms in the drop-down menu under the **Sports** tab. **In addition to the registration form, a Recreation Public Health Waiver must be completed for all participants. Forms can be dropped off at village hall or emailed to chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com.**

Forms received at this point will incur a late registration fee of $25.00, and while we do our best to place all children on teams, rosters do fill up quickly and late registrations can impact placement on a team.

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

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

Job Requirements for all positions:

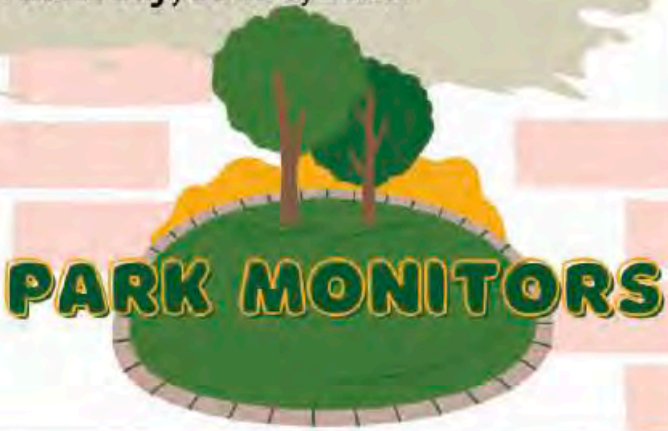
- All Park Monitors must be **16** years old by **March 1, 2023.**
- Concession Stand Cashiers, Pool Attendants, Lifeguards and Playground Monitors must be **15** years old by **June 1, 2023.**
- All Concession Stand Cashiers must possess proficient math skills, have an outgoing personality, and must be available to work nights and weekends.
- Applications **must** be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on **March 20, 2023** for ***Concession Stand and Park Monitors*** and by 4:00 p.m. on **April 3, 2023** for the ***Pool.***

Applications will not be accepted after these dates.

- **Lifeguards must be a Certified Lifeguard, CPR Certified and WSI (Water Safety Instructor - if applicable).**

Applications and job descriptions are available at the village hall and online at www.cuyahogaheights.com under "Employment" or by email request to hr@cuyahogaheights.com.

(All returning employees you may contact your manager for applications as well)
Park Monitors and Concession Stand Cashiers will start as soon as the weather permits!
The Swimming Pool tentatively opens on Saturday, June 3, 2023.



34th Annual RiverSweep

Cuyahoga River Litter Clean Up

May 6, 2023

9:00 AM @ Bacci Park

LEARN MORE ONLINE:
CANALWAYPARTNERS.COM
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER CALL:
216 520-1825

RIVERSWEEP
canalway

Cuyahoga Heights Wellness Program

Yoga

with Jessica Tresko

The village is proud in continuing partnership with Jessica and her yoga classes since 2016.
Join us twice per week via a virtual or in person format.

Classes ranging from:

Vinyasa flow matches the breath with movements; works up a vigorous sweat

Yin deep stretching on the floor

Relaxation supported relaxing positions on the floor; props needed

Ages 10 and above of all skill levels are welcome!

When:

Wednesdays - virtual format from 5:15 -6:15 pm
Saturdays - In person format from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Where:

Virtual classes on Zoom - email & Zoom needed to access.
In person classes - upstairs auditorium at the village hall located at 4863 East 71st, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

Cost:

Residents - FREE

Non-resident guests - $5 per class (can be pre-paid or paid day of class)

Pre-registration is required. Forms can be filled out at the village hall

Upcoming free and informative library programs

ADULT Programs:

Steps to An Effective Job Search / *Registration required.*
Looking for a new job and not sure where to start? Then this program may be for you! During this program we will give you tips to create a successful job search strategy. Ultimately, you will learn how to search for a job, research companies and popular job search websites. You will also learn about the importance of networking and how you can become your own recruiter. Finally, you will learn how Cuyahoga County Public Library's research databases can help you learn more about companies.
Wednesday, May 3 / 10:00 a.m.

May Book Discussions / *Registration required.*
Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date at the check-out desk. All are welcome!
Wednesday, May 17 / 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 / 2:15 p.m.

Stencil Art Program - Adult Craft / *Registration required.*
Using our Cricut maker machine and software we will create simple stencils for this craft. During this program we will use created stencils to spray paint designs onto small pieces of wood for display.
Saturday, May 20 / 2:00 p.m.

Synagogue to Sanctuary - Cleveland's Historic Jewish/African American Connection / *Registration required.*
Learn about the deep cultural heritage contained within these special places of worship and the work being done today to preserve them and share their remarkable stories. Across Cleveland many historic sacred structures were constructed as synagogues by Jewish congregations that are now home to Black churches of various Christian faiths. Each of these places has made history whether for their significant architectural contribution or role in the Civil Rights movement.
Wednesday, May 24 / 7:00 p.m.

TEEN Programs:

Teen Cupcake Challenge / *Registration required.*
Are you looking for something sweet? Come use your creative skills to decorate cupcakes. Prizes for most creative. Cupcakes and decorating materials provided.
Saturday, May 6 / 2:00 p.m.

Teen Maker Club / *Registration required.*
Join us each month to work on a creative project using the Cricut cutting machine. May's project - Tumblers/Mugs.
Wednesday, May 10 / 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN Programs:

Sensible Snacks / *Registration required.*
Students in grades 2-4, gain some tips for making healthy snack choices, then prepare and taste two easy-to-make healthy snacks.
Tuesday, May 2 / 4:00 p.m.

For more information, stop by the Independence Branch, call 216-447-0160, or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org

Hours of Operation
Monday through Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.