

From Mayor Bacci's Desk



This past Sunday we had our second annual event at Bacci Park with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Once again, the weather didn't cooperate and it rained the entire time, but that did not stop the children from attending to see Santa! Everyone had a wonderful time and I can't believe all the little grandbabies and great grandbabies! Our gingerbread station was a big hit for all—where you could grab a cup of hot cocoa and add all the fun toppings to it. I want to thank council and all the employees who put forth their time and energy in making this a truly wonderful and fun event. And special recognition to Santa and Mrs. Claus for spending time with us away from the North Pole.



Christmas Blessings

I wanted to take a moment and thank those who generously gave and helped out several families in our community this Christmas season. To the employees of Charter Steel & MilliporeSigma for adopting several families in town and providing them with a special Christmas. To our residents who graciously donated food during our food drive. To CHPD for participating in the "Shop with a Cop Program." They were able to help out numerous families in town by taking them Christmas shopping. And lastly to the following individuals: John Deliberato, Renato & Michelle Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski & Denis Vanek, Laura & Norman Merhaut, Julie Ferrara and an anonymous resident for donating gift cards to our cause with helping out families in town. Again, thank you and God Bless!



Christmas Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the 2023 winners of our annual decorating contest: 1st Place: - Ron & Beverly Trzeciak; 2nd Place: Rich Grabowski; and 3rd Place: Mark Chase. I know I say this every year, but it was hard to judge the homes—they all looked great! Thank you to all those who took the time and effort to decorate your home.



Offices Closed for the Holidays

The village hall and service department will be closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25. Please note that rubbish collection will take place on Tuesday, December 26 and special pick up on Wednesday, December 27.

In addition, the village hall and service department will be closed on Monday, January 1. Rubbish collection will take place on Tuesday, January 2, special pick up on Wednesday, January 3 and charity pick up on Thursday, January 4.



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Congratulations

I wanted to let our residents know that our CFO Angel Meriwether was awarded the Ohio Auditor of State Award which was presented to our Cuyahoga Heights Community Improvement Corporation. The award is for excellence in financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and compliance with applicable laws for the fiscal year ended 2022. The award from Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber further states that “the citizens you represent are well-served by your effective and accountable financial practices.” This is truly an accomplishment for our village to receive such honors and once again, congratulations CFO Meriwether.

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Programs

Trying to get healthy for the New Year—join the Seven Hills Recreation Center. The village has continued their agreement with Seven Hills for our village residents to use their facility. Our village will pay 100% of the rate for bona fide village residents that are 62-years of age and older, U.S. Veterans, and disabled residents. In addition, we will pay 50% of the rate for all other bona fide village residents desiring to secure a membership as outlined in our price sheet. In order to purchase a membership, please contact the village hall during normal business hours. Each resident/family must show proof that he/she is a bona fide resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. At that time, you will also need to pay your 50% of the membership (cash or check only) for those not covered under the 100% rate. A copy of the approved application, along with rules and regulations will then be given to the resident. It is then up to the resident to take the approved application to the Seven Hills Recreation Center so that you can receive your official pass. We hope our residents will take advantage of this special offer, as well as keeping fit.



Our administration is pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract with the Heritage Home program for 2024. This program offers free technical assistance advice for home repair and maintenance projects on homes that are over 50 years old. In addition, the program offers low-interest equity loans for home improvement projects. For additional information, please contact a Heritage staff member at 216-426-3116 or visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org.



Senior Citizens

For those residents that might not know, our senior citizens organization is open to village residents who are 55 years of age and older. Their meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and in addition to meetings they have holiday parties, dinners, bus trips and much, much more. For additional information on becoming a member, please reach out to Noel Centa, President of the Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens Organization at 216-509-5278.



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Memory Books

We still have memory books available for purchase. The book contains 687 pages of information about our village. Residents can purchase a book for \$10 (cash or check only); however, only (1) book to each residence. In addition, books are available to non-residents at \$50 per book + shipping and handling, if it needs to be shipped. Please contact Lee Ann in my office during normal business hours to purchase a book.

Birthdays

January birthday wishes to employees: (9) Councilman Renato Contipelli and William Mandich; (16) Jimmy Henley; and (19) Brian Fragua.

