

# From Mayor Bacci's Desk



I hope everyone has been well and healthy as we close out the month of February and move a step closer to spring. An important issue for March is the Primary Election which will be held on Tuesday, March 19. One of the crucial items on the ballot is a proposed tax levy from the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District. For those that don't know, CHS Superintendent Tom Evans will be leading tours of the school buildings and grounds on Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 12:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary and everyone is welcome to join; please meet at the school pillars. During the tour, Mr. Evans will highlight some of the maintenance areas that have been discussed with the permanent improvement monies on the upcoming ballot. Earlier this month at our February 14 council meeting, village council passed a resolution in support of the levy. We hope that our residents will do their part and vote on March 19.



## Around Town

Our Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 23 at Klima Gardens at 11:30 a.m.; rain-or-shine. The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' children and grandchildren 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your basket at the village hall during regular business hours prior to Thursday, March 21. Please make sure your children bring an Easter basket or plastic bag with them, so they have something to put their eggs in during the egg hunt. The Easter bunny will also make an appearance to take pictures with all.



As noted last month, please be advised that there was an error in our 2024 village calendar. On Friday, April 26, 2024, there will not be an Arbor Day celebration at Bacci Park. The event is held every two years, and in the odd years. This went into effect in 2015 due to the low number of participants. With that being said, our next Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025.

Now is the time to start cleaning out your basement, closets, and attic—and put those items you no longer want aside and save them for the village-wide garage sale. Due to the low number of customers last year, it was decided to move our event back to the last Saturday of June like in the past. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 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 to promote our garage sale. The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 12.





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## Senior Citizens

Residents over 55 years of age are eligible to join our village's senior citizens organization. The group keeps busy with monthly meetings, parties, trips, and luncheons. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12. For additional information, please contact Board President Noel Centa at 216-509-5278.

A group of our senior citizens meet in the basement of the village hall every Thursday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to make mats out of plastic bags for our elementary students. If you are interested in helping, please join them. It's a good way to get out of the house for a couple hours and converse with your neighbors.

Just a friendly reminder that 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 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.

## Board of Elections

Voting polls will be open for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the village hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, you must complete a new registration form to reflect your new address and/or new name. The registration form, as well as "Vote by Mail" applications are available for our residents at the village hall during normal business hours. You can also go online to [boe.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov) and fill out the forms. If you need additional information, the board of elections' phone number is (216) 443-8683.

## Congratulations

Law Director Ben Chojnacki and his wife recently had another baby—a baby girl on February 5. This brings a total of five kids to the Chojnacki family. Mom and baby are doing great!

## Birthdays

Special birthday wishes to residents Donna Barrett who will be celebrating her 60th birthday on March 13 and to Tracy Deal who is also celebrating her 60th on March 25. Wishing you both a birthday filled with sweet moments and wonderful memories to cherish always!

March birthday wishes to employees: (8) Police Chief Sturgill, (11) Joe Wallace, (12) Angel Meriwether, (15) Jeremy Grabowski, (18) Jeff Baciak, (19) Frank Marcelli, (25) Barb Cash, and (26) Jimmy Berdysz.



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## Condolences

Mrs. Pat Smosarski, a long-time resident, passed away on February 7 at the age of 91. Mrs. Smosarski lived on Grant Avenue for over 65 years before moving to Light of Hearts Villa in late 2018. Mrs. Smosarski always had a smile and was the kindest lady I knew. Many of us fondly remember when she volunteered her time on Fridays at Sacred Heart every Lent during their fish fries, or when she worked as a cleaning lady at the elementary school. What a beautiful lady who truly will be missed by those who knew her. Please keep her family—residents Ray & Karen Smosarski and Christopher Smosarski in your thoughts and prayers. Pictured with Mrs. Smosarski is Mrs. Barb Nieszczur at our 2018 Memorial Day parade.



## Get Well Wishes

Please keep resident Jim Nobili in your thoughts and prayers.

*Get well soon*

## Easter Holiday

In observance of the Easter holiday, our village hall and service department will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1. Please note that rubbish collection will take place on Tuesday, April 2; special pick up on Wednesday, April 3; and charity pick up on Thursday, April 4.

*“The ear of the leader must ring with  
the voices of the people.”*

~ Woodrow Wilson

