Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

September 2 – Labor Day
Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed

September 3 – Rubbish Collection

September 4 – Special Pick Up

September 5 – Charity Pick Up

September 7 – West Side Market Trip

September 11 – Patriot Day

September 13 – Senior Citizens Flu Shot & Breakfast

September 22 – Autumn Begins

Stay up to date with us on our social medias!

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

Summer sure did fly by…and it was great to see so many residents and pool pass holders using our swimming pool this year, especially with the added addition of our new splash pad. Even though the pool is closed, pool pass holders and village residents are still able to enjoy the splash pad area along with the pickleball and sport courts. This area is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. through September 30. However, please note that the areas will not be open when there is a CHS home football game and the day of the homecoming dance. Village resident Michael Cimperman was itching to play pickleball and looking to do so with a neighbor when the courts opened, so I thought it would be fun to play against him—wrong! He destroyed me but we had fun playing the game along with my daughter Brenna. As soon as this area closes for the season, we will begin construction on the new playground. At this time, I would like to thank Council for all their support on this project, as well as to our departments and staff that helped move this project quickly and efficiently so that our residents were able to utilize the facility this summer.

KELLEYS ISLAND

This past Monday, I took 17 senior citizens to Kelleys Island for the day. Everyone enjoyed themselves and many were grateful for just getting out of town. For those that don't know, this event is open to all village residents who are 60+ years old; and you don't have to be a member of the Cuyahoga Heights senior citizens organization to attend. This is something I have been doing for all our seniors since 2011. I hope others in town will participate next year so we can continue to keep this tradition going,

WEST SIDE MARKET

Our next trip to the West Side Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 7. The village van will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:45 a.m. (the market opens at 8:00 a.m.) and shoppers will have a couple of hours to shop. The van will then depart the market around 10:15 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the Village Hall **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday**, the day before the trip. Please note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult and there is a $5.00 non-resident fee.

NEORSD

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District which is located at 4747 East 49th Street 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 with free treats, tours and much, much more!

FROM MAYOR BACCI'S DESK (CONTINUED)

CORN ROAST

Our staff has already been shifting gears and preparing for our big event—the annual Corn Roast which will be held on Saturday, October 5. As always, hoping our residents will stop by to grab a bite to eat, visit with neighbors, listen to music or see the incredible fireworks.

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5 is the Presidential General Election. You must register or update your voter registration no later than 30 days prior to an election. Registration deadline is October 7 for the November 5 election. If you register or update your information after the deadline, the change will apply for the next election. *Voter Registration and Information Update Form and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications* are available for our residents at the village hall during normal business hours. If you need additional information, the board of elections' phone number is (216) 443-8683 or you can go online to boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to village residents—Shireen Mitchell who became a great-grandma and to Matt and Vicky Sokolich for becoming grandparents. Stephen and Donna Sokolich welcomed Aurora June on July 28 at 4:13 a.m., weighing in at 6-lbs., 11-oz and 18-3/4 inches long. Best wishes to the family with your new little bundle of joy!

Village resident Tracy Deal has been playing in a senior women's softball program this summer (Northcoast Vintage Players) and played on Tuesday evenings in Euclid. She also had the opportunity to play on their tournament team which is called CLE Silver Spirit and competed with her teammates in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. And more recently, she played in the Ohio Senior Olympics State Games with the North Coast Classics who took home a bronze. Congratulations to Tracy and her teammates.

OHIO SENIOR Olympics

FROM MAYOR BACCI'S DESK (CONTINUED)

In preparation for his VeloSano 100-mile ride on Saturday, September 7, Michael Cimperman had a picnic at Klima Gardens a few weeks ago. The event started off with a casual 25-mile bike ride from Klima Gardens to Edgewater Park and back. There were eight other riders along with Michael and two of them were village residents—Josh Bloam and Ken Bozikis. Great job to everyone and best of luck to Michael on the 7th!

VELOSANO

BIRTHDAYS

September birthday wishes to employees: (3) Eric McKenzie, (4) Sean Coubrough, (9) Councilman Todd Bloam, (11) Dean DePiero, (17) Debbie Reiger, (18) Brad Unger, (21) Justin Gvora and Ricky Mischak.

CONDOLENCES

Longtime village resident Mary Jane Blue passed away on July 28; she was 67 years old. Mary Jane was a very sweet and kind person, and a wonderful daughter who took care of both her parents when they were alive. Mary Jane had strong catholic values and was a member of the Holy Name Church. We went back in our archives and found a picture of Mary Jane with her mom, Bernice, at the village's swimming pool anniversary in July 2007. She truly will be missed, and we ask that you keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

"I walk slowly, but I never walk backwards."

~ Abraham Lincoln

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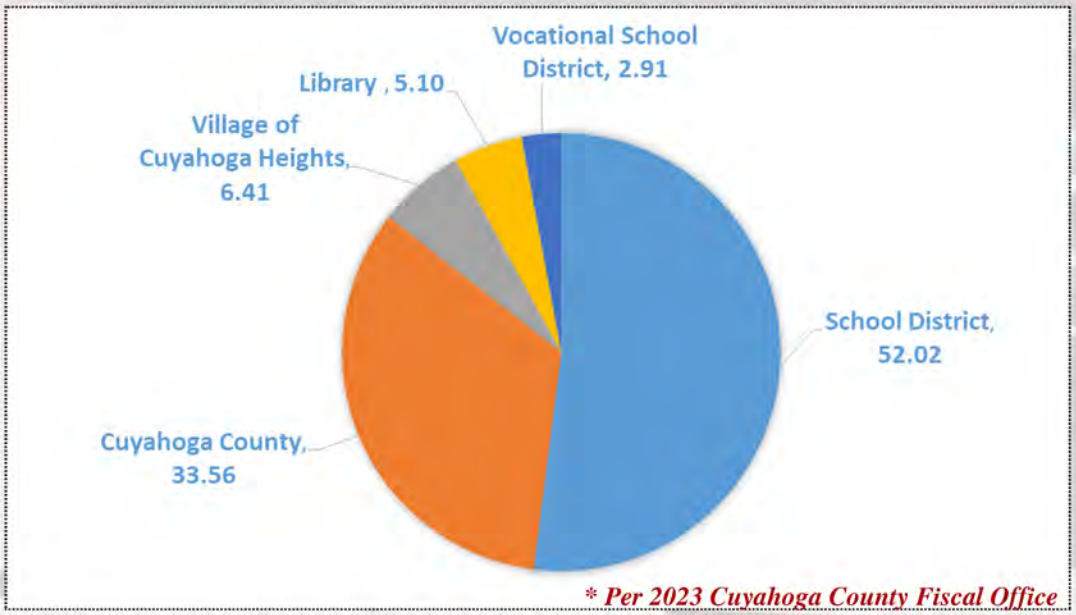
A Message From your CFO, Angel Meriwether

Property Taxes...

Where Does Your Money Go?

Twice a year, homeowners are expected to pay their property tax, but have you wondered where it ends up and who benefits from it?

Property tax in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights is administered by Cuyahoga County. For each **ONE DOLLAR** in property tax paid, the county then distributes those funds to the following:



House Property Tax Value	Annual Tax Dollars Distributed to the Village per Home:
$100,000	$64.10
$120,000	$76.92
$150,000	$96.15
$180,000	$115.38
$200,000	$128.20
$250,000	$160.25
$300,000	$192.30
$350,000	$224.35
$400,000	$256.40

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A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

The Party Stops Once You Choose to Drive Impaired

Don't make the decision that you can't afford to live with

This Labor Day, and every day, remember that drug-impaired driving is dangerous and illegal. Marijuana can inhibit your brain function by negatively impacting your motor coordination and reaction time. Driving high endangers you, your passengers, pedestrians and other people on the road.

Drug-Impaired Driving

Drug prevalence appears to be on the rise among drivers. The National Highway Transportation Safety Association (NHTSA) recent study of seriously or fatally injured road users at studied trauma centers suggested that the overall prevalence of alcohol, cannabinoids and opioids has increased.

Be Responsible: Have a Plan

Plan a safe and sober ride home ahead of time.

If you have smoked or ingested an impairing substance, do not drive. If you know someone who is impaired, don't let them get behind the wheel.

If you're hosting a gathering, make sure all your guests have a sober ride home.

If you see an impaired driver, call 911. And always wear your seat belt — it's your best defense against impaired drivers.

For more information on how to not become a statistic and make a difference, visit:
https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/if-you-feel-different-you-drive-different

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF, MIKE SUHY

Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

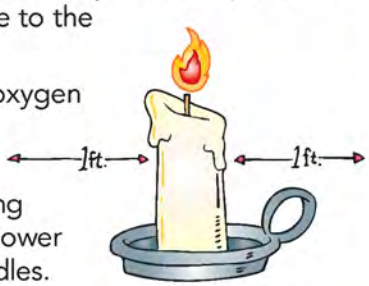
"CANDLE WITH CARE"

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimetres) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

FACTS

- **December** is the peak month for home candle fires.
- More than **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- **Three of every five** candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF, MIKE SUHY

To continue to ensure the safety of our village, the fire department recently hired full-time firefighter/paramedic Nick Dalton. Nick comes with a range of experience, expertise, and eagerness to learn--and a passion for the job.

We also promoted Tom Kekelis to Lieutenant.
Tom will be a great leader to continue the growth of our department.

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department would also like to wish Captain Patrick Koran all the best in his retirement. Captain Koran was a member of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department for 37 years. While on the Fire Department Pat was a Fire Inspector, Union President, and MDA representative.

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.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

WITH RECREATION COORDINATOR, VERA

Sports

If you've signed up for flag football, cheerleading, or fall soccer, get ready to receive a pep talk from your coaches as the season kicks off soon!
You can now conveniently register for youth sports online by visiting our website www.cuyahogaheights.com and find the registration forms under Online Services.

Concession Stand

That's a wrap for the 2024 concession stand season! A massive shoutout to our amazing concession stand manager Kelly Hartman and her fabulous team for serving up a scrumptious summer of goodies at Bacci Park! Even when the heat was cranked up to eleven, the concession stand crew had your back with icy treats!

Swimming Pool

A big thank you goes out to Sandi Sturgill, our fantastic pool manager, and all the hardworking staff who contributed to making this pool season unforgettable! From navigating the chaotic construction phase to hosting the end-of-season celebration, the pool team consistently organized engaging activities for our kids every week this summer!

Recreation Sports Complex

Even though the pool may be closed for the season, our brand-new recreational sports complex will remain open throughout September! Get together for a game of pickleball, shoot your shot at basketball or savor the remaining warm weather by relaxing at the splash pad! Obtain your 2024 Recreation Pass through our website or use your 2024 Pool Pass for access. Operating hours are from 9am to 9pm every day, depending on the weather.

Cedar Point 2025 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 2025 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 and 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.

THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

GEORGE M. SUHY GRANT PROGRAM

NEW AND IMPROVED

ONLINE APPLICATION

Homeowners: Are you planning on doing any projects in or around your home? If so, you may qualify for our grant program! We've updated our online application process in order to navigate the site with ease! By following the steps below you'll have your grant money shortly after you have finished your project!

Before you apply:

- Head to www.cuyahogaheights.com and click on the "Online Services" tab. Here you will find the following links you'll need to do first.

Contractor Registration Application

- Contractor (if applicable) ***MUST*** be registered with the village.

Construction Permit Application

- You or your contractor ***MUST*** apply for a permit.

Now You Are Ready To Apply!

Suhy Grant Application

- Head to www.cuyahogaheights.com and click on the "Online Services" tab. Here you will find the "Suhy Grant Application" Click to get started!
- Complete all areas where applicable on your application.
- Schedule a pre-inspection. This ***MUST*** be done ***BEFORE*** starting your project.

  **If required, you will receive instructions to schedule a specialty inspection which will be completed by the building department.*

- You or your contractor completes project.
- Schedule a final inspection through our building department.
- Submit ***ALL*** receipts ***and/or*** proof of payment to the building department.
- Receive your payment from the village within 45 days of all receipts received.

More details and information can be found on our website www.cuyahogaheights.com under Online Services.

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 am - 10:15 am

Where:
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

Community Bulletin

Spotlighting our local resident businesses

Village resident Candy Derbin designs and makes T-shirts & more for ladies and their best friends!

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On-line store www.truebestiestb.store
Email: Truebestiestb@gmail.com
Tiktok: https://tiktok//@truebestiestb
Instagram: https://instagram//@truebestiestb

Have a small business you'd like to promote in our newsletter?

Contact the village hall via email:
l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com
media@cuyahogaheights.com

Cuyahoga Heights Seniors Annual Trip to

Kelleys Island

August 26, 2024

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.

2024 Village of Cuyahoga Heights 2025

DIRECTORY

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS FIRE OR POLICE 911

For other calls to the Fire Department ..... (216) 641-6799 5480 Grant Ave ..... Fire Chief Michael Suhy Police Department ..... (216) 883-6800
For *non-emergency* calls to the Police Department..... (216) 640-2045
5480 Grant Ave ..... Police Chief Brian Sturgill

VILLAGE HALL ..... (216) 641-7020
4863 East 71st Street ..... Fax: (216) 641-8485

SERVICE DEPARTMENT.....(216) 641-3505
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CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL .....(216) 429-5880