

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



February 2016

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Future Important Dates:

Saturday, February 27 - Join us for sledding at Bacci Park from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Weather permitting, snow required). Concession stand will be open.



Tuesday, March 1 – Spring soccer registration deadline. Registration forms are available on our website.

Sunday, March 13 – Daylight saving time begins. Spring forward, set clocks ahead one hour.



Tuesday, March 15 – Primary election. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m to 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall auditorium.

Thursday, March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Available positions for seasonal help will be posted on our website beginning Monday, February 29 at www.cuyahogaheights.com. Applications will be available at the Village Hall on Wednesday, March 2 during normal business hours.

Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings (regular)
2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council
4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Zoning Board Meetings
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Economic Development Committee
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Finance Committee
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Our offices are closed during the hours of 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month on our website under the Government tab -- Village Council. Click on Agenda/Minutes.

Village Hall

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From the Mayor:

Good news – Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow and that means spring is right around the corner. And actually, our winter has been quite mild with our first major snow storm last week.

On a sad note, we lost several residents this month. Mr. Guy Mitchell, the gentle giant passed away on February 8; he was 64 years old. Guy was a very interesting person and brought a lot to the table when you talked to him about his experiences; this is a man I'm going to miss. He also served our country during Vietnam. Mr. David Porter was another one of our Village's characters. He was a hard-nose Cleveland guy who owned the Lansing Tavern and wasn't afraid to mix words. He told you exactly how he felt about your politics and wasn't afraid to say thank you when you weren't successful in getting something done for him, and was equally grateful when you were successful. This is what made him a very special resident. Mr. Porter passed away on February 1; he was 77 years old. Mrs. Anne Agguzi passed away on February 8; she was 94 years old. She was another one of our residents that always told you what was on her mind. I'll never forget the time at a senior citizens Christmas party (*incidentally, this is a party the Mayor pays for*) and called me a real foul ball, as well as some other expletives adjectives. And lastly, Stephanie Majors passed away on February 1; she was 30 years old. For a long period of time she struggled with addiction and ultimately succumbed to it. Please continue to keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Events

Don't forget to make a difference and vote in the March 15 Presidential Primary Election. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall in the Auditorium (second floor – handicap accessible). Voting is one of the most important rights a U.S. citizen has. There are many individuals who won't register to vote because they believe they will get called for jury duty. Jury duty has nothing to do with registering to vote, it's a product of getting your driver's license and registration for your motor vehicle. If you wish to register to vote, make a change to your registration (name or address), or need a vote by mail application, please stop up at the Village Hall during normal business hours, or contact Lee Ann in my office and she will get you the forms. We have also included additional information in this newsletter from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Do your part as a citizen and vote – you can make a difference!

I had the opportunity to attend the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's RAMTEC ribbon cutting ceremony last month. The school was awarded \$1.5 million through a grant from the Straight A Fund by the state of Ohio. This allowed the school to purchase updated computerized equipment, renovate their facilities in the areas of manufacturing and engineering, as well as installing industrial robotics. This is a great opportunity for our students and we are very fortunate to have this facility.

Last month Cuyahoga Heights High School teacher Douglas Amari and his students used our council chambers in preparation for their Ohio Mock Trial Competition at the Cleveland Municipal Justice Center. Even though they didn't advance to regionals, we are still very proud of these fine young students (one of them being Village resident Tyler Hughes), and their accomplishments.

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From the Mayor *(continued)*:

I recently had the privilege of attending a Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers meeting at the Western Reserve Historical Society and thought about all the wonderful cultural places we have right under our nose. I would love for our children to learn more about culture. With that being said, I want to challenge our children (18 years of age and under.) If they visit three places from now until June 1, I will give them a free ticket to Cedar Point this summer. Of course, they have to show proof that they attended these points of interest by showing me a receipt and writing a short paragraph about their visit and experience. A list of the approved places to visit are: Cleveland Museum of Natural History, James A. Garfield Monument, Cleveland Cultural Gardens, Cleveland Museum of Art, West Side Market, Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall, Great Lakes Science Center, Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, Cleveland History Center, and Hale Farm & Village.

Hopefully, weather permitting, we will be able to hold our sled riding event on Saturday, February 27 at Bacci Park. The event will take place from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and our concession stand will be open during that time. Bring your sleds, friends, and come out and join us for some fun in the snow.

Special News

Congratulations and best wishes to Village residents Jamie & Kristen Lukas who welcomed the newest member of their family, Ella Nicole Lukas. Ella was born on February 12 and weighed 8-lbs., 5-oz., and 21-inches long. *Pictured to the right is Ella.*



Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mr. Howard Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Tomi Sonoda.

Employee birthdays

February birthday wishes to employees: (4) Tiffany Contipelli; (5) Danielle Short & Jason Sagen; (8) Mike Stack; (14) Ken LaBella; (15) Norm Casini; (18) Don Pallini; (24) Todd Sciano; and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.



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From the Clerk:



Moving into 2016, we are financially stable, and we will continue to monitor expenses and budgets accordingly to maintain a healthy General Fund. We started 2016 with 1.56 million in the General Fund, and we are very confident that we will continue to be financially stable moving into 2017.

Currently the Mayor is setting the budget for 2016 so Council can appropriate the money to cover the expenses. We are doing an analysis of our expenses and revenue for the year, and then we will bring it to Council for their approval. Council approves all expenditures.

Budgeting the expenses and revenue for the New Year is not an exact science, but we have done a pretty good job for the past six years keeping our accounts healthy while doing major projects, updates, and repairs. This is a huge responsibility, but we do it because we love the Village, and we try to protect all the residents who have put their trust in us.

I will have more information for you when we pass the budget for 2016. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at the Town Hall. My door is always open.

Month Distributed	2013	2014	2015	2016	Difference from 2015	% change from 2015
JANUARY	644,593.83	701,203.65	806,899.10	742,767.00	(64,132.10)	-7.95%
FEBRUARY	638,258.93	542,645.46	626,184.73	468,654.29		
MARCH	817,199.06	929,321.38	838,149.44			
APRIL	636,179.02	711,647.56	623,337.78			
MAY	633,944.39	617,963.16	783,999.52			
JUNE	646,774.82	643,339.71	578,703.87			
JULY	590,649.46	744,253.53	630,699.68			
AUGUST	591,619.13	616,110.30	851,514.14			
SEPTEMBER	641,230.39	607,652.11	422,410.26			
OCTOBER	598,372.95	676,923.26	772,784.21			
NOVEMBER	628,902.62	638,874.48	557,624.59			
DECEMBER	605,547.68	666,050.52	617,179.24			
TOTAL	7,673,272.28	8,095,985.12	8,109,486.56	1,211,421.29	(64,132.10)	-7.95%



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Building Department:



Owners of All rental properties must provide the Building Department with an Application for Rental Certificate Renewal prior to April 1, 2016 and every year thereafter in accordance with Chapter 1494 of the Codified Ordinances. All late application fees will be doubled after April 1, 2016.

Overview of Community Housing Maintenance Grant Program

Ordinance No. 2013-5 provides grants from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 (five year period).

Owners of the dwelling must apply using **Part I – Application** (available online at www.cuyahogaheights.com or at the Building Department) so that work to be completed is inspected by the Building Department prior to the beginning of any construction work.

Owners of dwelling shall provide **Part II – Application** (available online at www.cuyahogaheights.com or at the Building Department) with proof of ownership of dwelling and paid invoices of work completed. (Homeowners' labor costs not permitted). Two (2) grants are available within a five (5) year period but only one (1) grant per structure (dwelling) per calendar year.

Examples of qualifying improvements – Exterior Work

Drives and Walks	Roofing
Siding	Brick Work
Painting	Windows/Doors
Porches	Retaining Walls
Landscaping	Irrigation
Sewer	

Examples of qualifying interior work

Furnace – High Efficiency	Hot Water Tanks
Exterior Wall/Ceiling Insulation	Main Electrical Panels



Please be advised that your maintenance review of your property, which was issued last year to each home, will be reviewed this Spring 2016 for completion of items listed. Citations may be issued.



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Police Department:

New mobile device? Here are two ways to protect your identity

Did you receive or buy a new mobile device such as a laptop computer, tablet, or smartphone? If so, chances are you've probably rushed to learn about all the newest features and even set up your favorite apps. But have you considered what to do in case your device is ever lost or stolen, or what to do with your old device?

You never know when unexpected events may separate you from your technology, so it's important to have a plan in place. Here are two cybersecurity tips to help you protect your personal information.

1. Look into a locator app for your new device.

Consider downloading a "locator app" from your device's manufacturer or another trusted source. As with other apps, check online consumer and expert reviews or consult with friends or local information technology professionals to help in the selection process. Locator apps can trace a device in case it is lost or stolen. Some locator apps include features to remotely lock the device and/or wipe out all the information on the device to protect your privacy.

2. Clear old devices completely before discarding.

While you would never choose to lose your device, there are times when you might want to resell, recycle, donate, or otherwise dispose of your device. Before giving up control of your device, be sure to wipe clean the hard drive and any other storage devices (including USB thumb drives, memory sticks, memory cards, and – for some cell phones and smartphones – SIM cards).

Often, merely deleting files as you typically would if you no longer need them is not enough to render the data unrecoverable. Even throwing documents in the virtual "trash" and emptying that trash may still allow data to be recovered. This means an identity thief may be able to recover the data.

Some devices have a factory reset option (also called a "hard reset") that may wipe it clean. You also should be certain to delete any apps stored on the device, especially if you've chosen to save passwords on the apps.

If you need help or if you're unsure that all personal information has been completely removed, take the device to a trusted source, such as a local electronics store, and have the device wiped clean. Other resources to consult may include the device's manufacturer or your Internet or cell phone service provider.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office provides cybersecurity education to consumers throughout the state. To learn more, to schedule a cybersecurity presentation, or to report a scam or unfair business practice, contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office by visiting www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or call 800-282-0515

Information taken from Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Advocate Newsletter

Training

All Ohio police officers are required to complete continued professional training (CPT) as directed by the Ohio Attorney General and the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (OPOTA). This year the minimum required time is 11 hours. All CHPD officers will be taking the class "Policing in the 21st Century" and an online course, "Human Trafficking Update." Officers will be required to take an additional 2 hours (minimum) of OPOTA approved courses.



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Police Department *(continued)*:

In case you were curious you may have seen area police departments at the old Hillside Party Center. On January 19, 2016 and February 10, 2016 area police K-9 officers with their dogs used the building for training. All CHPD officers have been qualified with their firearms for 2016.

With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner please play it safe and Don't Drink and Drive!

As winter winds down and the temperatures begin to rise, so does the risk of flooding. Remember to not drive through flooded roadways. Remember to *turn around – don't drown!* Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off of your feet. Most vehicles, including SUV's and pickups, can be swept away by less than two feet of moving water. If you are caught on a flooded road, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground.

As always, please feel free to stop and talk to any officer, whether it is to just say hello or inform us of any problems or suspicious behavior. We may not know of all problems within our community. Let's be partners in keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and play.



Dispatch:

***SWIFTR*REACH**
NETWORKS

If you would like to be in our SwiftReach system you can either use the SwiftReach portal on the Cuyahoga Heights Village Website on the Police page or contact the Police Department directly at 216-883-6800. The SwiftReach system is used to notify our residents and businesses, by telephone, of any emergency situations that may occur in Cuyahoga Heights. The telephone numbers you supply the Police Department are kept strictly confidential and are not given out to the public.

What is the proper use of 911?

Call 911 for:

- any immediate threat to a person's life
- any fire situation
- any crime in progress
- any "unknown" type of situation

How can you help?

- Use 911 for true emergencies
- When you call, stay on the line, do not hang up
- even if you dialed 911 accidentally
- quickly describe the emergency
- Answer the call taker's questions
- Give the location of the emergency
- Remain calm
- Use 883-6800 to call the Police if it is not an emergency





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Fire Department:

CHFD SWEARS IN THREE



On Wednesday, February 10, the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department (CHFD) joined together as three members of our department were sworn in to full time duty. Brian Baciak, Jason Grabowski, and Brad Unger are members of our full time staff as a result of the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant.

The SAFER Grant is a two-year grant that will help to both secure their careers without interruption through attrition and ensure valuable staffing levels to our Village residents and its business partners. Prior to being sworn in, Brian, Jason, and Brad were working part-time for CHFD and at other fire departments and emergency rooms as paramedics and nurses. The additional skills, training, and experience each received while serving in these other capacities will be of great value to our department and the Village.

Village Hall:

Pest Control Program

Pest control services are available to our residents free for the inside and outside of your home. However, this service does not cover termites and bed bugs.

Pest Management Inc. will assist our Village residents with their pest problems. If you are having a pest problem, please leave a message with your name, address, and the nature of the problem with the Kozlovich's. You may reach them at (216) 661- 3553, 1-800-794-2035, or Rich's cell phone at (440) 343-1316.

New Residents

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help! Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Wendy Heinzman by the 15th of the month, to be included in the following monthly newsletter. Please email the information to w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com.





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Village Hall (*continued*):

Sports Registrations

Please note that there is a \$25 late fee for sports registrations that occur after the published deadline. The fee was established because late registrations create administrative and organizational difficulties when trying to plan leagues and schedules. In addition, late sign ups cause teams to grow beyond an appropriate size, which has an adverse effect on the ability of the participants to learn and develop. All registration dates are published in our newsletters, on our website, as well as promoted on our Village outdoor marquees.

Listed below are the dates of our annual deadlines for specific sports offered through our Sports Commissioner. Sports registration forms can be downloaded from www.cuyahogaheights.com under the "Sports Department" and are also available at the Village Hall. If you have any questions relative to our sports programs, please contact Sports Commissioner Stacey Vitanza at (440) 227-3801, or you can email her at stacey_vitanza@yahoo.com.

ACTIVITY

DEADLINE DATE

Spring Soccer	March 1
Youth Baseball & Softball	April 1
Adult Men's & Women's Softball	July 15
Cheerleading	August 1
Youth Flag Football	August 1
Fall Soccer	August 1
Youth Basketball	October 15



Bus Trip

Our Village is planning a trip to see the Lake Erie Monsters take on the Manitoba Moose at Quicken Loans Arena on Friday, March 18, 2016. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Our Village will provide transportation and the bus will depart the Village Hall parking lot at 6:00 p.m. sharp. **There is a \$5.00 fee for non-residents riding the bus.*

Unfortunately, Quicken Loans Arena no longer issues paper tickets so you must have a Flash Seat account. You can do that at www.flashseats.com. Click on the register button and complete the information page.

There are only thirty tickets available, and to reserve your tickets, please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. Please note that payment is due within 24 hours of your reservation.

Village Residents	\$11.00 (Club Seats)
Non-Residents	\$22.00 (Club Seats)

***Must be accompanied by a Village resident.*

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Village Hall *(continued)*:

Easter Egg Hunt

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt at Klima Gardens on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.; rain-or-shine! The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' children and grandchildren; 0-12 years of age.

Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets, stuffed animals, toys, etc., for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your item at the Village Hall during regular business hours prior to Tuesday, March 22. All items being raffled will benefit Cuyahoga Heights Boy Scout Troop 28. Several of the Boy Scouts will be on hand during the egg hunt selling raffle tickets.

Any students that are in need of community service hours, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Ulery. We are looking for volunteers to face paint, help children color eggs, and assist with passing out candy. Also, if there are any adult volunteers that are willing to help, please let us know. You can reach Jennifer at (216) 513-3508.

Don't forget -- special appearance by the Easter bunny that day!



CVCC PROGRAMS

Community Wellness Presentation: "Choices. Motivation & Change: Your Life is Powered by YOU" (Presented by the Cleveland Clinic)

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 1 – 2 p.m. in CVCC's Valley Inn Restaurant

Event is free, but registration is required. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-3-22-16>

Summer Career Camps, June 6-10 from 8 a.m. – 3p.m. and June 13-17 from 8 a.m. – 3p.m. - REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN AND SPACES ARE LIMITED - \$15.00

Early Bird Discount if registered by MARCH 31!!!! - Registration has begun for Summer Career Camps for students in entering grades 5-10 in the fall. The camps are a fun way for students to "try on" a career in a given field with hands-on projects and field trips. For more information visit www.cvccworks.edu/careercamps.aspx

HOMES FOR RENT

7212 Bletch Court: 3-bedrooms/1-bath, no pets please. \$675 per month. Interested individuals should contact Mario Perozeni at (440) 821-8038.



Available April 1, 2016 - **4563 East 49th Street:** 3-4 bedrooms/1-bath single family home. Newer kitchen, bath, paint and carpet, 2-car garage. \$1000 per month. Homeowner would also consider rent with option to buy. If interested call Judi at (216) 406-6652.



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Service Department:

Just a Friendly Reminder:

All trash must be placed in garbage bags prior to disposing of in the Village issued trash cans. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Snow Removal Program

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.

Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed.

All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director Scott Waldemarson at 216-641-3505.

Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.

Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year round program. Please call the Village Hall if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.



Dog Days of Winter

During cold weather months, pet owners need to pay more attention to the time pets spend outside. Pet owners should limit their dogs' time outside to reduce exposure. In extreme cold weather, your dog can get frostbite on their paw pads. Prolonged contact with frozen ground surfaces such as concrete and asphalt can be dangerous for dogs. Be aware of harmful substances such as road salt and other ice melting anti-freeze products that can get lodged in between paws causing an irritation or chemical burn.



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Senior Corner:

It looks like winter has hit us pretty good. We didn't get a white Christmas but Mother Nature is making up for lost time. It is so pretty, but also cold.

February 9th was our Valentine's party. We had Wendy's chili, hot dogs, and paczki (fried rounds of yeast dough with strawberry, apricot or prune filling.) It was also Fat Tuesday and got us ready for Lent heading towards Easter. On February 22nd we are going to the Brick and Barrel for dinner. We are to meet at the Village Hall and the bus leaves at 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

On March 10th we are going to Bubba's in Avon Lake for their wonderful barbecue boneless ribs. It's a wonderful place that we have been to before and the food is great. The bus leaves at 11:00 a.m. from the Village Hall.

We are having our St. Patrick's Day party on March 22nd and know we're going to have good food because corned beef sandwiches will be served. The party starts at 5:00 p.m. so don't eat ahead.

On April 20th we are having lunch at Miss Molly's in Medina. We are looking forward to trying this place out because we have heard so many good things. The bus will leave the Village Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Our future schedule:

May 17 - Smosky's – Valley City

June 9 - Mr. Divits – Miniature Golf and lunch

June 18 - Anniversary Party

July 19 - Pot Luck Dinner

July 26-28 - New York Trip. Please contact myself or Lois Henley for details. This is going to be a great trip – why not join us. Further information to follow.

We all look forward to seeing you at our upcoming outings.

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