

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



**November 2017**

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## Future Important Dates:

- November 23** Happy Thanksgiving  
Village Hall/Service  
Department Closed
- November 24** Village Hall/Service  
Department Closed  
~~Tree Lighting Ceremony  
at 6:30 p.m. - CANCELLED~~  
Due to Football Game Conflict
- December 1** Christmas Stocking  
Registration Deadline
- December 17** Santa Claus is Coming  
to Town  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
*\*You must be registered for Santa  
to stop at your residence*
- December 17** Holiday Food Drive  
11:00 a.m.  
*\*Please leave your non-perishable  
food items on your front  
porch/steps*
- December 17** Holiday Lighting Contest  
5:00 p.m.

## 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.  
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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:

With the heaviest of hearts we're faced with the loss of another young adult. Allison Suhy passed away on November 7 at the age of 18. She was the daughter of our Fire Chief Michael Suhy; granddaughter of Dianne Suhy and great-granddaughter of Bernice Suhy. This horrible tragic resets your mind, and really makes you stop and look at how petty most things are in our day-to-day lives. I can't even imagine what goes through the minds and hearts of parents when the unimaginable happens. So please, keep the Suhy & Johnston families in your thoughts and prayers.

### Events

Our annual Halloween party went off without a hitch, and it was nice to see several new residents in attendance. There was plenty of refreshments and goodies, and back by popular demand, the Flower Clown entertained our little ones. The Bartlett's really got into the spirit and did a great job with their costumes. Rachel was Belle while Myles dressed up as Chip, and James was the Mad Hatter.

Don't forget that Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting our resident children on Sunday, December 17. If you and your children will be home on that day and want Santa to stop by, please make sure to fill out a stocking registration form which is included in this newsletter.



As in past practice, anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items for the Christmas holiday can do so. Since 2008, our office has been assisting in a holiday gift/food drive that helps some of our folks here in town during the holiday. Please leave your non-perishable items on your front porch by 11:00 a.m. and our helpers will pick up the bags on Sunday, December 17 during Santa's visit. If you would like to donate to our cause, please contact our office.

And lastly, our Christmas lighting contest takes place on Sunday, December 17. So don't forget to turn on your Christmas lights at your home at 5:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Good luck and happy decorating.



### Congratulations

Frank & Kim Schoeffler (*pictured to the right*) celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 10. Service Director Dave Sammons finally tied the knot on October 27 to Ronae Dombos (*pictured to the left*), and I had the honor of performing their marriage ceremony. Best wishes to both couples...and many more years of health, prosperity and happiness.





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

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Gina Trusso (*pictured to the right*) who became a grandma for the first time on October 27, and to Mrs. Jean Dell'Anno who became a great grandmother. Gina's daughter Maria gave birth to William Oliver.

More grandbabies in the house for Bob & Janine Unger. On October 27 granddaughter Norah Grace Candow was born; Steve & Leanne's third child. Also, Dustin & Michelle Bellanger welcomed the birth of Carson, their second child on October 28.



#### **Birthday wishes**

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Pat Koran, Tom Nova; (3) Councilwoman Barb Biro; (10) Tom Kekelis; (22) Amanda Todorovich, Jimmy Korenowsky; (27) Clerk Bob Unger; and (28) Mark Hine.

#### **Thoughts and prayers**

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Diane Perdue, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

In closing, as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday, be thankful for what you have, for the family you love, the friends you cherish, and for the blessings that will come. Wishing all of you and happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

*"Give thanks for each new morning with its light for rest and shelter of the night for health and food for love and friends for everything thy goodness sends."* ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson





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### From the Clerk:

As another year comes to an end, our finances are stable, and we project finishing the year with one million dollars in the General Fund after all our bills are paid. This is the goal that we have tried to stick to for the last eight years, and we have accomplished it every year. The Mayor and I feel this is a comfortable amount of money as a surplus moving into the New Year.

As you can see from the RITA chart, our revenue for 2017 is much higher than last year at this time. This is due to the tax increase we passed last year, and will allow us to complete some major projects in infrastructure and economic development in the coming years. These figures are directly related to the economy and jobs. The better the economy, the more jobs, and the bigger our tax revenue.

All the departments have watched their spending this year, and continue to monitor their budgets on a monthly basis, and we are on track to finish the year under budget in most areas. The Mayor, Council, and I have all worked very hard to make the right choices regarding the budget and spending while maintaining a surplus in the bank for emergencies. As the Clerk, I am very comfortable with our cash position, and will continue to work with the Mayor and Council to keep our Village financially solvent, and a wonderful place to live.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Enjoy spending time with loved ones. If you have any questions or comments, my door is always open.

*Robert Unger, Clerk/Treasurer*

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	745,943.56	152,103.46	25.61%
OCTOBER	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	954,738.05	283,582.14	42.25%
NOVEMBER	638,874.48	557,624.59	746,467.49	763,141.43		
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>8,865,944.80</b>	<b>860,106.06</b>	<b>16.43%</b>



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### Police Department:

*From the desk of Chief Sturgill...*

As we approach this holiday season, most of us like many Americans will be out at shopping malls, celebrating at holiday events and shows, and attending worship services (with larger than normal crowds). Due to these facts and the recent events that are becoming all too common, I unfortunately feel it necessary to address the "active shooter/killer" topic and discuss some measures that may help keep you and your family safe.

#### **PROFILE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER**

An "Active Shooter/Killer" is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated areas; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

#### **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

As these events are becoming all too common place, we are realizing that active shooter events can happen anywhere or at any time. What was once considered to be isolated to the workplace or to schools, is now occurring at outdoor venues, malls, theaters and places of religious worship. Having a plan and being prepared for these events are the first act of protection.

- Be aware of your environment and access any possible dangers.
- Mentally ask yourself, "What would I do if...?"
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit.
- Consider other exit options. Restaurants have kitchen exits, stores have shipping exits, etc.
- Discuss options and family reunification plans with children
- If you see something, say something. Report all suspicious activity and items whether it be in public or the workplace.

#### **HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY**

1. **RUN:** If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Call 911 when you are safe



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### Police Department (*continued*):

2. **HIDE:** If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide. Your hiding place should:
  - Be out of the active shooter's view
  - Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door)
  - Not trap you or restrict your options for movement
  - Lock and blockade the door with heavy furniture
  - Silence your cell phone and turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
  - Hide behind large and dense items (i.e., file cabinets, desks)
  - Remain calm
  - Dial 911(if possible) to alert police. If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen.
  
3. **FIGHT:** As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
  - Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her.
  - Throwing items and improvising weapons. (Fire extinguishers, books, scissors, etc.)
  - Any and all active counter measures
  - Attacking or Swarming as a group
  - **Committing to your actions!**

As a final thought, it is not my intent to provide this information in order to alter your plans or to dissuade you from enjoying the events of the holiday season. If we allow these animals to influence or dictate our actions then they have already won. I present this information only in the hopes it will provoke vigilance, thought and awareness within the community to what has become a very real threat. Also to provide options and alternatives for surviving this type of life threatening incident

*Stay Safe!*

*Respectfully,  
Chief Stargill*





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### Dispatch:



There have been a few SwiftReach notifications sent out recently, if you did not receive one and would like to start receiving them please contact Barb Cash at the Police Department-216-883-6800.

Please update Barb with any new telephone numbers you would like added or numbers that may need to be removed from our Swiftreach emergency contact system. This would include if you no longer have a home phone (landline) and only use a cell phone. The Swiftreach system is for emergency notifications such as tornado warnings, also for giving Village residents information regarding the happening of the Village. The phone numbers are kept strictly confidential and are not given out to the public. You can also make these changes on the Village webpage following the SwiftReach link.



### West Side Market

Just a reminder that we will be going to the West Side Market on Saturday, December 2. 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.



### Bus Trips

Our Village bus operates one to two times per week for our Village residents, free of charge; schedules are distributed with the Village newsletter. Reservations are required and obtained by calling the Village Hall at 641-7020 before 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the trip. For a Saturday trip, please call the Village Hall before 3:30 p.m. on Friday. All trips leave approximately at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. In addition, pickups and drop-offs are made at the resident's home. Please note that there is a \$5.00 non-resident fee.



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### **Service Department:**

#### **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.

#### **Leaf Pick Up**

Fall is upon us 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

#### **Snow Removal Program \* Residential 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.
- 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, Dave Sammons at 216-641-3505.
- 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. 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.



#### **Apartment for Rent**

7134 Bletch Court – Above Garage

Bathroom: Shower only- no tub, kitchen equipped with stove and refrigerator. 2 rooms down, 1 room up. 1 garage space. Plenty of storage

Please call (330) 468-2310 for appointment