

# From Mayor Bacci's Desk

Greetings—hope everyone is doing well! I wanted to thank Councilwoman Lois Henley with her assistance at our Arbor Day event. It rained a lot that day and the ground was very wet, so we all met under the pond pavilion at Bacci Park and honored those individuals who had a tree planted on behalf of their family. Family members that talked took us down memory lane and shared beautiful stories; others brought tears to our eyes. This year we planted 13 trees. For those that don't know, we celebrate this holiday every other year—in the odd years. Our next Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025. Pictured is Councilwoman Henley welcoming everyone to the event.



I wanted to remind our residents that this coming Monday is our annual Memorial Day parade and service. Please join me, our elected officials, residents, family, and friends as we pay tribute to those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Parade step-off time is 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens—marching south on East 71st Street to the Village Hall War Memorial. After the service, please join us for food and refreshments. “Thank you to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.”



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.

## AROUND TOWN

### River Sweep

Thank you to Council President Renato Contipelli for assisting with the Canal RiverSweep at Bacci Park last month. Mr. Contipelli noted that they had a great turnout and a lot of fun with about 120 volunteers, that's 45 more volunteers than last year! He also noted that the weather was perfect and they picked up a lot of trash and debris. Mr. Contipelli thanked Police Chief Sturgill, Councilman Centa, Park Patrol Staff Tony Casavecchia, Concession Stand staff Kelly Hartman and Cheri Piasecki, and all the residents and volunteers who came out and did an amazing job on cleaning up the creek area. Pictured is Council President Contipelli with Fletcher Sturgill.



### Miss Poppy

Prior to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' council meeting on May 10, I had the honor of introducing The American Legion's Post 627 Miss Poppy Milania Budner and Master Poppy Hayden Bahr. Miss Poppy gained her eligibility through her great-grandfather Bill Myers, a Korean War Veteran – United States Marine Corp. Master Poppy gained his eligibility through his grandfather Larry Jones, a Vietnam War Veteran – United States Air Force.



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### **Mind Challenge**

A group of our senior citizens have been visiting the City of Brookpark's Senior Center on a weekly basis where other seniors from various communities formed teams to play "Mind Challenge." The game is played over a vast array of trivia categories. Senior Citizen President Noel Centa recently advised us that on Tuesday, May 16 our seniors were leading the event! Their latest score was 81; the next closest team had a score of 66. Congratulations to our team and best of luck as they move forward in the tournament. Strategizing at the table in this picture are (L-R): Dolores Len, Norman Merhaut, Noel Centa, Rick Centa, Barb Bartczak and Diane Leciejewski.



### **Class of 2023**

Best wishes and congratulations to the students of Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2023 who graduate on Sunday, May 28. Village resident students are Summer Andrews, Halle Barfield, Georgia Barnes, Jared Cowling, Jeffrey Derbin, Michael Derbin, Jaden Figard, Gianna Grattino, Mackenzie Horky, Sophia Janezic, Becky Lepkowski, Caleb Mahoney, Diya Patel, Hannah Trusso, Mackenzie Vallier, and Bella Williams. "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."



### **Last Day of School**

Thursday, June 1 is the last day for students at Cuyahoga Heights Schools. With that being said, please use extra caution when driving and pulling in/out of your driveway as kids will be playing, riding their bikes, walking around and don't always pay attention to motor vehicles.



### **Concession Stand**

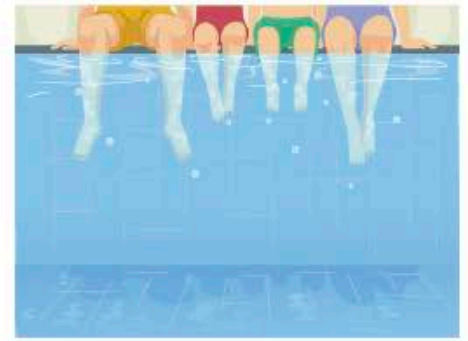
The concession stand officially opens for the summer on Tuesday, May 30. Food trucks will again be back during the months of June and July with our first Food Truck—*Pack Your Bowl* on Thursday, June 1 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Stop on down, grab a bite to eat and enjoy all that the park has to offer.



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## **Swimming Pool**

The Cuyahoga Heights William R. Gerdon swimming pool will officially open for the summer on Saturday, June 3 at 12:00 p.m. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost for pool passes for village residents remains the same at \$25 for an individual pass and \$75 for a family pass. Information has been posted to our Cuyahoga Heights Recreation social media account on how to purchase your pool passes online. Please contact the swimming pool beginning June 3 at 216-341-7684 or email the pool staff at [pool@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:pool@cuyahogaheights.com) if you have any questions.



## **Garage Sale/Shred Day**

Don't forget that the village wide garage sale takes place on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



Our annual shred day is set for Saturday, July 8 at Gateway Products Recycling 4223 East 49th 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.



## **Birthdays**

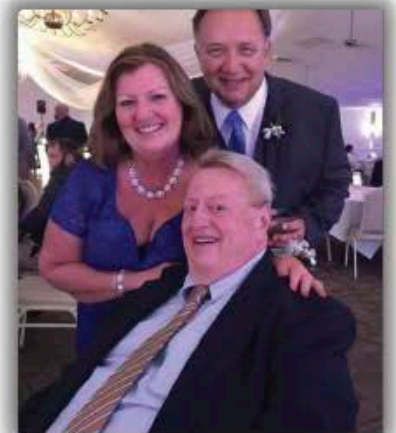
Milestone birthday wishes to Mr. Frank Schoeffler who celebrates his "70th" birthday on June 10. Wishing you happiness, health, and prosperity! Pictured is Frank and I at our 2018 senior citizens flu shot event at the village hall.



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.

## **Condolences**

Please keep Frank and Kim Schoeffler and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Kim lost her brother Dale Jeanguenat, who also was a resident in town, on April 26; he was 74 years old. Pictured are Kim, Dale and Frank at a wedding in 2017.



*Save the Date — Saturday, October 7 for our annual Corn Roast.*

"Be patient and calm; no one can catch a fish with anger."



– President Herbert Hoover

# Council Member Spotlight

Councilman: Robert Unger  
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Councilman – 6 years  
Clerk/Treasurer – 12 years  
Married to Janine for many years, and we still like each other most of the time !!  
Seven children  
Thirteen grandchildren

## "What about Bob?"

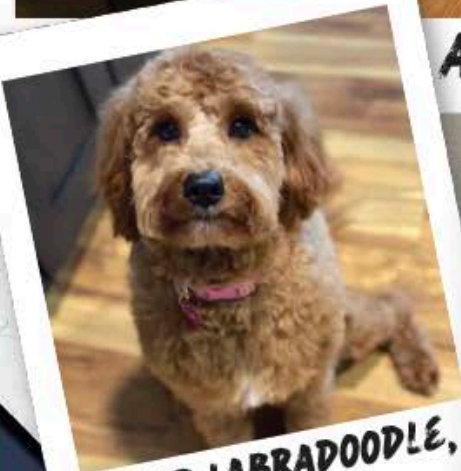
- Worked in the steel industry for 30 years.
- Started in 1974 shoveling iron ore pellets from between the railroad tracks for Republic Steel.
- Graduated from Baldwin Wallace with a Business Degree while working full time, and raising a family.
- Finishing my career at Charter Steel as a Plant Manager and retired in 2004.

I graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 1972, and started a family in 1974.

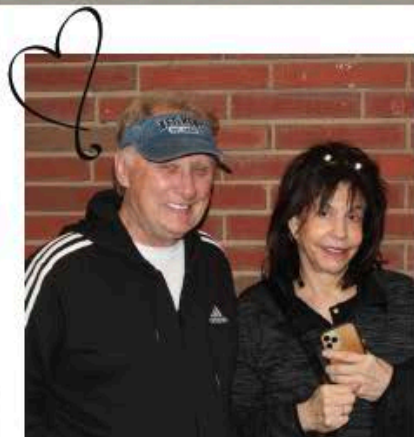


**ALL 13 GRANDKIDS!**

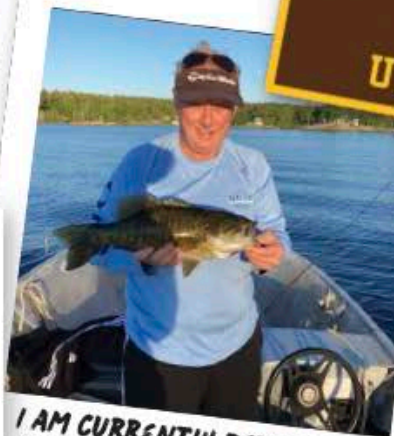
We love Cuyahoga Heights, and always wanted to make it the safest, most beautiful community to live. I decided to run for Council to help make decisions that would benefit all of our residents, and keep our village financially sound, and our residents safe.



**OUR LABRADOODLE, DYLANIE**



**MY WIFE JANINE AND I**



**I AM CURRENTLY RETIRED, WHICH GIVES ME TIME TO ENJOY OUR GRANDCHILDREN, GOLF, AND FISHING**

