



*Continuing to move our
legacy community forward...*

August 2025 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

August 6 – Charity Pick Up

**August 17 – Last Day Swimming
Pool is Open**

**August 21 – First Day of School
for Grades 1-5 and
Middle/High School
Students**

**August 25 – First Day of School
for Kindergarten
Students**

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.

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every month under the government tab.

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From Mayor Bacci's Desk

It has been a very hot and humid summer which makes for a very busy pool season! Our pool staff has been doing a tremendous job—from swimming lessons, to keeping patrons safe, to weekly activities and crafts for the youngsters. Follow us on social media to find out about future activities, and events at our pool complex.



Around Town

Over the last several years, our village has donated the use of our pool to Camp 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 people with Down Syndrome and their peers have fun, grow as individuals, and build transformative friendships. During the late morning and early afternoon of Wednesday, July 9, about 144 individuals from the group had our pool facility to themselves for an amazing event—even our police and fire personnel joined in on the fun. In addition, numerous volunteers were Cuyahoga Heights School alumni. The camp is held at John Carroll University where volunteers stay in the dorms during the week-long event with individuals from PALS. Village residents, Kendall Meriwether and Nick Armbrust were amongst the volunteers. Kudos to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy in creating a memorable experience, it is truly inspiring.



As we continue moving forward with our Housing Stock Revitalization Program, the front and rear structures at 7138 Bletch Court were finally razed on July 10. As noted in earlier correspondence to our residents, this was made possible with assistance from the Land Bank and grant money from Cuyahoga County as well as the support from our village council.



On Saturday, July 12 we held our annual shred day at Gateway Recycling on East 49th Street. Residents were able to bring as many documents as possible to shred. We had a total of 26 vehicles that came through that morning for a total of 1,140 gallons of shredding material. In addition, service department employees Rick Henley and Jesse James were on hand to assist our residents. Pictured with Rick and Jesse are residents Sheryl Lemiec and Debbie Bloam along with Angie Wade from Gateway Recycling. Thank you to all those who participated.



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 20 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Come out and join the fun—free games, giveaways, tours, trucks, education and inspiration unlike any other. With a nearby lot just down the street at their Southerly Treatment Plant and all-day shuttle service between parking and party, bring any number of guests with you and enjoy your stay with ease.



From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Save the date— Saturday, October 4 for our annual Corn Roast at Bacci Park. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m.



Flu Shots

In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart, Nurse Socausky, and our office— we are offering flu shots and blood work to our village senior residents (60 years of age and older) on Friday, September 12 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. **The deadline to register is Thursday, August 28!**



Congratulations

Matt and Vicky Sokolich recently became grandparents. Their son Matt and his wife Sara welcomed Theodore Matthew Sokolich into the world on June 11. He weighed 6-lbs., 6-oz., and 19-inches long.



Sarah Vondrak and her fiancé Steven Cropper welcomed Sage Lynn on June 27 at 7:11 p.m. Sage weighed in at 5-lbs., 15-oz., and 18.5-inches long. Grandparents Tracy and Bob Spies are elated!



Congratulations to the families and "may your days be filled with joy and precious moments with your little one."

Birthdays

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



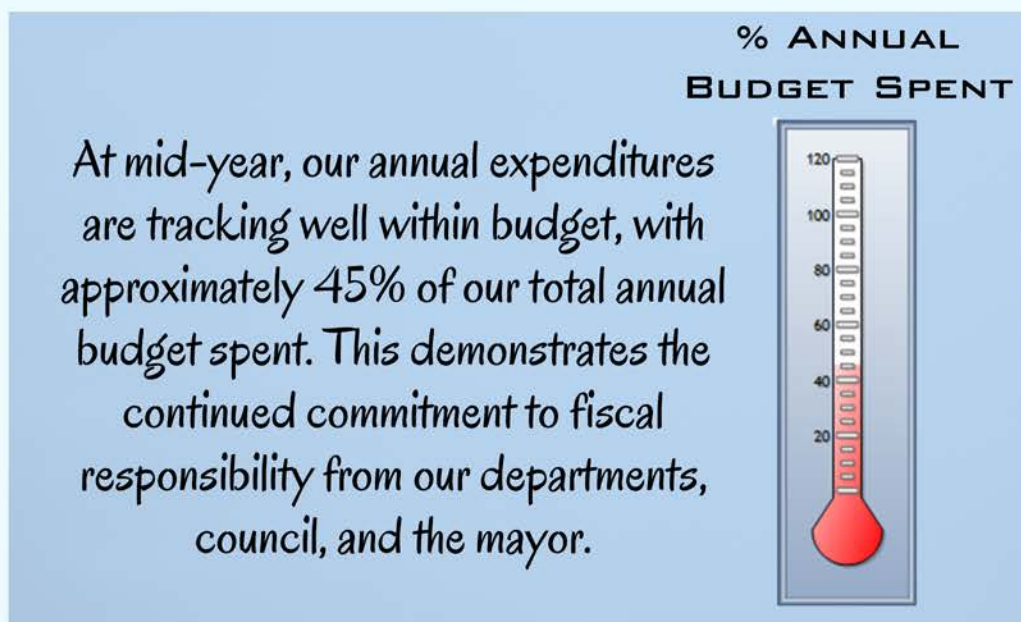
Deepest Sympathies

For those that didn't know, village resident John Baranowski passed away unexpectedly on June 30; he was 73. Also, former village resident, Joseph Brotosky passed away suddenly on June 27; he was only 32. Joey is survived by Bev Chudzinski, Pete Kawczynski, Jennifer Mash and Sharon Chudzinski. Please continue to keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers.



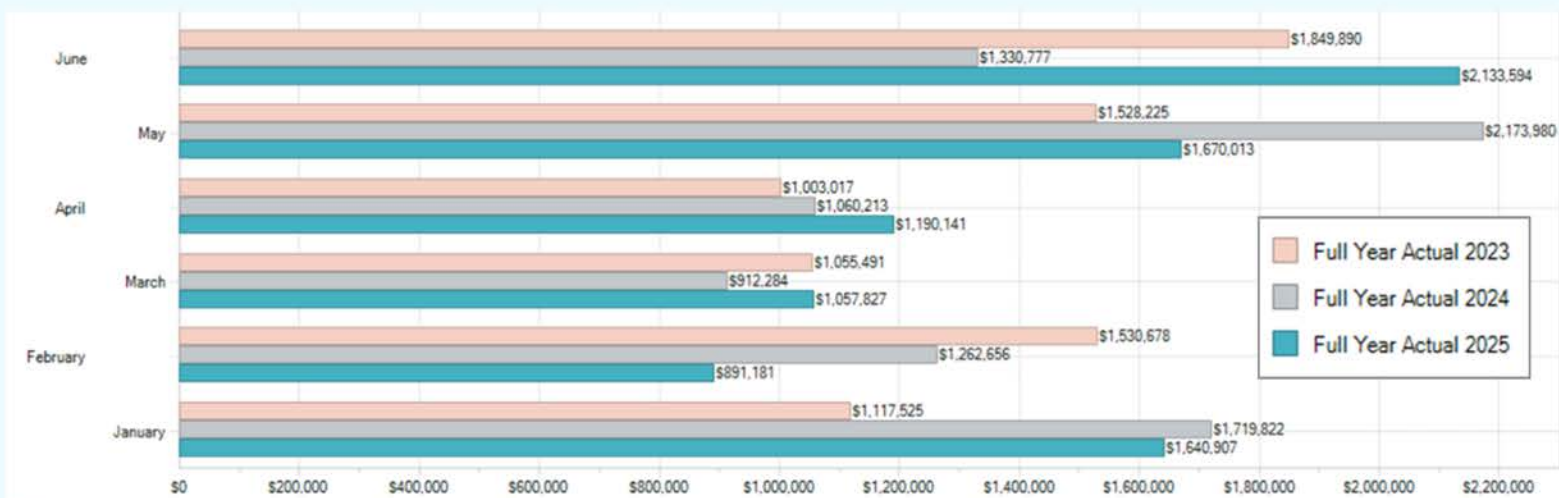
From the office of your CFO, Angel Meriwether

As we wrap up the halfway point of the fiscal year, I'd like to provide a brief update on the Village's financial standings as of June 30th.



On the revenue side, our Income Tax collections are on target, with approximately 51% of our projected revenue received to date. This positions us well for the remainder of the year and aligns with our forecasts.

I will continue to monitor both revenue and expenditures closely and will provide additional updates as the year progresses.





A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

! STAY ALERT: Back-to-School Safety Tips

Drivers:

- **Obey speed limits:** The School Zone has a reduced speed limit (**20MPH**) which is strictly enforced during school hours.
- **Watch for pedestrians:** Children may be unpredictable, so be extra cautious near crosswalks and school zones.
- **Stop for school buses:** Always stop when a school bus has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- **Obey crossing guards:** Follow their signals and instructions.
- **Avoid distractions:** Put away phones, radios, and other distractions while driving in school zones.
- **Drop-off procedures and routes:** Use only designated drop-off and pick-up locations. Follow all procedures and routes as instructed by the school district..



Walking Students:

- **Walking to School:** Use sidewalks, crosswalks, and obey crossing guards. "Look left, right, and left" again before crossing. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- **Cell Phones:** Avoid looking at cell phones or using earphones or "ear buds" while walking to school.
- **Backpack Safety:** Choose a backpack with wide, padded straps, pack light, and use both straps to distribute weight.
- **Stranger Danger:** Avoid talking to or accepting rides from strangers.

Bus Safety

At the Bus Stop:

- **Arrive early:** Be at your bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- **Stand 6 feet:** Stay 6 feet away (or three giant steps) wait for the bus away from the curb.
- Do not engage in "horseplay" while waiting.

Around the Bus:

- Cross in front of the bus – at least 10 feet (or five giant steps) – and make eye contact with the driver before crossing.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up; tell the bus driver instead.



Behavior on the Bus:

- Buckle up if seat belts are available.
- Stay in your seat keeping head, arms and papers inside the bus, and talk quietly.
- Keep the aisles clear of books and bags.
- Follow all of the bus driver's instructions.

Getting On/Off the Bus:

- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus or standing up on the bus.
- Use the handrail.
- Secure any loose or hanging objects like straps on a backpack or drawstrings on a hood.



A Message From Your Fire Chief, Mike Suhy

Beat the Heat: Hydration & Heat Safety Tips

As August brings some of the hottest days of the year, the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department wants to remind all residents to stay alert and stay safe when spending time outdoors.

Heat Safety Reminders:



Whether you're working in the yard, attending outdoor events, or watching fall sports practices, heat-related illnesses can happen quickly—especially in high humidity.

Stay Hydrated!

- Drink water regularly – don't wait until you're thirsty
- Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and sugary drinks when out in the heat
- If you're working outside, take breaks in the shade or indoors every hour



Signs of Heat Exhaustion:



- Heavy sweating
- Weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness or fainting
- Nausea or headache

If symptoms appear, move to a cooler location, drink water, and seek medical attention if necessary.

Watch Vulnerable Populations:



Children, the elderly, and pets are at higher risk of heat-related illness. Never leave anyone in a parked car—even for a few minutes.



Our crews monitor for heat emergencies and are always ready to respond. But prevention is the first step. If you or someone near you shows signs of heat stroke (confusion, dry skin, rapid pulse), call 911 immediately. **Let's keep our village cool, hydrated, and safe this August!**

As summer draws to a close and students prepare to head back to school, the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department is taking proactive steps to ensure a safe and prepared school year for our community.



Partnering with Our Schools

Our firefighters will be conducting annual safety walk-throughs at Cuyahoga Heights Schools to review emergency plans, ensure fire systems are in working order, and identify any safety concerns. These visits help us stay familiar with the layout of the buildings and prepare us to respond quickly and effectively in the event of an emergency.



Supporting Safety Drills

Throughout the school year, we assist with fire and emergency drills to ensure students, teachers, and staff know what to do in a real situation. Safety education remains a top priority, and our team will continue visiting classrooms to teach students about fire prevention, emergency preparedness, and when to call 911.

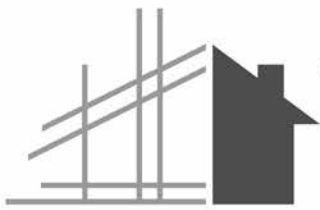


Watch for Buses and Students

We'd like to remind everyone to drive cautiously as school returns — obey school zone speed limits, stay alert at crosswalks, and never pass a stopped school bus. The safety of our children depends on all of us working together.

Thank You for Your Support!

Our department is proud to serve this village, and your continued support allows us to do more than respond to emergencies – it allows us to prepare and protect. We look forward to a safe and successful school year ahead.



VOCH Building Department

Building Commissioner, Norm Casini
Assistant Building Commissioner, Ken LaBella

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer! The weather has been very inconsistent and tough to schedule those home improvement projects. Hopefully we will get a good run of dry and cooler weather in the next few months.



Property maintenance is not that difficult. Many homes have already met minimum standards. So, when the phrase "property maintenance" is used, what does that mean?

It includes simple things, like keeping your yard tidy and trim, repairing torn screens or damaged shutters, taking care of algae build up on vinyl siding, repainting areas of your home that are peeling or faded, repairing damaged steps or railings and making sure your landscaping is regularly maintained.

Property upkeep cost money, but isn't it worth spending a little on preventative measures that save a lot on major repairs? After all, your property is probably your biggest investment. Preventative maintenance on your home is beneficial to you and your neighborhood. Proper maintenance preserves your property, prevents costly repairs, increases your property value and improves your neighborhood, and acts as stimulus to your neighbors to maintain and improve their property.

Sometimes you may want to hire a contractor for more difficult improvements. We encourage you to get several quotes, compare prices and ask for references. Be wary of "fly by night" contractors who do not have your best interest in mind. Contact the Better Business Bureau to make sure they are a reputable company or contact the building department for a list of contractors that are registered with the village.

Some home improvements may require a permit. If you are not sure your project needs a permit or have questions, contact the building department at 216-641-7020, Monday through Friday 8:00 am-12:00 and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm.

Just a quick reminder.... If you are planning any home improvement projects, the George M. Suhy grant program is available, if your project qualifies. Please view the guidelines listed on the next page. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the building department.

DID YOU KNOW?

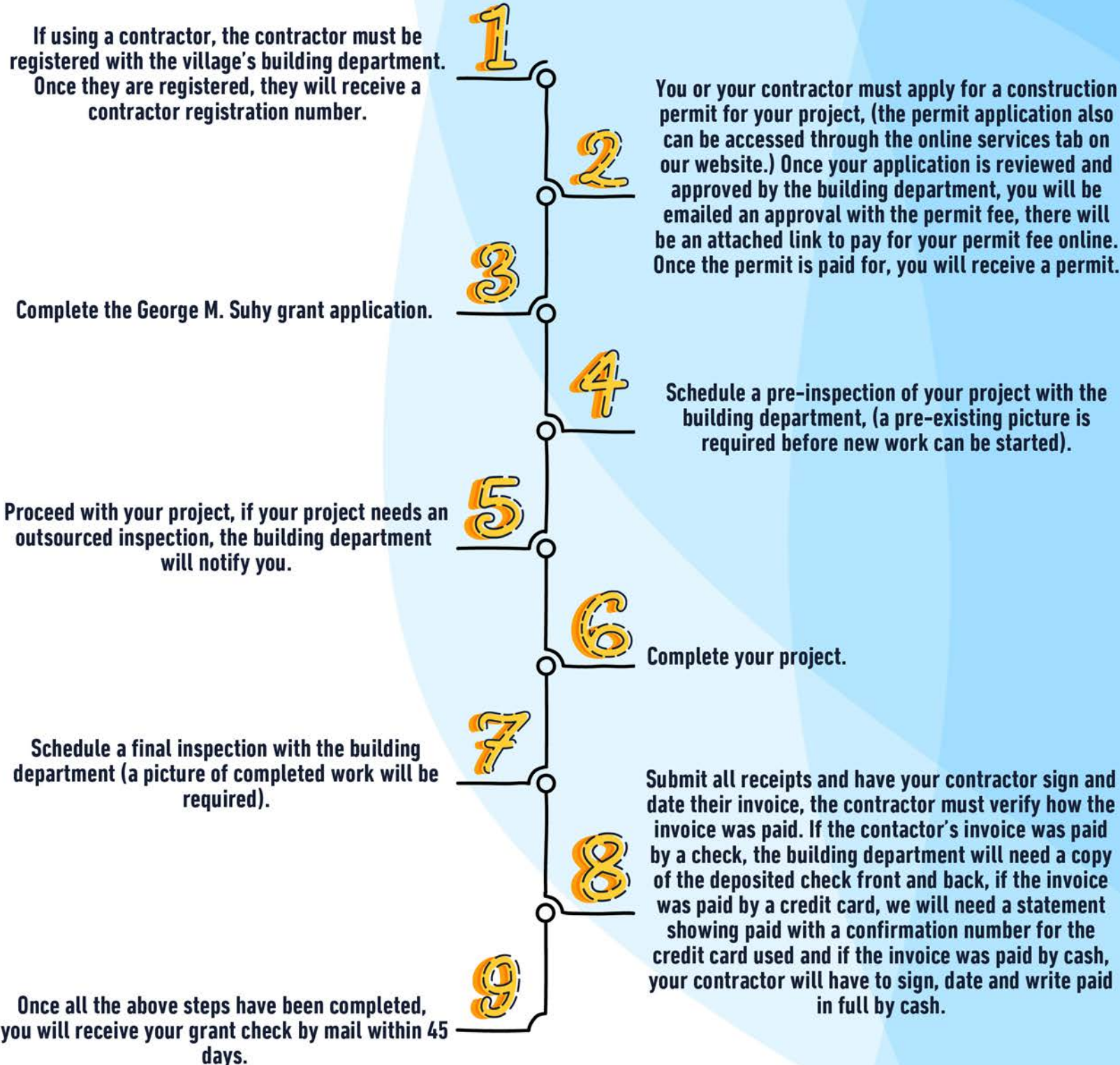
Emergency Repairs:

Where equipment replacements and repairs must be carried out in an emergency, the permit application can be submitted within the next working business day to the building department.



The George M. Suhy Grant Program

The process is now done online through our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com, click on the online services tab at the top of the page and scroll down to Suhy grant application. This is where you will start your application for your grant. Please follow the steps listed below:



Please note: If you do not have access to a computer, please call the building department and we can schedule a time when you can come into the village hall, and we will assist you in filling the application out on a village computer. Please call 216-641-7020 to schedule with the building department Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.



VILLAGE WIDE 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.

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.

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.

Dumpster Rentals—**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.



VILLAGE WIDE SERVICES

Table & Chair Rental—*NOW ONLINE!*

A limited number of tables and chairs are available for use by residents having parties at their residence, free of charge. To reserve your tables and chairs, simply head to the top of our village website homepage, click on 'Online Services', and then select 'Table & Chair Rental'. From there, you can fill out the application to secure your rental and schedule a pick-up time.

Pest and Insect Control Service—*NOW ONLINE!*

Pest control services can be easily accessed through our village website! Simply navigate to the top of the homepage, select 'Online Services', and then choose 'Pest & Insect Control'. From there, you can complete the application. Once we receive your request, the service department will coordinate with our pest control vendor. This service is complimentary, with the exception of termites, bed bugs, and wildlife. Additionally, the village conducts exterior spraying of your home in the spring to help prevent unwanted pests from entering. As always, you can also reach out to the service department to report any issues by calling 216-641-3505.

Grass Cutting—*NOW ONLINE!*

The village offers lawn mowing services for senior citizens aged 60 and older who qualify for the program at their homes. Before we can assist you, a signed waiver is necessary. You can find the forms online or submit them at the village hall. If you're uncertain about having a waiver on file, feel free to contact the service department. Additionally, please remember to regularly clean up any dog waste.

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' & select the red 'Tree Trimming' tab.

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.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

From Parks and Rec Director, Becca Wheaton

Sports REGISTRATIONS

Upcoming Deadlines for Youth Sports Registration

Youth Basketball – Oct 1st

You can register for youth sports online by visiting our website and find registration forms under **Online Services**.

Fall Sports Parents (cheerleading, soccer, & flag football), keep an eye on your emails. We are working with the neighboring communities and coaches who will be in contact with parents after placement is complete. Coaches will reach out to parents once players have been assigned to their teams for the season.

Community EVENTS

- **August 7**
Majestic Meadows Youth Trip
- **August 16**
End of Season Pool Party

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 2025. Reimbursement will be issued within three weeks of submission acceptance and is \$75 per pass regardless of type purchased.

Bacci Park CONCESSION STAND

Bacci Park Concession Stand CLOSING for the season on Saturday, August 16.

CURRENT HOURS:

Monday - Friday Hours: 9:30am – 8:30pm
Saturday & Sunday Hours: 9:30am – 6:30pm

Recreation COMPLEX

POOL CLOSING: Sunday, August 17
Open from 12pm - 6pm

Playground, Sport Court, Splash Pad

Remaining open after pool closure for pass holders!

Open Weekdays & Weekends: 9am - 9pm

Monday - Friday **Staffed** Hours: 4pm - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday **Staffed** Hours: 10am - 8pm

Complex gates will be locked at sunset.

Closed on CHS Football game days



2025 Recreation Complex

Rental Opportunities

**You can now book one of our rental options online
on our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com**

Option 1 Playground Pavilion

\$50 per two-hour time block

- 2025 Pass Holders only
- Must show valid 2025 Recreation Pass for year of rental
- All guests who do not have a 2025 Pool/Recreation Pass will be an extra fee of \$5 per guest
- NO Cake allowed on turf areas, NO outside food and beverage
- Includes reserved sign at Pavilion

Option 3 Multi-Purpose Room with Pool Access

\$75 per two-hour time block

- 2025 Pass Holders only
- Must show valid 2025 Recreation Pass for year of rental.
- All guests who do not have a 2025 Pool/Recreation Pass will be an extra fee of \$5 per guest.
- Snacks and cake are contained in the Multi-Purpose room. Access directly to the pool and private space.
- NO Outside food and beverages outside of Multi-Purpose room.
- Includes reserved sign at Multi-Purpose room and 1 Facility Attendant to maintain cleanliness of room

PRIVATE/CLOSED PARTY

Option 5 Full Complex Access

Cuyahoga Heights Resident/Pass Holders only!

Only available before opening or after 6pm.

\$325 per two-hour time block

***Full Access includes: Splash Pad, Sport Courts, Multi-Purpose room**

- Must show valid 2025 Recreation Pass for year of rental
- All guests who do not have a 2025 Pool/Recreation Pass will be an extra fee of \$5 per guest
- Snacks and cake are contained in the Multi-Purpose Room or North side of the complex
- Includes reserved sign for pool and locker room
(Lifeguards, facility attendants, managers) Staff are scheduled at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director for all pool events

Option 2 Playground Pavilion with Multi-Purpose Room

Best Option for Weather Issues

\$100 per two-hour time block

- 2025 Pass Holders only
- Must show valid 2025 Recreation Pass for year of rental
- All guests who do not have a 2025 Pool/Recreation Pass will be an extra fee of \$5 per guest
- Snacks and cake are contained in the Multi-Purpose Room or North side of the complex
- Includes reserved sign at pavilion, reserved sign at Multi-Purpose Room, and 1 Facility Attendant to maintain cleanliness

Option 4 Swimming Pool

Cuyahoga Heights Resident/Pass Holders only!

Only available before opening or after 6pm

\$ 250 per two-hour time block

- Must show valid 2025 Recreation Pass for year of rental
- All guests who do not have a 2025 Pool/Recreation Pass will be an extra fee of \$5 per guest
- Snacks and cake are contained in the Multi-Purpose Room or North side of the complex
- Includes reserved sign for pool and locker room
(Lifeguards, facility attendants, managers) Staff are scheduled at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director for all pool events

POOL Hours June 7th - August 17

Monday-Thursday 12pm-8pm

Friday-Sunday 12pm-9pm

****Rentals cannot occur during swim meets, lessons,
or other scheduled pool events.***

SPLASH PAD & Recreation Courts

Daily 9:30am-9pm

Access to Splash Pad and Courts throughout party

Private access is available for Full Complex Rental ONLY (Option 5)

No Food/Beverages are allowed on turf areas. No Exceptions!

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

6361 Selig Drive Independence, Ohio 44131

Monday – Thursday / 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday / 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM ~ Sunday / 1:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Upcoming

SEPTEMBER



Events

Adult

Spirit Photography in Cleveland / Registration required.

In the mid- to late-nineteenth century, Spiritualism, a religious movement centered on communication with the dead, swept into Northeast Ohio. This program will address how Clevelanders embraced Spiritualism, and how they reacted as some Spiritualists, both locally and nationally, tried to use “new” technologies like photography to capture scientific evidence of life after death—some making earnest attempts, while others mounted carefully conceived efforts to double-cross believers. Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Thursday, September 11 / 7:00 p.m.

Art to Go: Life, Death, and the Afterlife in Ancient Egypt / Registration required.

The Cleveland Museum of Art comes to you! Explore the tombs of ancient Egypt like an archaeologist. Participants handle authentic artifacts from the Cleveland Museum of Art's collection and learn about mummification, burial practices, religion, and everyday life through these artifacts.

Tuesday, September 16 / 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion / No registration required.

Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date.

Wednesday, September 17 / 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required.

Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date.

Thursday, September 18 / 2:15 p.m.

Dante Lavelli: He Just Wanted To Play Ball! / Registration required.

Hear the story of this Cleveland Browns quarterback whose career took him from the Hudson High School Explorers football team to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Presented by Bette Lou Higgins from Eden Valley Enterprises. Sponsored by the Friends of the Independence Branch Library and presented in partnership with the Independence Civic Center. This program will be held at the Independence Civic Center: 6363 Selig Dr. Independence, OH 44131

Friday, September 19 / 12:30 p.m.

Color & Create: Sharpie Coaster Art / Registration required.

Join us for a colorful and calming crafting session. Using sharpies and rubbing alcohol, you'll learn how to blend vibrant inks into unique, abstract designs on ceramic tiles. This simple technique creates stunning results and offers a soothing, creative experience that's perfect for stress relief. All supplies are provided—just bring your imagination and enjoy some relaxing artistic fun!

Saturday, September 20 / 2:00 p.m.

TEEN

Afterschool Chill & Create / Registration required.

Get creative with art, games, and tech projects in this fun, hands-on afterschool hangout. No experience needed—just bring your imagination!

Tuesday, September 9 / 3:00 p.m.

Watercolor & Salt Paintings for Teens / Registration required.

Experiment with watercolor paints and salt to create your own unique masterpiece.

Tuesday, September 23 / 6:30 p.m.

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

6361 Selig Drive Independence, Ohio 44131

Monday – Thursday / 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday / 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM ~ Sunday / 1:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Upcoming

SEPTEMBER



Events

CHILDREN

Baby & Toddler Storytime / No registration required.

Birth – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books.

Mondays / 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays / 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime / No registration required.

Ages 3 – 5. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

Thursdays / 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime / No registration required.

19 – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

Thursdays / 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Countdown – Counting / Registration required.

Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. This session, we will focus on counting.

Wednesday, September 10 / 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 11 / 10:00 a.m.

Focus on 4's and 5's / Registration required.

Preschool children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers join us for stories, songs, and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten.

Wednesdays, September 17 – October 15 / 11:00 a.m.

Play, Learn and Grow / Registration required.

Join us for a 5-week series for caregivers and children ages 1-3. Connect with your kids, community experts and other families, plus get information about your growing child.

Fridays, September 19 – October 17 / 11:00 a.m.

Energy Explorers / Registration required.

Grades K-3. In this hands-on program, students in kindergarten-3rd grade will be able to ride the Energy Bike, learn how circuits work, and learn where energy comes from and how we use it in our homes.

Saturday, September 27 / 2:00 p.m.



**For more information, stop by the Independence Branch,
call 216-447-0160, or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org.**



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



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Christmas
in JULY







CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Your Trusted Source For Public Health Information

Mosquito and Tick Bite Prevention

We have been notified by the Ohio Department of Health about multiple adult mosquito traps located throughout the county testing positive for West Nile Virus. Historically, we see more infected mosquitos in late July and August, so this activity is normal.

Now is the time to take precautions to prevent mosquitoes and tick bites:

1. Utilize insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil and follow label instructions.
2. Dispose of containers that collect water (buckets, tires, cans, flower pots, etc.) and eliminating areas of standing water.
3. Empty and refill bird baths at least once a week.
4. Clean, drain and cover pools or hot tubs if not in use.
5. Unclog all gutters so they drain properly.
6. Fill tree holes with tar or cement.
7. Tightly screen all doors and windows in your home.
8. Keep children indoors during times of peak mosquito activity - one hour before and after sunrise/sunset.
9. Walk in the center of trails to avoid ticks in the tall grass and bushes on the side.
10. Wear long pants and shirts - tuck pants into your socks or boots/wear light colored clothing so it is easier to see ticks.
11. Check your clothing after your walk to remove any ticks.
12. Check your body again when in the shower.

West Nile Virus

Symptoms include high fever, headaches, muscle aches, vomiting and loss of appetite. If symptoms persist 2-10 days after a mosquito bite, seek medical attention and advise your doctor of your prior exposure to biting mosquitoes.

Symptoms of tickborne disease include fever, headache, joint pain, muscle aches, fatigue or a rash soon after a tick bite. If bitten, monitor yourself for several weeks for these symptoms.

Contact us for help

Call 216.201.2000 to report areas of long-standing water or heavy populations of biting mosquitoes. For additional information, please visit www.ccbh.net. **Let's all work together to help *Fight the Bite!***

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Community Bulletin

Spotlighting our local resident businesses



If you need assistance with yard cleaning and weeding, please contact Laura James at (216) 314-1378.

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



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- I'm In Ministry! is a 501C3 non-profit organization
- Your generous donations help support the homeless, displaced families, the elderly, and children in our community in need to make a place to call home
- All items are passed on free of charge

WHAT WE NEED

WE ACCEPT GENTLY USED

- Bedroom furniture / dressers / nightstands (not king size or bunk beds)
- Mattress / box spring / bed frames/ headboard & footboards
- Kitchen / dining tables & chairs / micro carts
- Living room sofa / love seats/ chair / lamps
- End & coffee tables / recliners / TV stands
- Kitchen items: dishes, pots & pans, utensils
- Silverware, glassware, countertop microwave
- Sheets, blankets, bedspread, comforter
- Bath towels, washcloths, area rugs



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PJM Capacity Charge Increase: Why Ohio's Electric Rates are Rising



In June 2024, PJM Interconnection, the organization responsible for managing the electric grid for 13 states including Ohio, conducted a capacity auction that resulted in significantly higher capacity prices.

This means that from June 2025 through May 2026, electric bills for ALL electric customers in Ohio and other states served by PJM will increase.

🔌 Learn more about what this means for you and how to prepare:

<https://bit.ly/41fdsVB>

24/7 customer care line at 855-667-3201 (855-NOPEC01) or

Save on Energy Costs | NOPEC to learn more about our different pricing options.



Have You Spotted a Spotted Lanternfly?

Despite its unique appearance, people sometimes confuse the spotted lanternfly with other insects. Here's how to know if you've seen a spotted lanternfly.



Egg Mass: Often looks like cracked mud



Early Nymph: Black with white spots

Late Nymph: Red with white spots and black stripes



Adult: Light brown front wings with black spots



Adult: Red back wings with black spots and black-and-white bands

Favorite Hangout

One of the best places to look for a spotted lanternfly is on a tree of heaven. This tree's bark ranges from light brown to gray and has a cantaloupe-like texture. Its leaves are large, from 1 to 4 feet in length. They are made up of many smaller leaflets on both sides of a central stem.



Tree of Heaven



Tree of Heaven
bark



Tree of Heaven
leaves

If You See Something, Say Something!

The spotted lanternfly is bad for our farms and forests. Visit HungryPests.com to see where it's been found. If you find this pest in a State known to have the spotted lanternfly, take a picture, note the location, and report it to your State department of agriculture before killing it. If you think you've found this pest in a new State, capture one (they won't hurt you), place it in a jar, and freeze it so your State agriculture officials can identify it.

Learn More: www.aphis.usda.gov/hungrypests/slf

Is That a Spotted Lanternfly?

People sometimes mistake these colorful insects for the spotted lanternfly.



Ailanthus Webworm Moth (*Atteva aurea*)



Tiger Moth (*Arctia caja*)



Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)



Cinnabar Moth (*Tyria jacobaeae*)



White-Lined Sphinx (*Hyles lineata*)



Ilia Underwing (*Catocala ilia*)



Boxelder Bug (*Boisea trivittata*)



Large Milkweed Bug (*Oncopeltus fasciatus*)

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