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April 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

April 1 - Village Hall/Service Department Closed

April 2 -Rubbish Collection

April 3 – Special Pick Up

April 4 – Charity Pick Up

April 8 - Total Solar Eclipse
Cleveland @ 3:13 p.m.

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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 Works/ 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.

Visit us online @ www.cuyahogaheights.com

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

From Mayor Bacci's Desk

It was great to see so many of our residents in attendance at our Easter egg hunt this past weekend—even though it snowed earlier that morning! And it was fun watching the little ones; how intrigued they were with picking up only one egg—not like the older kids who were running around trying to collect as many eggs as possible. I wanted to thank our elected officials, department heads, several employees and residents for their generosity by donating Easter baskets for our event. We received 30 baskets which were raffled off to the children after the egg hunt.

Catching Up with Cuyahoga Heights

On March 8, our office mailed a 6x8 white envelope via the United States Postal Service (USPS) to every resident in town. The envelope contained a newsletter on the current and upcoming village-wide projects. We were notified by several residents that they did not receive the mailed newsletter. If you have not received it, please reach out to our office at (216) 641-7020 or email l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com so we can get you the information. We can either drop it off at your home, email it to you, or you can always pick up a copy at our office during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Concession Stand

Concession Stand Manager Kelly Hartman and her crew have had the concession stand open during high school baseball and softball games; however, it will officially open for the season on Tuesday, May 28. In addition, food trucks have been secured for the month of June. Hope you're able to stop down and support our Cuyahoga Heights High School baseball and softball teams, as well as getting a bite to eat.

Home Programs

If your home is 50 years old or older, a one-, two-, or three-family home, you can receive technical assistance and may qualify for a low-interest rehabilitation loan. The loan can be used for numerous interior and exterior projects that make your home more comfortable, while preserving architectural character. For additional information, please contact a Heritage Home staff member at (216) 426-3116 or visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM

Also, when doing projects around the home, don't forget about the village's George M. Suhy Grant program. This program allows homeowners three grants in a five-year period. A homeowner may use one, two or all three grants in a one-year period, provided the grants are used on separate improvement projects. The maximum amount paid per grant is $2,000. The current program runs January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027. Contact Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella during normal business hours for additional information.

From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Garage Sale

Deadline to register for the village-wide garage sale is Wednesday, June 12. The event will take place on Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Ads will be placed in the Neighborhood News and online in an effort to promote the garage sale. Please contact the village hall during normal business hours to sign up.

Memory Books

Just a reminder that we still have memory books available for purchase. The book contains 688 pages of information about our village. Village residents can purchase a book for $10 (cash or check); however, only (1) book to each residence. Please contact our office for additional information.

Birthdays

You may recall in last month's newsletter, we wished Donna Barrett a happy 60th birthday—little did she know that her family planned a surprise birthday party for her on Sunday, March 10 which was held in the village hall auditorium. Needless to say, she was very surprised! Pictured is Donna with her children and grandchildren.

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

Congratulations

Village resident Michael Cimperman bowled a 300 on Wednesday evening, March 20. He and his teammates, "Beachwood Truck Park" participate in the St. Michael's Men's League at Seven Hills Lanes. This is Michael's second 300 game over the past two years. Congratulations!

Easter Holiday

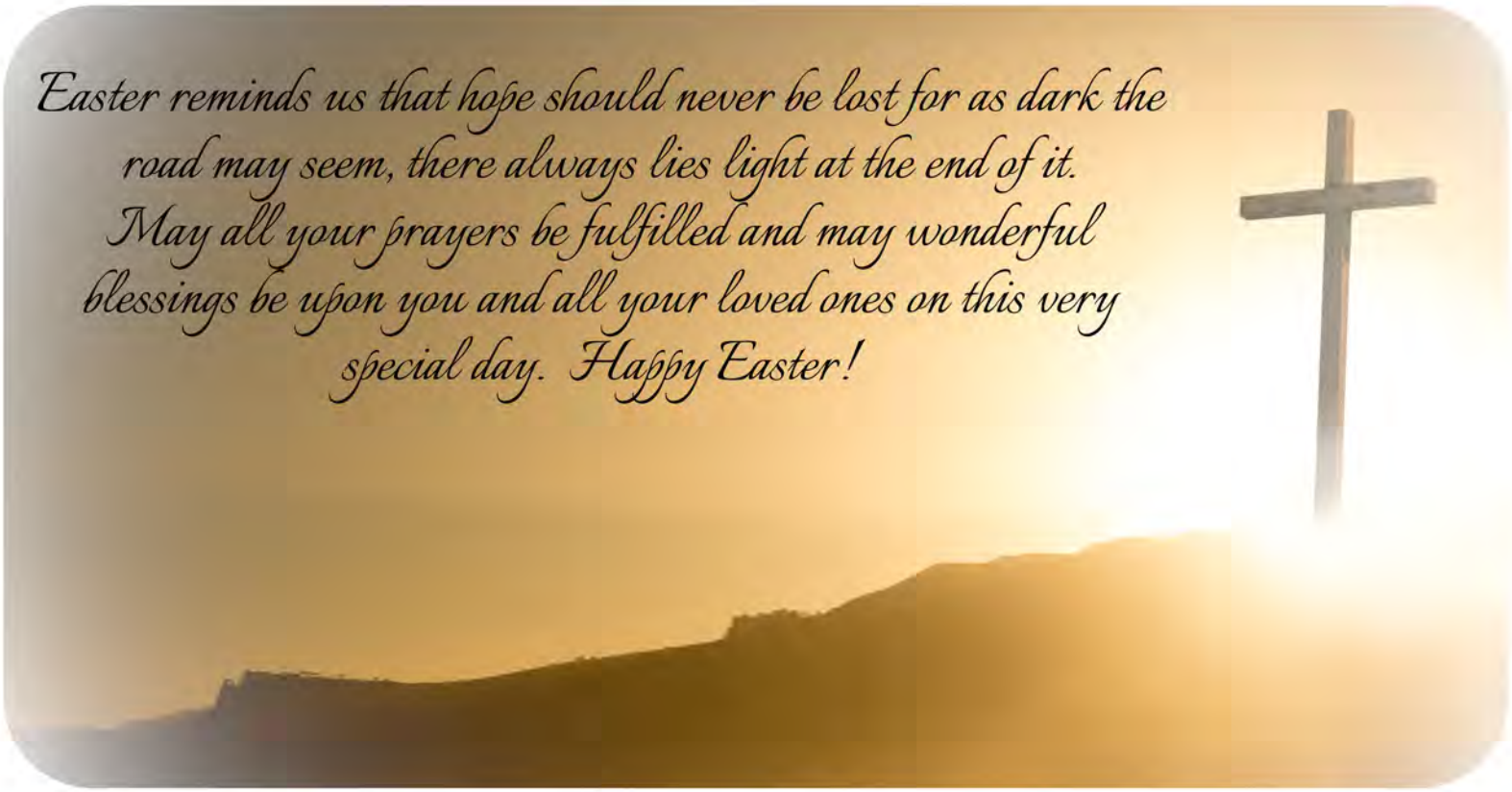
In observance of the Easter holiday, our village hall and service department will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1. ***Please note that rubbish collection will take place on Tuesday, April 2, special pick up on Wednesday, April 3 and charity pick up on Thursday, April 3.***

From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Condolences

Our condolences to Council President Renato Contipelli and his wife Michelle, as well as to the entire Contipelli family—Mr. Ralph Contipelli passed away on February 22 at the age of 88. He was born in Cuyahoga Heights in 1935 and graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 1953. Mr. Contipelli served our village as an elected official for 38 years. His political career began when he was elected as a councilman and his term began January, 1964. In 1985, he became Mayor and served in that position through 1989. After a two-year absence from politics, he was then elected as Clerk from 1992 through 2001. He then again ran for the position of Mayor and was elected from 2006-2007. Mr. Contipelli retired from politics at 72 so that he could spend more time with his family and traveling with his wife Rita. Pictured is Clerk Ralph Contipelli with his son Councilman Renato Contipelli at the Village of Cuyahoga Heights'1992 Inauguration ceremony —Renato's first term as he began his political journey.

Also, village resident Mrs. Mary Phillips passed away in early March after being ill for some time. She had been living in town with her daughter Joyce and her grandson David Shull for about five years. She was a very kind lady who always had a smile. Please keep the Shull family in your thoughts and prayers.



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A Message From CFO, Angel Meriwether

April 15 is the last day to file your income taxes!

May 1 is the village scholarship deadline!

Contact Information for the Finance Department

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Chief Fiscal Officer: Angel Meriwether • cfo@cuyahogaheights.com

Payroll: Mindy Armbrust • payroll@cuyahogaheights.com

Accounts Payable: Christina Caporuscio • ap@cuyahogaheights.com

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A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

Ohio

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

APRIL 8, 2024

A total eclipse of the sun will occur over Ohio on Monday, April 8, 2024, during which Cleveland and all of Cuyahoga County will experience about 3 minutes and 50 seconds of totality.

This is the first such eclipse over Ohio since 1806, when Cleveland was just a tiny frontier settlement at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. Combined with the fact that this date is also the home opener for Cleveland Guardians tens of thousands of people are expected to descend upon our local area.

The following are some suggestions that will help you enjoy the event:

Eclipse Travel & Parking Do's and Dont's

- Pre-plan your route. Know your destination in advance and where you plan to safely park to view the eclipse.
- Do not pull off the side of a roadway to view the eclipse as it could impede traffic and is unsafe.
- Do not park on privately owned land (empty lots or farm fields) unless arrangements have been made with the owner of the property.
- In the event your GPS does not work, keeping a paper travel map in your preparedness kit is smart.
- Keep your gas tank topped off.
- If it is a rainy week prior to the eclipse date, be mindful of parking in grassy areas such as fields. The ground may be soft and your vehicle may get "stuck in the mud".
- Do not call 9-1-1 for traffic jams unless it is a life-safety emergency.

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PLAN
PACK
PREPARE

Eclipse Preparedness

Being prepared is easy if you have a plan. Two top considerations are: **PACK YOUR PATIENCE AND FILL YOUR TANK!** Plan and prepare for this incredible experience. Ensure everyone has their specific needs accounted for in the planning process, for example:

- Plan for and pack your vehicle with the needs of everyone travelling with you. Update your vehicle's emergency kit.
- Understand that your travel home may be impacted by heavy traffic or a detour to another great destination (museum, park…).
- Plan ahead with extra medication, batteries, blankets, change of clothing, chargers, snacks and water.
- Plan for the needs of young children and pets. If a member has special medical needs be sure to account for that in the planning efforts.
- Have a family communication plan when attending any large gathering, to ensure you know where to meet up if you get separated from friends or family.
- Make sure children have identification with your contact number with them in case you are separated.
- Bring plenty of sunscreen, mosquito repellant, rain gear. Keep in mind this will be early April in Ohio and the weather may change quickly.
- Understand cell service may have disruptions due to high volumes of usage.

Eye Safety for a Total Solar Eclipse

- Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and should comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard.
- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched or damaged, discard it. Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter.
- Always supervise children using solar filters.
- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking up at the bright sun. After looking at the sun, turn away and remove your filter — do not remove it while looking at the sun.
- Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device.
- Similarly, do not look at the sun through a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and enter your eye(s), causing serious injury.

Source: https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse

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A MESSAGE 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.

Store matches and lighters out of your child's reach. Candles should not be used by your babysitter. Make sure your babysitter keeps a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around space heaters.

Remember 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.

Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department Employee Spotlight

Firefighter/paramedic, Brian Baciak

- Been a member of CHFD since 1999
- Secretary/treasurer of Local 702

"I have enjoyed my career, following in the footsteps of my grandfather, as a firefighter/paramedic for the village that I grew up in."

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FROM YOUR BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Commissioner, Norm Casini ● Assistant Building Commissioner, Ken LaBella

Spring is here and we hope everyone survived the winter months!

The annual residential rental, out of county and vacant dwelling applications are due by April 1, 2024. All applications are available on our website @ www.cuyahogaheights.com under the online services tab, if you have any questions regarding the applications, please call the building department at 216-641-7020.

The building department will be performing exterior maintenance inspections in the upcoming months starting April 1, 2024. All inspections will be performed from the curb on front side of the property. The inspectors will be identified with a yellow vest with Cuyahoga Heights Building Department marked on the back of the vest. Once all inspections have been completed for all of our residential homes, if we find that an area of your property needs attention, you will be notified by a letter with a photo identifying the area of concern. As always, if you have any questions please contact the building department at 216-641-7020.

Spring Home Maintenance

Cuyahoga Heights is a beautiful small community with an outstanding school system, robust business districts and outstanding village services. You as a homeowner play a role in protecting and promoting the village's image as a premier community by maintaining your property.

It is a good idea to look around your home every spring and make repairs and perform maintenance to keep everything looking nice and working well. Check your yard, home exteriors, garage and accessory buildings for maintenance issues and always be respectful of your neighbors property.

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Here is a list of examples that you can use to maintain your homes exterior :

Yard/ Landscaping

- **Keep your lawn mowed and maintain your weeds.**
- **Keep shrubbery trimmed.**
- **Remove trash and debris from your property.**
- **If you have a fence maintain it.**
- **Trim your trees if needed.**

Houses/ Accessory Buildings

- **Make sure all painted surfaces are properly maintained.**
- **Repair any damaged siding.**
- **Repair broken windows.**
- **Repair missing shingles on roof areas.**
- **Tuck-point brick or stonework.**
- **Clean and repair gutters.**
- **Pressure wash algae from areas that may need it.**
- **Repair or maintain your driveway.**

Remember that maintaining your property is your responsibility as a homeowner.

The building department is a great resource for homeowners to address questions and provide information regarding the maintenance of your home. If you need to hire a contractor, the building department keeps a list of contractors that are currently registered to work in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

We are in the second year of our approved five year George M. Suhy grant program. Every property owner has three grants available for a total value of $6,000.00. If you are not aware of the grant program, please contact the building department at 216-641-7020, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am- 4:30 pm. All grant applications can be accessed on our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com through the online services tab.

Did you know?

Handrails:
Handrails are required on one side for stairs with four or more risers.
The height of handrails shall be 34" inches to 38" inches.

Village Services

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 - NOW ONLINE!

If you need a special pick up for trash that is oversized, large amounts, or hazardous waste, you can now go online 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 submit your information by 4:00 p.m. on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' and select the red 'Special Pick Up' tab. Please fill out your name, address, and all information regarding items you would like picked up and where they are located. You will then get an email response when the request has been successfully submitted. **If you have any questions, please contact Vera at 216-641-3505**

Charity Pick Up - NOW ONLINE!

Our service department will pick up any small usable items 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. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' and select the red 'Charity Pick Up' tab. Please enter your address and select from the drop down. Fill out your name, phone number, email address and all information regarding items you would like to donate and where items are located. This must be submitted prior to the first Wednesday of the month for this service. You will then get an email response when the request has been successfully submitted. **If you have any questions, please contact Vera at 216-641-3505.**

Dumpsters - NOW ONLINE!

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. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' and select the red 'Dumpster Rental' tab. Select your address from the drop down. Fill in your name, phone number and email address. Select a requested date for the dumpster to be delivered and where you would like the dumpster to be placed. There is now the option to pay the fee online via a link sent to your email. You also can drop off cash or check payments at village hall. 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.

Village Services

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 your home.

Meals on Wheels (By Lori's Custom Catering) - NOW ONLINE!

Visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' and select the red 'Meals On Wheels' tab to fill out an application. 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 - NOW ONLINE!

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. Please visit online at www.cuyahogaheights.com under 'Online Services' and select the red 'Tree Trimming' tab.

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.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

with Recreation Coordinator, Vera Heinzman

If your child is registered for spring soccer, we wish them a wonderful time on the field, where they can learn, develop, and above all, enjoy playing the game!

Registrations are closed for the 2024 youth baseball and softball seasons. Team placements are now being coordinated with the surrounding leagues. Coaches will contact parents once children are assigned to a team.

Village Youth Trip – Friday, April 5th

Hurry up and secure your seat for the ultimate laser tag showdown at Arena 51 this spring break! Don't miss out on the fun – head to our website now!

Sign up online at www.cuyahogaheights.com - Online Services - Events & Outings Registration – Search for Event: Laser Tag

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Recycle Right in Cuyahoga Heights

Learn More: (216) 641-3505 **cuyahogarecycles.org/recycle-in/cuyahoga-heights**

IN HOME RECYCLING

Recycle right in your home by placing only these items in your recycling. Items should be loose - unbagged - in your recycling bin.

Aluminum Cups Empty and rinse. No straws.

Cans Empty and rinse.

Cardboard Empty and flatten.

Cups (Plastic) **Empty and rinse. No straws. Discard lids.**

Glass Bottles and Jars **Empty and rinse.**

Paper and Boxes Empty and flatten boxes.

Plastic Bottles and Jugs & Tubs Empty and rinse.

Leave These Out of Your Recycling

It's important to recycle correctly. Some items don't belong in your recycling bin.

OTHER RECYCLING

Many items can be recycled, reused or donated elsewhere.

- **Appliances**
- **Clothing and Textiles**
- **Computers and Electronics**
- **Construction Materials**
- **Holiday Lights**
- **Plastic Bags**
- **Propane Tanks**
- **Scrap Metal**
- **Shredded Paper**
- **Tires**

PROPER DISPOSAL

Some items require special handling for proper disposal.

- **Fluorescent Bulbs**
- **Household Hazardous Waste**
- **Latex Paint**
- **Medications**
- **Needles and Sharps**

LANDFILL

Not everything can be recycled. Place these items in the trash.

- **Broken Ceramics**
- **Durable Plastic**
- **Hoses and Ropes**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Take-Out Containers and Utensils**

Learn more. Call (216) 443-3749 or visit CuyahogaRecycles.org

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RIVERSWEEP

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

RiverSweep 2024 Celebrates 35 Years of Community Cleanups

Since 1989, Canalway's RiverSweep has been bringing together volunteers to protect the Cuyahoga River from litter and illegal dumping. During this time, more than 20 thousand volunteers have helped recycle 24,757 illegally discarded tires and picked up 1.5 million pounds of trash. This annual cleanup is one of Ohio largest one-day litter cleanups. It has helped communities reduce public dumping and encouraged the creation of parks and trails.

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will be leading the cleanup site at Bacci Park. Be part of this legacy by joining us on May 4 by registering at a cleanup site at the link in our bio.

Learn more at CanalwayPartners.com/RiverSweep

Click here to sign up at the Bacci Park location!

Yoga
with Jessica Tresko

The village is proud in continuing partnership with Jessica
and her yoga classes since 2016.
Join us once a week via virtual or in-person format.
Ages 10 and above of all skill levels are welcome!

Classes ranging from:

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

Relaxation
supported relaxing positions on the floor; props needed

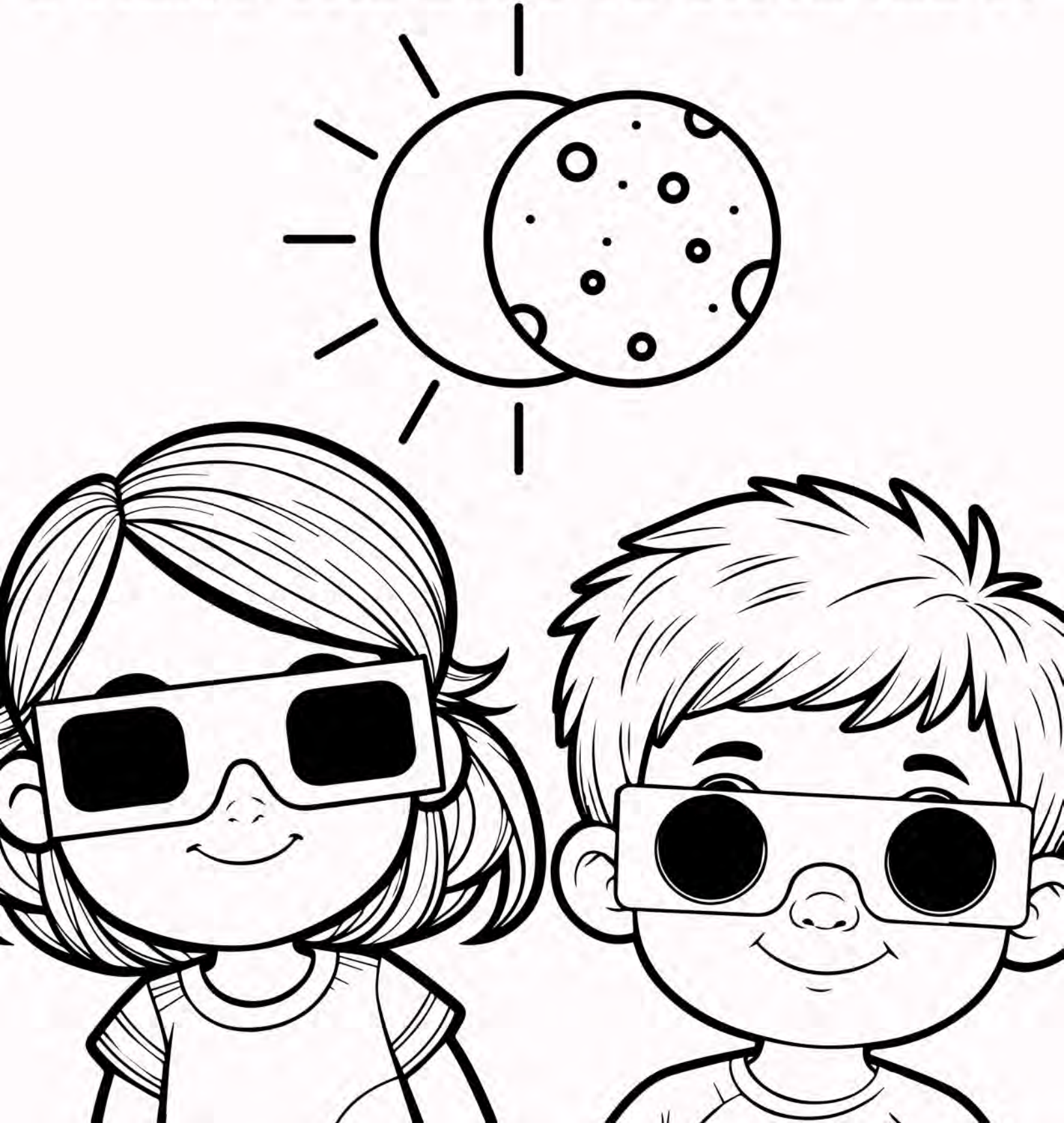
Yin
deep stretching on the floor

When:
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 St.

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 found on our website at cuyahogaheights.com

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