

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**September 2017**

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## **Future Important Dates:**

- October 7** – Kennedy House Open  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- October 14** - Community Corn Roast at Bacci Park
- October 21** – Seniors’ Trip to Peek ‘n Peak
- October 29** – Annual Village Halloween Party
- October 31** – Halloween – Trick or Treating  
6:00–7:30 p.m.
- November 5** – Daylight Saving Time Ends  
*Turn clocks back one hour*
- November 7** – General Election
- November 13** – Veteran’s Day Observed  
Village Hall/Service Department  
Closed – *Garbage pick up delayed  
one day*



## **Meeting Reminders:**

### **Council Meetings**

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

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**Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.**

Minutes of our Council Meetings are posted every month under the Government tab and under Village Council – Agenda/Minutes on our website at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)

Village Hall

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### From the Mayor:

#### Events

As summer came to a close, or maybe not...considering this weather *hot hot hot!* I was fortunate once again to take our Village senior residents to Kelley's Island. The weather was beautiful and the lake was like glass...just a sprinkle of rain while we ate lunch at the Captains Corner, but a perfect day! It was nice to have several new seniors join us on the trip, and as always, everyone had a great time. I truly enjoy getting out of the office and spending time with my elders, and I look forward to doing this special trip again next year. We've included an insert with pictures of those seniors that went on the trip.



What a game! Our Village sponsored a bus trip to see the Cleveland Indians on September 14. It's the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup> inning and the score is tied...Jay Bruce hits a game winning double bringing home Jose Ramirez. The Tribe beats the Kansas City Royals with a score of 3-2. This also marked their 22<sup>nd</sup> win in a row, and our group was ecstatic that we didn't break the streak! Pictured left to right are Madison Bacci, Bob Krajewski, Brooke Krajewski and Gianna Grattino who's picture made it on TV. *Let's Go Tribe!*



Don't forget that we will be starting the West Side Market trips on the first Saturday of the month beginning with Saturday, November 4. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all the market has to offer; the bus will depart the market at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the Village Hall no later than 3:30 p.m. Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



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### From the Mayor *(continued)*:

#### Around town

On Friday, September 15, we held our annual business networking luncheon at Klima Gardens with members of our business community, department heads and elected officials. Thank goodness it was a decent summer and I was able to catch enough perch and walleye for our guests that day. Two of our newer businesses, Timan Window and Hajoca were in attendance as well, and are very happy to have found their new home in our community. Everyone had a great time, mingling with our staff and networking with the other businesses



*Pictured left to right: Angel Motz, Wendy Heinzman, Mayor Bacci, Angel Meriwether, Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash*



*Compliance Technologies and Brooklyn Machine*



*Expert Crane and All Industrial*



*NEORSD Southerly*



Congratulations to several Village residents who recently got married. Kristin Schoeffler married Drake Brauer (*pictured to the right*), and Beth Ann Lepkowski married Nathanael Naelitz (*pictured to the left*). Both couples got married on Saturday, September 16. Best wishes to the happy couples as they begin the next chapter in their lives. God Bless!



*Just Married*



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### From the Mayor (*continued*):

#### **Birthday wishes**

Special milestone birthday wishes to Village resident and Police Secretary, Debbie Reiger who turned "60" on September 17; Mrs. Susan Tucholski had a milestone birthday on September 18; and Mr. Tom Borowy turned "75" on September 20. Best wishes for health and happiness to all.

September birthday wishes to employees: (5) Mark Davis; (9) Councilman Todd Bloam; (11) Dean DePiero; (16) Anthony Fellenstein; (18) Brad Unger; (21) Justin Gvora and (24) Traci Ricco.

#### **Thoughts and prayers**

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda. Also, to Law Director Bill Mason who recently lost his mother; she was 91.

Also, now that autumn is officially here, we are only two weeks away from this year's Corn Roast. Additional information about the corn hole tournament and schedule of events are included with this month's newsletter. Any high school volunteers looking for community service hours should go to the Guidance Office at the Cuyahoga Heights High School. Hope many of you will join us as this tradition has really become an anticipated event for all ages!

Lastly, it's my opinion that a lack of boundaries in today's society has caused a great deal of disrespect to our nation's core values...if this continues, we will ultimately fail as a nation. If you agree to any extent, please take the time to talk with our younger people and let them know that many men and women, of all races and religions, have given their lives so that we can enjoy what this great nation has to offer.

P.S. I've "taken a knee" on the NFL, at least until everyone involved realizes that they're all actors on a stage, and without us, there is no show. God Bless America!





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### From the Clerk:

Fall is here, and the trees are starting to change colors. I walk the park system every day, and I look forward to this time of the year. Bacci Park and the Metro Parks are the best kept secret in the area. The wildlife and beauty of the land are a joy to see, and walking in the park is the most relaxing thing I do all day. I just love it.

Our Village has never looked so good. Everyone has taken pride in keeping up our housing stock, the flowers on the poles are beautiful, and the streets and vacant land are meticulously maintained by the Service Department. These are the things that keep our Village desirable, increase the price of our housing stock, and make it a great place to live and raise a family.

We had another beautiful new home built on E. 71<sup>st</sup> this year, and the houses in the Village that have sold, have commanded top dollar. Everyone has taken pride in our community, and it shows. People want to live in Cuyahoga Heights.

Again, the Council and Administration have wisely invested in many projects this year in infrastructure and economic development, and still maintained a balance of a million dollars in our bank account. We are balancing the budget, and keeping a close eye on our expenses. We will continue to monitor the finances and be good stewards of the Village's money.

The residents had a great time this summer at the pool, and Bacci Park. We employed many of our local children and seniors to work there, and they did a great job. Soon we will be having the Village Corn Roast at Bacci Park, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

If you have any questions or concerns, my office is always open.

Month Distributed	2014	2015	2016	2017	Difference from 2016	% change from 2016
JANUARY	701,203.65	806,899.10	742,767.00	615,702.19	(127,064.81)	-17.11%
FEBRUARY	542,645.46	626,184.73	838,249.20	770,824.69	(67,424.51)	-8.04%
MARCH	929,321.38	838,149.44	1,156,108.74	834,117.05	(321,991.69)	-27.85%
APRIL	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	819,064.56	261,644.91	46.94%
MAY	617,963.16	783,999.52	707,171.63	920,803.38	213,631.75	30.21%
JUNE	643,339.71	578,703.87	706,933.54	775,712.94	68,779.40	9.73%
JULY	744,253.53	630,699.68	634,398.50	838,532.27	204,133.77	32.18%
AUGUST	616,110.30	851,514.14	634,653.04	827,364.68	192,711.64	30.36%
SEPTEMBER	607,652.11	422,410.26	593,840.10	713,374.83		
OCTOBER	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	-		
NOVEMBER	638,874.48	557,624.59	746,467.49	-		
DECEMBER	666,050.52	617,179.24	583,611.25	-		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,095,985.12</b>	<b>8,109,486.56</b>	<b>8,572,776.05</b>	<b>7,115,496.59</b>	<b>424,420.46</b>	<b>12.05%</b>



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### Police Department:

#### Top 10 Simple Ways to Discourage Break-ins



When thinking about how to prevent break-ins from happening to you, there are a few things you should keep in mind. When thieves break into homes, there's a greater chance of them doing so during the day when many people are at work. Also, around 40 percent of annual household burglaries in the United States are not forced entries, meaning someone was able to walk, climb or crawl inside of houses almost as easily as if the owners left a key in the door [source: Bureau of Justice Statistics].

**1. Don't Showboat**

Don't leave items lying around the yard that could spark the interest of a would-be burglar. If you buy a new T.V., appliance, or electronics, cut the box up before discarding it. Leaving it on a tree lawn could bring attention to your home. Open your blinds / curtains and see what can be seen from the street. If you can see it so can they.

**2. Tricking Burglars**

Remember, more break-ins occur during the day when many people are at work. For that reason, when you leave the house, create an illusion that someone's still there. You can leave a light on, along with music or your television for good measure.

**3. Secure Sliding Doors and Windows**

Sticking a pipe in the track for the sliding door will keep the slider from pushing open if the lock is picked. The same goes for windows, although a simple nail in the door frame could do the trick.

**4. Don't Leave a Spare Key Out**

If you have to leave it out think of a unique place and use a combination lock box. Here are a few bad places: a fake rock, under the flower pot, or under a door mat. Or leave a spare with a trusted neighbor or nearby friend.



**5. Secure Your Yard**

Tall shrubs and overgrown trees are welcome hiding places for criminals to wait until the coast is clear to get into your house. Low shrubs in front of windows remove additional covering for thieves if they attempt to break in through one. Cut away any tall tree branches that reach upper story windows.

**6. Get Police Help**

If you're leaving town for a while, let the police know and request a house watch. We will do a perimeter check of your house a minimum of three times a day.

**7. Prepare Before Vacation**

Besides the house watch, inform a trusted neighbor(s) to keep an eye on your house. Stop or have someone collect your newspaper and mail. Make arrangements for the grass to be cut if gone for more than a week. In the winter make sure someone plows or shovels the snow.

**8. Know Your Neighbors**

Getting to know the people you live around is one of the most important safety steps you can take. Closer-knit neighborhoods generally report fewer break-ins because strangers will stick out, and people are more likely to keep a casual eye on other people's security.



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### Police Department (*continued*):

#### 9. Stay Vigilant!

Although it's nice to know you have people watching out for you in your neighborhood, you also need to watch out for yourself. If you aren't paying attention to what you're doing, you could unknowingly be rolling out a red carpet for a burglar to waltz through your front door. Be careful of social media. Most of us are guilty of posting those vacation pictures or checking in on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. That just tells people that there might just be an empty home.

#### 10. Lock it Up

As mentioned earlier 40 percent of break-ins happen without the use of force. That means a lot of people are leaving their houses without locking the doors and windows.

Also don't forget to lock your cars in your driveway.



Although we try to make sure the road is covered at all times, there may be instances when you may not see a patrol vehicle for the CHPD for an extended period of time. It is not because the officers are just sitting around drinking coffee and gossiping. Most of the time the reasons for this could be a traffic accident, arrests, building searches, or criminal investigations.

Unfortunately we cannot be in two places at one time so we need your help. The CHPD would like to remind everyone that if you see a suspicious person walking around the neighborhood to please call and inform us. We will go check that person. **You are not bothering us** and we are more than happy to assist you in any way possible.

With the school year back in the swing of things remember to keep an eye on the children walking to and from school. If you see anything unusual, give us a call. Also, remember to stop for buses and the school zone speed limit is 20 MPH.

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.

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911** All other calls please use 216-883-6800





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### Dispatch:

Consider the following safety tips: Practice with your children their phone number (including area code), address, and full name. Talk to them about how and when to make emergency phone calls, both at home and in public. Walk the neighborhood with your children, Point out the safe places they can go in the event of an emergency. Talk to your children frequently about the danger of strangers.



Make sure you know the exact way your child comes home from school. Encourage your child to walk with a friend while walking home. Encourage your child to look out for other children's safety as well and report anything suspicious to you. Before leaving your child home alone, make sure there are phone numbers readily available in the event your child needs to contact you. Agree on rules to follow when your child is home alone. (Friends, computer use, cooking, playing outside) Instruct your child never to open the door for anyone or answer the phone unless they are sure it is you or someone they know. Make sure they know how to work the door and window locks and have them keep them locked at all times.



We have sent out two SwiftReach notifications the last couple of weeks, if you did not receive one and would like to be in our system you can either use the SwiftReach portal on the Cuyahoga Heights Village Website on the Police page or contact Dispatch Supervisor Barb Cash at 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.

We can now enter your cell phones with your phone carrier in the SwiftReach system so that a text message can be sent to you, please use the SwiftReach portal on the Village website or you can call or email me at [b.cash@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:b.cash@cuyahogaheights.com) at the Police Department and I will make the change in the system.

### Fire Department:



#### Fire Department News

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department will be delivering Fire Prevention literature and batteries for your smoke alarms on 3 consecutive Sundays during the month of October. During our visit we will be available to assist you in replacing your batteries or answering any fire prevention questions you may have. If you are not at home on your scheduled Sunday we will leave the bag at your door. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to schedule a return visit to your home.

Non-emergency number - 216-641-6799

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

East 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grant Ave.

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

East 71<sup>st</sup> Street

Sunday, October 22<sup>rd</sup>

Willowbrook Drive  
Bletch and Marcelline Courts  
East 72<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Dressler Court



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### Village Hall:

#### General Election

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. In addition to county wide issues, our Mayor, Clerk and Village Council Members are all up for re-election. Do your part as a citizen and vote. The polls will be open at the Village Hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on November 7.

If you are a new resident and haven't yet changed your address with the Board of Elections, forms are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours. In addition, we also have "Vote by Mail Ballot Applications." Deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 10.

#### Voter Identification Requirements:

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include:

- A current and valid photo identification card (e.g., driver's license or state ID)
- A military identification
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

**Note:** You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by provisional ballot.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).



#### Village 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. If you are having a pest problem, please contact Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553, 1-800-794-2035, or Rich's cell phone at (440) 343-1316. If Rich or Jeremy are not available, please leave a message with your name, address, phone number and brief message. All questions will be answered promptly.

#### 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 Lee Ann at [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto: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 month newsletter. Please email the information to [w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com).





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### Village Hall:

Programs available from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center:

#### **College Night (High School Students & Parents)**

**Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Meet with over 120 college representatives from all over the country! No registration required.

#### **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop (Parents of high school seniors)**

**Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Hear from a college financial aid professional and receive a line-by-line explanation of the FAFSA form. Obtain detailed instructions regarding special circumstances such as nontraditional families. Learn how to accurately report assets. Register here:

<http://tinyurl.com/FAFSA-10-18-17>

#### **Community Wellness Presentation: "Vitamins and Supplements: Nutrition in a Pill?"**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 1 – 2 p.m. in CVCC's Valley Inn Restaurant**

Hosted by CVCC and presented in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic. Get the facts from Cleveland Clinic Pharmacy Team on what vitamins and supplements will or will not do for you. Light refreshments, prepared by CVCC Culinary Arts students will be served. This presentation is free, but registration is required by October 10. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-10-17-17> or email Marie Elias at [melias@cvccworks.edu](mailto:melias@cvccworks.edu).



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### From the Sports Commissioner:

Our Annual Corn Roast is coming up quickly, so that means it's time to start putting together your teams for the corn hole tournament! Please note that the tournament will be for those ages 16 and up. Feel free to reach out to me at [Stacey\\_Vitanza@yahoo.com](mailto:Stacey_Vitanza@yahoo.com) or on my cell phone at 440-227-3801 to register your team.

As a reminder, below are the new registration deadlines for all sports (youth basketball is quickly approaching):

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2017
Spring Soccer	February 15, 2018
Youth Baseball & Softball	March 15, 2018
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2018
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2018
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2018
Cheerleading	July 15, 2018

Registration forms are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under Recreation - Sports.

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### For Sale

Bungalow 4829 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Three bedrooms, one bath, four car garage Call (330) 225-3638, leave message





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### Service Department:

#### Senior Grass Cutting

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department cut grass free of charge for our senior citizens and disabled persons who qualify according to the Ordinance:

- Registrant must be sixty (60) years of age or older and must reside alone or with a spouse of like age or older, or the registrant must be disabled and not have an able-bodied person living with him or her who is under sixty (60) years of age.
  - **“Disabled”** means physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, the functions of caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.
- The property registered must be a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling **and the owner of the property must reside at the registered property.**
- Registrant must execute a consent and release, in a form approved by the Solicitor, granting permission to the Village to provide the grass cutting service and releasing the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the cutting of grass on the registrant’s property.

Please note that our Village is not responsible for grass length, the grass cutters are set at a standard height and will not be changed. **If you have a dog, please clean the area of dog waste so we can cut the yard properly. If you have already registered in the past, then you need not re-register.**

#### 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.

#### Pet Waste

Please remember to pick up after your furry friends when walking them in the Village, especially on sidewalks and tree lawns.



#### Leaf Pick Up

Fall will be approaching us quickly and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

