Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

August 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

August 2 & 3
Village Wide Garage Sales
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

August 3- West Side Market Trip

August 7 – Charity Pick Up

August 18 – Last Day Swimming Pool is Open

August 22 – First Day of School for Grades 1-5 and Middle/High School Students

August 26 – First Day of School for Elementary School Students

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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

Our village hall campus improvement project has really taken shape and we were extremely excited to open the splash pad on July 4th! It's been nice to see residents and guests utilizing the facility—especially all the little ones having a fun time in the splash pad area. I also wanted to mention that our playground instructors really got into the Olympic spirit, holding a USA week during the first week of July. This team of instructors are doing a tremendous job for our kids with exciting weekly activities. Follow us on social media to find out what type of activities are going on at the pool.

For the past several years, our village has donated the use of our pool to PALS Cleveland for one of their summer camp days. For those not familiar with PALS, they are an organization that creates immersive experiences where young adults with Down Syndrome and their peers have fun, grow as individuals, and build transformative friendships. On Wednesday, July 10 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the group which consisted of about 120 individuals had the facility to themselves for an amazing event. Our police and fire departments were also on hand to assist with the fun which entailed being handcuffed, hanging out in a police car, dressing up as a firefighter, and playing with the controls in the police car to make the sirens go off, the louder, the better! It was also nice to hear from a resident on how this event made her heart happy—to see these individuals smile, laugh, and have fun without a care in the world. There were quite a few volunteers that were alumni from the Cuyahoga Heights High School. These volunteers stay at the dorms of John Carroll University with their PAL and spend that entire week with them. In fact, two of the volunteers are village residents, Kendall Meriwether and Alexandra Pignatiello. Fantastic job to all those that made this summer camp possible!

Around Town

Village resident Jen Mash was fishing at the pond at Bacci Park last month and caught a largemouth bass Fish Ohio. Great job Jen! For those residents that didn't know, residents can fish at Bacci Park; however, you must obtain a permit at the police station and the cost is $10. Please note that the pond is catch and release only.

On Tuesday, June 25 our senior citizens organization went out for their anniversary dinner to the Blue Canyon Kitchen & Tavern in Twinsburg. Several members stated that the food was fantastic, and everyone had an enjoyable evening.Pictured are members of the organization from their anniversary dinner. *Did you know*…our Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens Club was organized in 1974 by longtime council member Eleanor Koran (deceased). Mrs. Mae Austin (deceased), her mother, was elected to serve as the organization's first president. Best wishes to this group as they celebrated their 50th anniversary!

From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

On Saturday, July 13 we held our annual shred day at Gateway Recycling. Residents were able to bring as many documents as possible to shred. We had a total of 23 vehicles that came through that morning for a total of 1,140-lbs. of paper. Pictured are service department employees Jesse James and Rick Henley who were on hand to assist our residents. Thank you to those that participated in helping with recycling.

LAST CHANCE—sign up today! This Saturday, August 3 the village van will take residents to the West Side Market. Pick ups from resident homes will begin at 7:45 a.m. and shoppers will have a few hours to shop. The van will then depart the market at 10:15 a.m. If you are interested in going, please contact the village hall NO later than 3:00 p.m. this Friday! Children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. There is also a $5.00 non-resident fee.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District located at 4747 East 49th Street in Cuyahoga Heights will again be having their Clean Water Fest on Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Come out and join the fun for a day of free treats, tours and much, much more!

Flu Shots

August 29th is the deadline to register! In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart, Nurse Socausky, and my office—we are offering flu shots to our village senior residents (60 years of age and older) on Friday, September 13 at Klima Gardens.

Blood work appointments will begin at 8:30 a.m. in 10-minute increments; flu shots will begin at 9:00 a.m. in 3-minute increments. As a reminder, if you plan to get blood work, please do not eat or drink anything, except water, after midnight the night before. Please contact Lee Ann at the village hall during normal business hours. Flu shots and blood work will strictly be by appointment only. Drug Mart will provide us with registration forms which we will drop off at your home prior to your appointment. You will need to fill it out and bring it with you on the day of your appointment. We will again be serving a warm breakfast for our senior citizens (packaged in individual containers)—so you can either eat it at Klima's or take it home with you. If you are 65 years of age or older, please bring your Medicare Card as we will seek Medicare payment for qualifying seniors. Our village will pay for flu shots for our village senior residents and employees just like we have done in the past.

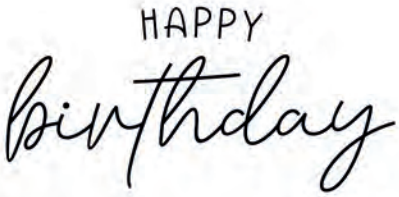
From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Congratulations

Village resident Mrs. Bea Duber (Aunt Bea) became a great-grandma (Baba) on June 19. Pictured with Mrs. Duber is Natalie Bea. Congratulations to the family and their new bundle of joy!

Congratulations to residents Frank and Kim Schoeffler, their son Danny married Lauren Olver on July 20. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Birthdays



August birthday wishes to employees: (2) Kyle Scotten, (4) Brian Baciak, (11) Ted Mackiewicz, (16) Keith Meriwether, (18) Richard Sweeney, (20) Matt Kontura, (21) Daniel Baucco, and (26) Zac Bernstein.

Deepest Sympathies

For those that did not know, Mrs. Wanda Geca recently passed away on June 18. Mrs. Geca had been a resident of the village for 50 years, along with her late husband Casey who passed away in 2015. We also learned that resident Jerry Nagy passed away on July 15; he was 77. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

-Theodore Roosevelt

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A Message From your CFO, Angel Meriwether

2024 Sexennial Reappraisals

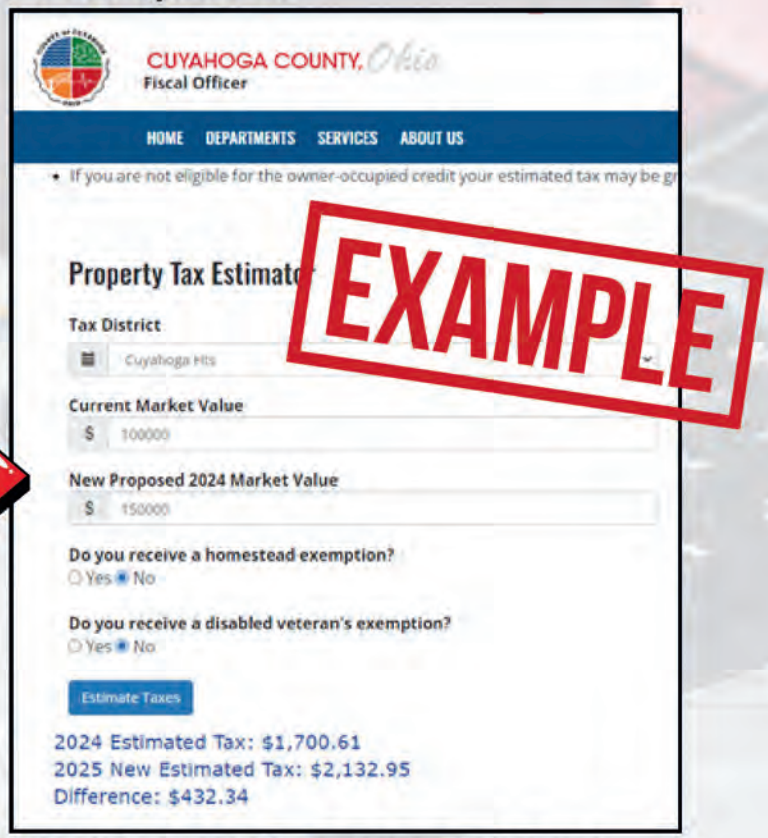
Every six years each county is required by the State of Ohio to reappraise each property. All homeowners in Cuyahoga County should have received the 2024 Proposed Value Notice in the mail! If you did not receive this, please contact the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office at 216-443-7420 option 3.

If you would like to calculate your estimated tax increase you can use the tax calculator on the county website: https://www.cuyahogacounty.gov/fiscal-officer/2024-sexennial-reappraisal

Reappraisal Tax Estimator

Use the estimator to determine your 2025 tax bill payment for Real Property.

Estimate Tax



If a residential property owner wants to contest their valuation, the first step is as follows:
File an Informal Review no later than August 30, 2024 (must be received) by one of the following ways:

- **File electronically through the Informal Review Portal**
- **Via U.S. Mail**
- **Delivered in person to the Fiscal Office**

Address: Cuyahoga County Administrative Building
2079 E. 9th Street, 3rd Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

When filing an Informal Review Complaint the property owner must provide documents to support their opinion of value, which can include:

- **A complete appraisal report from within the last 36 months**
- **Photographs of existing structural damage and/or deferred maintenance**
- **Certified estimates from a contractor for repairs**
- **Purchase agreement with closing statement**
- **Sales comparisons**

Note: Resident will receive notification of any valuation adjustment in November

Police Dept. 5480 Grant Ave. Cuyahoga Hts. OH 44125 (216) 640-2045 chpd@cuyahogaheights.com

A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

LIGHTNING SAFETY

The National Weather Service says about 300 people are struck by lightning every year. This leads to approximately 30 deaths and many serious injuries. With guidance from the NWS, the National Lightning Safety Institute and other experts, here are some tips for staying safe from lightning before, during and after storms

Before the storm:

- Consider postponing or canceling outdoor events or activities if severe weather seems likely. Stay tuned to TV or radio forecasts, or download a mobile app, for alerts about bad weather.
- Make a lightning safety plan that includes where to seek shelter and the best route for getting there.
- At home, consider unplugging electrical items, such as appliances and computers, and turn off air conditioners to avoid damage from a potential power surge.

During the storm:

- Don't seek protection from lightning in sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches. If you have a vehicle nearby, get inside it and wait out the storm with the windows rolled up.
- If you're boating or fishing, get to shore as quickly as you can and look for shelter – ideally in a vehicle or substantial building.
- When looking for shelter, avoid high ground, open spaces and trees. If you're forced to stay outdoors, keep your feet together at all times and crouch.
- Stay away from metal objects such as fences, gates, flag poles, light poles, metal bleachers, golf carts and machinery.
- Keep clear of doors and windows when indoors.
- Don't shower or bathe until the storm subsides, as plumbing can conduct electricity.

After the storm:

- Stay indoors for at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard. Even if the sky looks clear or a rainbow appears, charges of lightning often linger in the clouds.
- If someone has been struck by lightning, you can help. Although the person has likely entered cardiac arrest, they don't carry an electrical charge and are safe to touch. Call 911 and provide first aid, administering CPR if you're trained and using an AED if one is available. If possible, move the victim to safety before paramedics arrive.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF, MIKE SUHY

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As summer draws to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect. Remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe at school.

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they - and the motorists around them - take proper safety precautions.

Traveling to and from School:

Walking To School

- Parents should walk or bike the route prior to school starting and look for any possible hazards the child may encounter and identify a safe place to go if the child needs help
- Stop, look and listen before crossing the street. Always cross at the crosswalk and obey traffic signals
- Walk or bike with a friend. It is safer and more fun with a buddy
- Go directly to school and directly home afterward
- Do not play in vacant fields or lots
- Stay on the sidewalk or bike path and do not take short cuts
- If someone approaches you or makes you feel uncomfortable, don't talk to them and keep walking or riding
- If a vehicle is following you, turn around and go the other direction
- Don't put your name on clothing, backpacks, books or lunch boxes that are visible to others
- If approached by a dog, do not run. Do not touch the dog. Stand still and tell the dog to go home. If the dog will not leave, slowly back away from the dog putting distance between him and you; then continue walking

Biking To School

- Bright colored clothing will make you more visible to drivers
- Always wear a bicycle helmet
- Backpacks should be tight on the upper back and not dragging on the rear tire
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs
- Ride on the right, going the same direction as traffic
- Use appropriate hand signals

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF, MIKE SUHY

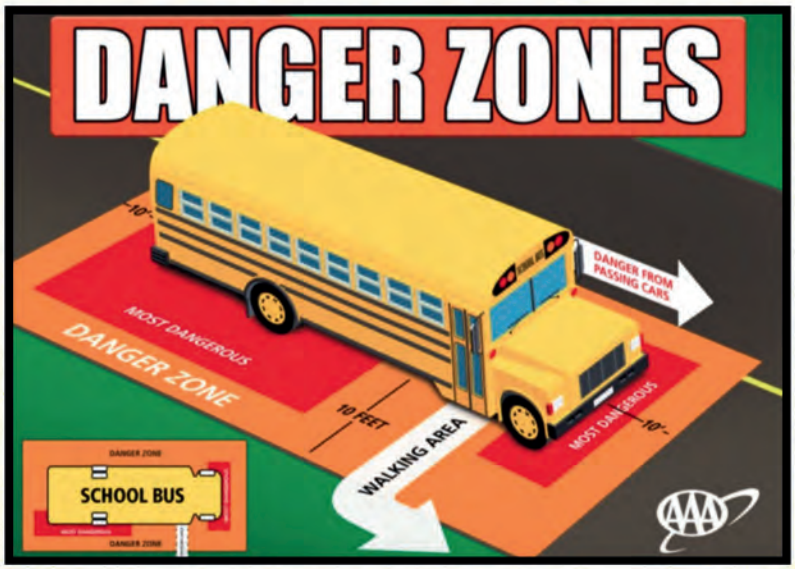
Bus Stops

- Know your bus number
- Stay in a group while waiting for the bus
- Do not play in the street. Stay on the sidewalk or grass
- Wait for the bus to completely stop before approaching it
- Look both ways before crossing the street to get on the bus. Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver
- Stay seated while on the bus and keep hands and head inside the windows.
- If someone offers you a ride, say NO
- A parent could be at the bus stop before and after school for extra safety

For Parents Vehicle Traffic

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings
  - Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving
  - Give children right-of-way in crosswalks and school zones
  - Avoid backing your vehicle at schools
  - Children should exit to the right side of the vehicle
  - Do not leave until your child is completely on school property



Reminder for your kids:

- They should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Make sure they always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them

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' & select the red 'Special Pick Up' tab. Please fill out your name, address, and all information regarding items you would like to be 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 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. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' & 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' & select the red 'Dumpster Rental' tab. Provide your information and select a preferred delivery date for the dumpster & specify the location for placement. You can now conveniently pay the fee online through a link that will be 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.

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.

VILLAGE SERVICES

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' & 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 lunchtime 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 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 www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' & 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.

Grass Cutting - NOW ONLINE!

The village will mow the lawns of senior citizens aged 60 and above who meet the program's criteria at their residences. A signed waiver is required before we can provide this service. You can access the forms online or return them to the village hall. If you are unsure whether you have a waiver on file, please reach out to the service department at 216-641-3505. Please remember to remove dog droppings on a routine basis.

Rec Dept. 5181 Canal Rd. Cuyahoga Hts. Ohio 44125 (216) 641-2702 chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

with Recreation Coordinator, Vera

SPORTS

If you have registered for flag football, cheerleading or soccer, we are working with the neighboring communities and coaches who will be in contact with parents after placement is complete.

You can now conveniently register for youth sports online by visiting our website www.cuyahogaheights.com and find the registration forms under Online Services.

YOUTH BASKETBALL DEADLINE IS OCT. 1ST

CONCESSION STAND

Summer sports season might be coming to a close, but the Bacci Park Concession Stand is still open! Operating hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The final day the concession stand will be open is Sunday, August 25th. Before summer wraps up, don't miss the chance to swing by the concession stand and treat yourself to something!

SWIMMING POOL

The temperatures outside are still high, giving you more opportunities to enjoy a beautiful day by the pool & splash pad! All pool pass holders are welcome to attend our end-of-season pool party on Saturday, August 17th. More details will be shared at the pool and on social media during August. The final day of the 2024 pool season will be Sunday, August 18th.

CEDAR POINT 2024 SEASON PASS REIMBURSEMENT

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will reimburse $75 to residents who purchase or have already purchased a Cedar Point Season Pass for the 2024 season. Residents must forward the email confirmation that you receive from Cedar Point after purchase to chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com. Reimbursement will only be provided to residents currently living in Cuyahoga Heights and requires the inclusion of names of all pass holders for 2024. Reimbursement will be issued within three weeks of submission acceptance & is $75 per pass regardless of type purchased.

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.

PALS

Pool day in the village!
July 10, 2024

Cuyahoga County
Executive Chris Ronayne

Department of Public Works
2079 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

For construction updates; please check our website at:
www.cuyahogacounty.gov/publicworks

Resurfacing of Grant Ave. From E. 49th Street to 71st Street in the City of Cleveland and the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

We appreciate your understanding of our efforts to improve the quality of this county route.

Thank You.

TRAFFIC
Grant Ave., may be restricted to one-way traffic in the westbound direction from E. 49th St., to Willow Parkway for a period not to exceed 75 days. Within this timeframe, Grant Ave., may be restricted to one-way traffic in the eastbound direction from Grant Parkway Drive to E. 71st St., Grant Ave. between Willow Parkway, through the IR-77/Grant Ave., interchange, to Grant Parkway Dr., will be maintained with one lane in each direction at all times.

Detour:
From E. 49th St., to Willow Parkway, eastbound motorists will be directed to E. 49th St., Harvard Ave., and IR-77 southbound. From Grant Parkway Dr. to E. 71st St., westbound motorist will be directed to E. 71st St., Brecksville Rd., and IR-77 northbound.

CONTRACTOR:
Vandra Brothers Construction, Inc.

FUNDING:
5% $5.00 Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, 38% Federal Funds, 22% Ohio Public Works Commission, 2% Municipalities

COST:
$1,580,963.85

NOTICE TO PROCEED:
June 2024

COMPLETION:
November 2024

FIELD OFFICE: (440) 804-6900

Rescheduled Village Wide Garage Sales

August 2-3

Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Resident Addresses

Dressler Court:	*(8.2 only)*	7124
Marcelline Court:		7123
East 49th St:		4559
East 71st St:		4823
		4919
	(back)	4920
		4929
		4979
	(8.3 only)	4996
Willowbrook Dr:		5031

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Bacci Park

Annual Corn Roast

Activities start at 4:00 PM

This annual event supports and celebrates a number of important community groups, volunteer organizations and our school district.

No dogs are allowed at this event. Only licensed service dogs are permitted.